



## ST ANN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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### Easter Sunday Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2026

Dear Parishioners,

Happy Easter! Christ is risen, Alleluia!

Today we celebrate the most important day in the Church's year of grace. We celebrate Christ's triumph over sin and death. The Easter Sequence used before the Gospel throughout Easter Week, reminds us that death and life went into battle on the Cross, and while it seemed that death won, today we realise that Life is victorious.

The women went away from the tomb 'with fear and great joy'. They were still confused, but realised that Christ must be alive, that His words were true, and that the Resurrection really happened. Their personal encounter with Christ on the way to tell the disciples this good news brings reassurance: Do not be afraid.

We often can be filled with fear and joy. And change in life can be exciting and we can recognise the new opportunities that lay ahead, but there is always fear in change. We can fear failure, fear a lack of comfort, fear the loss of friends and relationships.

To really believe in the Resurrection means that the battle between life and death has to take place in us. We need to conquer things that hold us back from trying new opportunities and challenges, that hold us back from being who we know we should and can be when we truly live out our faith. There's a joy and fear in starting this battle, a full mix of feelings and emotions. And Christ tells us: Be not afraid! He is risen: He has conquered death and evil. He is risen: He is with us always, giving us the strength and courage. He is truly risen! And He will make sure that we share in His victory if we can let Him into our hearts and lives.

A very happy and blessed Easter!

Fr Ian

#### MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April - The Solemn Vigil of Easter**

7.45pm (Vigil) – Pro populo

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April – Easter Sunday**

8.30am – Frank Fennell RIP

10.00am – Betty Dunne RIP

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> April – Easter Monday**

No Mass

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> April – Easter Tuesday**

No Mass

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> April – Easter Wednesday**

No Mass

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April – Easter Thursday**

**9.30am** – Ken Mackay RIP

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April – Easter Friday**

**9.30am** – Brian Glossop RIP

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> April – Easter Saturday**

**6.00pm** – Nicos & Angelos Nicolaides RIP

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April - Second "Low" Sunday of Easter**

**8.30am** – Pro populo

**10.00am** – Paul Lehane RIP

#### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

**Saturday** at 5.15pm or on request.

*(Please check our website or the Church door for last-minute alterations to Confession times)*

#### PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE IN OUR PARISH WHO ARE SICK

Helen Guinness, Freda Griffiths, Karen Murray, Maureen Reilly, Indira Louis, Ashlee Rodgers, Christian Requena, Gillian Doherty, James Joseph, Joshua Anderson, Denise Rush, Damian Poole, Guilherme Guedes, Allan Norman, Michael Monaco, Edmund Louis, Arthur Harding, Jake Braue, Helen Kershaw, Christine Hearne, Jane Scargill, Susan Smith, Jonathan Lewis, Spencer Thorpe, Cyrus Pascoe, Marie-Anne Murphy, Patrick Gilligan, Sean Gilligan, Maria Degenis, Paul Worsfold, Zeke Peyton, Domenico Fasino, Maurice Dingley, Martin Mohan, Josie Garvey, Mary (Phyllis) Conlon, Maria Barcellona., Dustin Smith, David Loftus, Richard Handsford.

## RECENTLY DECEASED



Please pray for the repose of the soul of Marian O'Sullivan, mother of Maria Foster. Kindly remember Marian, along with her family and friends, in your prayers.

## THREE SHORT FILMS TO ACCOMPANY PEOPLE ACROSS OUR FAMILY OF FAITH THROUGH HOLY WEEK

The Diocese has created three short films for Holy Week, presented by Canon Kieron O'Brien (Brighton & Hove), Canon Jonathan Martin (Lewes), and Fr Jonathan How (Guildford).

- **Film 1:** An introduction to Holy Week, inviting reflection, prayer, and deeper contemplation of the mysteries of our Faith. Watch: [vimeo.com/1176144932](https://vimeo.com/1176144932)
- **Film 2:** A reflection on the Good Friday Liturgy, focusing on Christ's self-offering, God's goodness, and the veneration of the Cross. Watch: [vimeo.com/1176142344](https://vimeo.com/1176142344)
- **Film 3:** An exploration of the Easter Vigil, the Church's greatest celebration, reminding us we share in the life of the Risen Christ. Watch: [vimeo.com/1176140606](https://vimeo.com/1176140606)

## ADORATION DURING THE EASTER HOLIDAYS

Adoration is now suspended during the Easter holidays and resumes on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2026.

## THE EASTER TRIDUUM



### **MAUNDY THURSDAY**

Mass of the Lord's Supper **8.00pm**  
Followed by watching the Altar of Repose until  
Midnight

### **GOOD FRIDAY**

**Children's Stations of the Cross 10.15am**

(Ecumenical procession of witness: 10.00am From All Saints Church in Banstead)

Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion  
**3.00pm**

*Confession will be available before the Liturgy at  
2.00pm.*

### **HOLY SATURDAY**

The Solem Vigil of Easter **7.45pm**

### **EASTER SUNDAY**

**8.30 am and 10.00 am Mass.**

## DEANERY NEWSLETTER - LENT 2026

The latest Deanery Newsletter is now available on the parish website & the Deanery [website](#) Are you wondering what happened to all those postcards from last Advent? The results are in! If you'd like some food for thought on Mission - here it is! What's going on around the Deanery during Holy Week and Easter? Find out here, come along, and you'll be made very welcome.

 [Epsom Deanery Newsletter #6 - Lent 2026.pdf](#)

If you would like a paper copy please contact the parish office.

## ST ANN'S RACE NIGHT SATURDAY 20<sup>th</sup> June 2026

**7.00PM**



Tickets: Adults £10.00 under 18's Free.  
There will be table food and a licenced bar.

**Tickets will be on sale after Easter after all the weekend Masses from 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> April.**

## TUESDAY 7TH APRIL SEED SOWING & PICNIC



Join us for a lovely afternoon of seed sowing and a picnic! Bring your own picnic along, tea, coffee, and soft drinks will be provided.

The event will run between **12.30pm and 3.00pm**, and will go ahead whatever the weather. If it rains, we will be in the church hall.

There will be plenty to enjoy, including songs and stories all about how seeds grow, as well as spring craft activities. Children can decorate flower shaped biscuits to take home, and there will be games for everyone to enjoy!

We would also love to welcome any adults who don't have small children, if you would like to come along and lend a hand in any small way. No experience is needed, just come along and enjoy yourself too!

**If you would like to come along please sign your name on the sign-up sheet in the Church porch.**

### FRIENDSHIP CLUB



The next meeting will be on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> April in the Hall Annexe, from 10.00am until 12.00 noon. You can pop in at any time between these hours. All are welcome! Feel free to bring a friend or neighbour along.

### RED BOX HOLDERS

Thank you to those who have brought in their boxes for counting. These are now available for collection from the porch. In addition there are boxes there to be collected from previous collections.

Many thanks to all boxholders for all of your support. If you would like your box emptied and cannot get it to the church office please contact me on 07990 826312 or by e-mail at [ann.corrigan@lienard.co.uk](mailto:ann.corrigan@lienard.co.uk)

### NEW VOLUNTEERS FOR OUR FLOWER GARDEN NEEDED



Calling all Monty Dons and Carols who enjoy Gardeners World and would like to get their green fingers working and help in the parish.

The flower garden is well established now and requires general maintenance. We need help with:

- ☺ Watering,
- ☺ weeding
- ☺ Dead heading the flowers.

Anyone with or without experience is welcome come along and learn, help, and enjoy the friendship. If you can help, contact the parish office at [banstead@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:banstead@abdiocese.org.uk) with your availability.

We meet after 9.30am Mass on Wednesdays and Fridays. We could also do Saturday mornings or other times. With spring approaching, we hope parish volunteers will join and find joy in helping. Here's hoping our prayers will be answered. Best wishes from the flower garden team.

### ST ANN'S MISSION WITH FR ROYSTON

DECEMBER 2026

Please save the dates for our parish mission in December, which will be conducted by Fr Royston.

The dates are:

- Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December
- Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December
- Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December at 7.00pm to 8.30pm.

Fr. Royston lives in the Redemptorist monastery in South London, and is the Missions Co-Ordinator for his province, organizing the Parish Mission apostolate and preaching around 20 missions a year. He's also the

vocations director for the Redemptorists in the UK, helping young men discern the call of God.

More details to follow.

### GIFT AID ENVELOPES

For those who still use them, the 2026-27 gift aid envelopes are now available for collection in the church foyer. Some may notice that the numbers have changed. This is unfortunately something to do with the printing process and is beyond our control. Would those affected please make sure they use the new ones and avoid recycling older versions. Thank you

### SECOND COLLECTIONS

Good Friday Collection – The Holy Places

#### **Easter Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April – Easter Offering to Fr Ian**

The Offertory Collection on Easter Sunday, including the Vigil Mass, will be for Fr Ian. If you are a Gift Aider and receive envelopes, please use your Gift Aid envelopes. All the card machines will be set up for this offering for the Saturday vigil and all Easter Sunday Masses.

If you would like to donate online, please use the details below and use the reference **Easter Offering** and your **surname**.

Account Name: RCD A&B St Ann Banstead  
Sort code: 40 05 20 Account number: 61076256.

Gift Aid Envelopes are available in the Church porch.

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April – None

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April – St Ann's Conference of the Society of St Vincent de Paul (SVP).

## St Ann's Parish Information

### CONTACT DETAILS

**St Ann's Website:** [www.stannsbanstead.com](http://www.stannsbanstead.com)

**Hall Hire:** [stannshallmanager@gmail.com](mailto:stannshallmanager@gmail.com)

**Bereavement Supporters:** Joanna Stewart & Cathy Laffer. Contact: 01737 353724

**Parish Coordinator:** Katrina Dunckley

Office Hours: Monday 9am - 3pm

Wednesday 10am - 2pm - Thursday 9am - 5pm

### PARISH SAFEGUARDING

Our Parish Safeguarding Officer keeps the Parish up to date on all safeguarding practices and legislation for children and vulnerable adults. For any questions or concerns, please contact: Geraldine McWilliams  
Email: [sg1.banstead@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:sg1.banstead@abdiocese.org.uk)

### PARISHIONERS IN HOSPITAL

Please contact the parish office if you or a parishioner are in or going to be in hospital.

### THINKING ABOUT GETTING MARRIED

If you are considering marriage, contact Fr Ian or the Parish Office. Please be aware that the Bishop requires a minimum of one year's notice prior to the wedding. A meeting will be scheduled with Fr Ian to begin the necessary paperwork and to arrange for you both to attend a marriage preparation course. Please contact Katrina at St Ann's parish office to book.

### INTERESTED IN EXPLORING THE CATHOLIC FAITH?

If you're an adult considering baptism into the Catholic faith? Contact the parish office for more information.

### BAPTISM

New and expectant parents are invited to contact the parish office to begin baptism preparation. Regular Sunday Mass attendance and a 90-minute class are required before scheduling. The class can be taken before your child is born. **Baptisms take place after the 10.00am Sunday Mass.**

Children aged 7 and up will need age-appropriate Catholic instruction before baptism. Please introduce yourself to Fr Ian after Mass for more details.

### THE SACRAMENTS OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AND RECONCILIATION

To register your child for our First Holy Communion preparation classes, the following requirements must be met: ● The child must have already been baptised in the Catholic faith. ● We will accept children of parents who are registered with and are practicing members of St Ann's Parish.

### SERVERS NEEDED

All members of the parish (especially our teenagers) who have made their First Holy Communion are invited to help serve at Sunday and Weekday Masses.

### ST ANN'S CONFERENCE OF THE SVP

St Ann's St Vincent de Paul Group meet every 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the Month in St Ann's room at 7.00pm.

### SVP FOOD COLLECTION FOR THE LOCAL EPSOM & EWELL FOOD BANK

For the full list of food items go to:  
visit <https://epsomewell.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/> Please place in the box provided in the Church porch. Many thanks

### ST TERESA'S KNITTING CLUB

Meet every 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month, 2pm to 4pm in the hall annexe. All Welcome.

### FRIENDSHIP CLUB

The Friendship Club meet on the second Wednesday of every month in the Hall Annexe, after the 9.30am Mass until 12.00 noon. You can pop in at any time between these hours. Feel free to bring a friend or neighbour along.

### TEA AND COFFEE AFTER MASS

Tea and coffee are available:

\* After the 9.30am Mass on Friday morning in the Hall Annexe.

\* After the 10.00am Mass on Sunday in the Church Hall.

### NEW PARISHIONERS

To anyone who has moved into the Parish recently, a warm welcome to you.

Please fill out a new parishioner form, you can find these in our Church porch and either hand it to Fr Ian after Sunday Mass or to the Parish office during the week.

There are plenty of ways that you can become involved in St Ann's Parish life and meet fellow parishioners.

Contact [banstead@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:banstead@abdiocese.org.uk) for more information about volunteering.

### GIFT AID

Make your weekly donation go further! Sign-up to our parish Gift Aid at no extra cost to you! For more information contact the parish office.