



ST ANN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Pentecost

Sunday 24th May 2026

Dear Parishioners,

There is something about manual, physical labour that helps us recognise our dignity. We are reminded that our work produces things of value, which helps us to be like God, Who created all the earth and found it good. But the sweat and energy that we put into something is also part of ourselves. It takes something out of us, and makes us feel weaker. While work is good, we also acknowledge that we have to work for our daily living because of our sins.

The Sequence for Pentecost references the work that we need to do to survive. While God has provided us with all that we need, there is still the fact that we must put forth some effort to prepare food and shelter and clothing for us. The work we perform is also a spiritual struggle. After all, our bodies and souls are intimately connected, and they need each other. So how are we refreshed? How do we become whole again after we exert energy for our survival?

The Holy Spirit provides us with all that we need. Pentecost completes what was begun at Easter. Christ's death and Resurrection restored our life and cancelled out our former sins. The waters of baptism made us a new creation, but still left something lacking in us. Today we see God's breath coming upon the Apostles gathered in the Upper Room. The windblown onto the disciples is like the breath of God blown into Adam to give him life. The fire resting over the Apostles is a sign of the burning love of God offered to each of them. The Apostles are a new creation with a new life, giving them the opportunity to do new things they never could before.

When we pray to the Holy Spirit, we ought to pray for that sense of renewal and rest that only He can give. We pray that amid all the energy we have to expend each day that God send the great gift of His Love to give us what we need to feel refreshed and renewed in our daily tasks. But this refreshment is not just for our usual routines, but rather to help us take on new and exciting ways that we can serve God and His Church here and now.

A very happy & blessed Pentecost!

Fr Ian

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

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

Monday 25th May – Mary, Mother of the Church

No Mass

Tuesday 26th May – St Philip Neri

6.00pm – Alice Jordan RIP

Wednesday 27th May – St Augustine

12.00pm – Requiem Mass for Josie Garvey RIP

Thursday 28th May – Our Lord Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest

9.30am – Charles & Anna Shannon RIP

Friday 29th May – Feria in Ordinary Time

9.30am – Cathal Markey RIP

Saturday 30th May

6.00pm (Vigil) – Rita Burke RIP

Sunday 31st May – The Most Holy Trinity

8.30am – Pro populo

10.00am – Marian O' Sullivan RIP

Adoration

Thursday Only

10.00am to 12.00pm

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, Maria Barcellona., Dustin Smith, David Loftus, Richard Handsford, Peter Cocks.

RECENTLY DECEASED



Please pray for the repose of the soul of Maura Cogswell who died this week. Please keep Maura's family and friends also in your prayers.

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.

BRIDGE CLUB

St John's, Tadworth have a light-hearted, relaxed, bridge club which is always happy to welcome new members. They meet at 10.30am on Tuesday mornings in St John's church hall. If anyone is interested in playing please contact Peggy Wilkinson on 07944 767497, or Bobby or Peter Marshall on 0790 5545456.

CONTEMPLATION SATURDAY 30th MAY AT 9.30 AM IN THE HALL ANNEXE

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, between thought, feeling and action. (Pope Francis)

NATURE WALK



We welcome families, 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.

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.

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.

CORPUS CHRISTI EVENING FOR YOUNG ADULTS

Arundel Cathedral of Our Lady & St Philip Howard
Wednesday 3 June 2026, 7–9pm
Young adults (18–35) are invited to an evening hosted by the Arundel & Brighton Diocesan Youth Team as part of the Corpus Christi & Carpet of Flowers celebrations.

The evening includes:

- Praise & worship
- Holy Hour with Adoration and personal prayer
- A talk on the history of the Carpet of Flowers
- Pub social afterwards in Arundel

“Open wide your hearts to allow Jesus to enter, and to set out on this adventure with him towards eternity.”

— Pope Leo XIV

To sign up: Young Adults' Corpus Christi & Carpet of Flowers event (03-Jun-2026) · ChurchSuite Events

To volunteer as an usher or musician, contact Bex Driver at Bex.driver@abdiocese.org.uk.

GATWICK DETAINEES WELFARE GROUP

St Ann's SVP will collect **Only Men's** clothing and rucksacks this weekend the **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.

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.

SAVE THE DATE

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

24 ADORATION 22ND & 23RD MAY 2026

Our grateful thanks, in advance, to all those throughout the Deanery who are helping to arrange and facilitate our shared time of Eucharistic Adoration.

To the prayer leaders, musicians, clergy, those who have signed up, and those who will simply 'pop in', we offer our sincere appreciation.

We entrust this time to the Lord and pray that it will be a blessed occasion for all who take part.

The fruits of this time we leave with the Lord and who knows maybe it is something we can do again....

PANTOMIME AUDITIONS

After the stunning success of the Pilgrim Pantomime's 'Peter Pan' in January the Company is now preparing for its next production which will be Rapunzel. Auditions will be at the URC Woodmansterne Lane on 24th June and 1st July from 7.30pm – 9.30pm.

These are very relaxed and friendly so if you are a young person interested in acting singing, dancing, working backstage, doing make up or helping in any way then we need you on our team!

School years 4 to 7 can join the junior dance team and school years 8 to 13 plus for the senior cast and chorus.

All are welcome even if your school days are behind you. No experience necessary but fun is guaranteed!

To express your interest, you/your parent or guardian can email Lucy at pilgrim pantomime@yahoo.co.uk

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

SECOND COLLECTIONS

This Sunday 24th May – Missionary Endeavour for the Diocese (Gift Aid) diocese of Chulucanas.

Sunday 31st May – None

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.