



ST ANN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Sixth Sunday of Easter Sunday 10th May 2026

Dear Parishioners,

Last Sunday Jesus spoke about His Father and we know the Father. Today He speaks to us about the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of Truth.

Only through Jesus can we come to understand Who God is as Trinity. One God, existing before all time, for all eternity, who is a relation of three persons. God at His core is relational, always a Father to the Son, always a Son to the Father, always pouring out the Love and Gift of the Holy Spirit from both.

This mystery is not easy to grasp, but it helps us to understand how the same Love between the Father and the Son is shared with all of us.

The Gift of the Holy Spirit is the way that God lives in us, giving us the Love that is God Himself. This Love is what helps us to follow Christ's commands. This Love helps us to see God in each other. This Love helps us to truly love God.

To live our faith perfectly is not easy, but God gives us everything we need to follow Him as best as we can. We have to recognise what He has offered and given to us so that we can use these gifts well.

A blessed and happy continuation of the Easter Season!

Fr Ian

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Saturday 9th May – *After 6th Sunday of Easter*

6.00pm (Vigil) - Lya Schembri RIP

Sunday 10th May – Sixth Sunday of Easter

8.30am – Alice Haines RIP

10.00am – Peter Raw RIP

Monday 11th May – *After 6th Sunday of Easter*

No Mass

Tuesday 12th May – *After 6th Sunday of Easter*

6.00pm – Josie Garvey RIP

Wednesday 13th May – *Vigil Mass of the Ascension*

7.00pm (Vigil) – Margaret Lester RIP

Thursday 14th May – *The Ascension of the Lord*

9.30am – Pro populo

Friday 15th May – *After 6th Sunday of Easter*

9.30am – Margaret Lester RIP

Saturday 16th May – *After 6th Sunday of Easter*

6.00pm (Vigil) – Rita Burke RIP

Sunday 17th May – Seventh Sunday of Easter

8.30am – Kathleen Corrigan RIP

10.00am – Josie Garvey RIP

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursday **Only** 10am to 12pm

Rosary will be recited prior to Mass at 9.00am every Friday.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Tuesday & 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, Mary(Phyllis)Conlon, Maria Barcellona., Dustin Smith, David Loftus, Richard Handsford, Peter Cocks.

MAY DEVOTIONS
ROSARY & BENEDICTION

There will be Rosary and Benediction in honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary every Sunday in May at 4.00pm.

BLESSING OF THE GRAVES
SUNDAY 31st May 2026

After the 10.00am Mass in the Garden of Remembrance. Fr Ian will bless the graves in the St Ann's Garden of remembrance **Sunday 31st May 2026** after the 10.00am Mass. If your loved ones are buried in the garden, please do join us. Tea, coffee & cakes will be available in the Church Hall afterwards.

FROM FATHER JONATHAN MARTIN,
DIOCESAN ADMINISTRATOR

My dear brothers and sisters,

It's become a regular Sunday evening 'thing' for me to flick through parish websites and social media platforms to get a glimpse of the life of our communities of faith. How blessed we are to be in such good company with one another in our discipleship of Jesus and in our service of the Gospel. I recently spent a week in Rome with the Bishops of England and Wales, amongst whom there was much talk of, and encouraging interest in our Diocesan Pastoral Plan. I know that, across the Diocese, you are working closely with your priests and deacons to help realise the beautiful vision Bishop (Archbishop) Richard set out for us in 'The Word Who is Life'.

I pray for you all daily. I'm especially mindful of the people of the parishes in which I have been privileged to serve; of the specific needs, sorrows, and joys marking the life of our parish communities in any given week; and of those whose names appear in your newsletters by reason of receiving the Sacraments, or in sickness or bereavement, and the souls of those of our number who have died. All of these prayers I gather together in the Mass I am asked to offer each Sunday 'for all the people of the Diocese'. Please pray for me; and keep praying, each day, for the election of a new Bishop for our Diocese. God bless you all.

THANK YOU!

A huge thank you to all our parishioners for your generous contributions towards this year's Easter flowers. Your kindness and support helped make our Church especially beautiful for the Easter celebrations.

ST ANN'S ADULT CATECHESIS

We will be holding an Adult Catechesis session at St Ann's, on **Thursday 28th May at 7.00pm in the Hall Annexe.**

This is an opportunity for parishioners to come together, to learn more about their faith, ask questions, and explore topics that matter most to them, or things they may have forgotten. For this session, we would love to hear your suggestions for themes or subjects you would like to discuss. Fr Ian will use your ideas to help form the evening.

To show your interest please add your name and suggestions to the sign-up list in the porch.

Refreshments will be served.

HCPT 507 LOURDES PILGRIMAGE



HCPT Group 507 are on the way to Lourdes and taking part in the International Military Pilgrimage. St Ann's Parish, prayers and petitions will be taken to Lourdes and placed on the Altar during the pilgrimage. Please place your prayers & petitions in the box in the Church Porch.

NATURE WALK



We welcome parishioners, friends and their dogs to a nature walk.

Date : **30th May starting at 10.30 am.** Please arrive early

Route: **St Ann's Church to Nork Park and back to St Ann's** (approximately 2 miles)

Please bring a packed lunch and water as we return to St Ann's at 12 noon to enjoy lunch together.

Please wear appropriate footwear.

Parents, you are responsible for your children.

Please keep your dogs on a lead.

During the walk, we will stop at two places for readings and reflections.

We also need some adult helpers.

Please contact the parish office for any other questions. Thank you

There is a signup list in the porch if you would like to join us.

CONTEMPLATION

SATURDAY 23RD MAY AT 9.30 AM IN THE HALL ANNEXE

Pope Francis said, 'The antidote to our ecological crisis is contemplation. To contemplate is to grant oneself the time to be silent, to pray and to restore harmony to the soul. It is the healthy balance between head, heart and hands, therefore between thought, feeling and action.

24 HR ADORATION WITH THE LORD

Updated Information

The Deanery 24 hr Adoration is fast approaching between 10am Mass Friday 22 May and 10am Mass Saturday 23rd May. If you are able to commit 1 hour and sign up that would be really appreciated. Particular hours in need of sign up are, for the night-owls...1am, 5am and a little later Saturday morning at 8am.

As we prepare for Pentecost Epsom Deanery will be holding an extended time of prayer - 24hr round the clock. This will be held at **St Joseph's Church, Epsom**, commencing with **10am Mass on Friday 22nd May** and concluding with **Mass at 10am Saturday 23rd May**.

It is a graced moment for us to gather in prayer around the Eucharistic Lord - to pray, to adore, to be silent, to hold the brokenness of our world before the healing presence of Christ. The day and night will be divided up into 1hr slots which we would invite you to commit to coming to St Joseph's and spending 1hr in prayer. We need two people to commit to each hour so that is 48 people between the Deanery.

If you are unable to offer 1hr you can come at any time for as long or short a time as you can manage during that 24hr time - and of course more than two people can sign up for a particular hour.

Those who are sick or housebound and unable to attend are invited to send their prayer intentions via their local parish office and they will be placed before the Blessed Sacrament. There will also be opportunities to pray the Rosary, Reconciliation, communal prayer at specific times - more information to follow (and these will be Live Streamed).

Fr Simon Hall, Epsom, on behalf of the Deanery

A sign- up sheet available in the Church porch.

SAVE THE DATE

St Ann's Parish BBQ **Sunday 12th July 2026** after the 10.00am Mass. More details to follow.

FRIENDSHIP CLUB

The next meeting will be on **Wednesday 13th May** in the Hall Annexe, from 10.00am to 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.

ST ANN'S RACE NIGHT **SATURDAY 20th 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 all weekend Masses.

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 9th December
 - Thursday 10th December
 - Friday 11th December
- at 7.00pm to 8.30pm.

MUSICAL DIRECTOR



Banstead Pilgrim Pantomime are seeking a Musical Director for our 2027 Pantomime. This is a wonderful opportunity for anyone with experience to support the local panto which has been running for 30 years! Please contact us at pilgrim pantomime@yahoo.co.uk

WINTERSHALL FOR THE DRAMATIZATION OF THE LIFE OF CHRIST.

Come and Join us for an Outing with the Banstead 5 Churches to Wintershall for the dramatization of The Life of Christ. Outdoors in the stunning grounds of the Wintershall estate, south of Guildford, over a hundred actors will immerse you in the story of the life of Christ, which will be movingly recreated with authentic detail Outdoor Theatre Saturday June 20th
Depart 8.30am Return 5-5.30pm
Tickets £40 per adult £20 per child 3-18 family ticket £110. Please sign the list in the Church Porch.

SECOND COLLECTIONS

This Sunday 10th May – None
Sunday 17th May – World Communications Sunday
Sunday 24th May – Missionary Endeavour for the Diocese (Gift Aid) diocese of Chulucanas.

St Ann's Parish Information

CONTACT DETAILS

St Ann's Website: www.stannsbanstead.com

Hall Hire: 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

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 2nd 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 1st 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 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.