



ST ANN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Seventh Sunday of Easter

Sunday 17th May 2026

Dear Parishioners,

It seems that one event makes someone famous. One hit song, one great piece of art, one great performance on the screen or stage, one great speech, one great discovery, one great book or poem. Artists, actors, authors, politicians, musicians, and many others do not become famous overnight. They put in hours of work and practice, thousands if not millions of attempts that end in failure. But eventually they are known to the world, and often enough by one singular event.

St John tells us that Christ, during His High Priestly Prayer at the Last Supper, asked that God may glorify Him, so that He might glorify the Father, and so that all those who believe in Christ might also glorify God. In Greek, the word 'glorify' can also be translated as 'to become famous' or 'to become popular'. God the Son is praying to God the Father that their love might become well known to the entire world, and that all believers will help make Christ's love famous.

This cannot take place overnight. For some reason God has chosen us to help make Him known to the world. He has chosen human beings with faults and shortcomings, with limitations and failures, to make Him famous. But once we see how God's love works through us, despite ourselves, then we understand just how powerful God's love really is.

Our lives then need to glorify God. The way in which we live needs to make Him known. We give glory to God when we follow the Gospel, think of others before ourselves, try to make the world better, and always act with a thankful heart for the many blessings God has given us. But this takes time, and we need to be patient with ourselves and with others before we arrive at the point we need to be at. Regardless of any setbacks or failures, we are still called to keep pushing forward and try to do our best each day.

This week, we should pray for each other, that we keep taking the little steps each day to help us give greater glory to God and make Him known in our parish and in our communities.

A blessed continuation of the Easter Season!

Fr Ian

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

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

Monday 18th May – *After 7th Sunday of Easter*

No Mass

Tuesday 19th May – *After 7th Sunday of Easter*

6.00pm – Sylvia Martin RIP

Wednesday 20th May – *After 7th Sunday of Easter*

9.30am – Katy Kennedy Intentions

Thursday 21st May – *After 7th Sunday of Easter*

No Mass

Friday 22nd May – *After 7th Sunday of Easter*

No Mass

Saturday 23rd May – *After 7th Sunday of Easter*

6.00pm (Vigil) – Pro populo

Sunday 24th May – Pentecost

8.30am – James Joseph Ryan RIP

10.00am – May Edwards RIP

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

No Adoration Wednesday or Thursday

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday at 5.15pm or on request.

No Confession Tuesday 19th May

(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.

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.

GIFT AID STATEMENTS

Gift Aid statements for the previous tax year 2025/26 are now ready. For Parishioners, who we had an email address for, you will have received them via email.

All those that we do not have an email address for will find your statements in the pigeonholes in the Church porch. Please do collect them promptly.

HCPT 507 LOURDES PILGRIMAGE



HCPT Group 507 are on the way to Lourdes, 20th May to 28th May 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.

PARISH OFFICE

Please note the parish office will be closed on Wednesday 20th May.

CHANGE OF DATE
NATURE WALK



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

Date : **6th June 2026 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.

FIRE MARSHAL TRAINING



A Fire Marshal Training session will take place on **Thursday 18th June in the Hall Annexe at 6.00pm.**

A few months ago, Brendan McWilliams made an appeal for volunteers and received a very positive response. We have now arranged the initial training session and would ask those who expressed an interest, as well as anyone else who may wish to volunteer, to sign up and attend this short training session. The list to sign up is in the Church porch. Refreshments will be served.

MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARIES MASS

Saturday 3 October, 11.30am at Arundel Cathedral

Whether you are you celebrating a special anniversary or simply giving thanks for your marriage this year, come and join us for our annual celebration of the joys and grace of sacramental marriage. Mass will be celebrated at 11.30am. There will also be a wonderful opportunity to renew your wedding vows during Mass. This will be followed by a small drinks reception in the Cathedral Centre. Family and friends are very welcome.

To book your free place go to the Events page of the Diocesan website W: www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/events

24 HR ADORATION WITH THE LORD
St Joseph's Epsom - 22nd and 23rd May 2026

The Deanery 24 hr Adoration is fast approaching between 10am Mass Friday 22 May and 10am Mass Saturday 23rd May.

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). A sign-up sheet available in the Church porch.

Vigil Programme
Friday 22 May – Saturday 23 May
St Joseph's Church, Epsom

24-Hour Adoration with the Lord

Vigil for Pentecost

Friday 22 May – Saturday 23 May

Epsom Deanery celebrating together in prayer

FRIDAY 22 MAY

10:00 am — Holy Mass

Following Mass, the church will remain open throughout the day and night for private prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. Everyone is warmly invited to come and pray at any time until the closing Mass on Saturday morning.

Programme During the Vigil

12:00 noon —

Led by Fr Simon Iduh

3:30 – 4:30 pm — Accompanied Prayer

Quiet prayer with soft organ music

6:00 – 7:00 pm — Holy Hour

Prayer with and for the newly confirmed

7:30 – 8:30 pm — Worship Through Music

Led by the Epsom Deanery Singers

8:30 pm — Night Prayer

Led by Fr Gary Carter

9:00 pm — Rosary: Joyful Mysteries

Led by Adrian Lloyd

10:00 pm — Rosary: Sorrowful Mysteries

Led by Fr Simon Hall

11:00 pm — Rosary: Glorious Mysteries

Leader to be confirmed

✠ **7.00pm to 9.00pm** Priest will be available for Reconciliation ✠

SATURDAY 23 MAY

Throughout the night, parishioners from across the Deanery will continue praying together in adoration. Everyone is welcome to join for as much or as little time as they are able.

10:00 am — Closing Holy Mass

Concelebrated by the Deanery clergy

Refreshments will be served afterwards in the parish hall.

GATWICK DETAINEES WELFARE GROUP

St Ann's SVP will collect **Only Men's** clothing and rucksacks on **23rd/24th May**.

Local charity requests clothing to give detained people a second set of clothes for basic hygiene and personal dignity. Men's clothes in medium and large sizes are particularly needed, especially t-shirts, jumpers and hoodies, jogging bottoms and jeans. All good quality informal men's clothes and trainers are much appreciated as are donations of newly purchased socks and boxers as it is the charity policy not to source second-hand underwear.

Cases and rucksacks are also appreciated.

Thank you for your support.

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 pilgrimpantomime@yahoo.co.uk

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.

SAVE THE DATE

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

SECOND COLLECTIONS

This 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.