



ST ANN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Fifth Sunday of Easter

Sunday 3rd May 2026

Dear Parishioners,

There is something unsettling and discouraging about what we do not know. We can become fearful of nature and the world when we do not know how they work and our place in them. We have little control over most things, but when we do not know what to expect in certain situations, our fear can become even greater.

Our Faith is full of mysteries. We cannot fully understand who God is and how He works among us. However, over time God has revealed these things to us. He has shown us that there is little to fear if we only put our trust in Him, but that trust and knowledge takes time to grow and develop.

In today's Gospel, Jesus speaks to His disciples about how they know God the Father - only through the Son (Jesus Himself, who is the Way, Truth, and Life). Jesus is the Way to the Father; as the Son, He shows us the Truth of Who God is; and this Truth gives us Life. We could say: Jesus teaches us the Truth about the Way to live Life.

And knowing the Father means knowing who God is: a loving God, a caring God, a God who is the sustains everything that exists and gives us life. To know Jesus means that we know His Father, who is the perfect Parent. All the best qualities of fatherhood and motherhood exist in the God who created us. This knowledge should give us comfort, it should take away all our fears, it should give us cause for joy.

The Resurrection proves to us that Jesus's words are true and that the eternal life offered to us is not just a fantasy or lie. We too are called to see the Father now through Jesus, and through this vision we are promised to see God face to face in the fullness of time.

A blessed and happy Easter,

Fr Ian

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Saturday 2nd May – St Athanasius

6.00pm (Vigil) - Helen Lane RIP

Sunday 3rd May – Fifth Sunday of Easter

8.30am – Keith Glass Intentions

10.00am – Pro populo

Monday 4th May – *The English Martyrs*

No Mass

Tuesday 5th May – *After 5th Sunday of Easter*

6.00pm – Sean & Padraic Intentions

Wednesday 6th May - *After 5th Sunday of Easter*

9.30am – Lady Helena Elliot RIP

Thursday 7th May - *After 5th Sunday of Easter*

9.30am – George & Irene Faires RIP

Friday 8th May – *After 5th Sunday of Easter*

9.30am – Deceased Members of the Primavesi Family

Saturday 9th May – *After 5th 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

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesday & Thursday 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.

CONGRATULATIONS



Congratulations to our 42 children who made their First Holy Communion last Saturday. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

Aidan Elsley	Maksymilian Denkiewicz
Alice Denkiewicz	Mason Wakeford
Amalia Power	Michael Kravets
Amelia Jablonska	Nathan Eva
Annabelle Maginess	Oliver Potts
Ava Gannon	Reuben Hartman
Casey May Brennan	Rory Hartman
Cleo Foley	Sebastian Wakem
Dolcie Austin	Theo Olejniczak
Evie McCarry	Tilly Rose Steer
Evie Rose Doherty	Tobias Poge
Evie Sally Donovan	Vincent Persaud
Felicity Assig	William McMahan
Fern Stapleton	Filip Rybak
Fleur Donovan	Lewis Figge
Gracie Trayfoot	Lily-Ella Austin
Imogen Connolly	Lottie Richardson
Inigo Fothergill	Louis Evans
Isabella Rhodes	Lyla McCarry
Joshua Aslangul	Kit Balaam
Kaitlin Beloziorova	Lucia Kerry

LECTIO DIVINA - SATURDAY 2nd MAY AT

9.30 AM IN THE HALL ANNEXE

He was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

(Luke 24:13-35)

Lectio Divina encourages us to slow down with a piece of Scripture and to spend time pondering it, thus allows the Holy Spirit speak to us. It teaches us to listen to God and one another. It is also inspiring to hear other people speak about their faith.

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.

24 HR ADORATION WITH THE LORD

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).

There is now a sign- up sheet available in the Church porch.

For those who would like to attend but do not have transport, we hope to coordinate lift-sharing through the parish offices of the church where you registered. Once we have a clearer picture of who requires assistance and who is able to offer a lift, we can help make the necessary arrangements.

As St Theresa of Avila said in the 16th Century, 'the world is on fire' - how much more so today. May the Lord bless all our efforts and desires to bring His Peace into the world.

Fr Simon Hall, Epsom, on behalf of the Deanery

CHILDREN'S LITURGY
10.00AM SUNDAY MASS

Children's Liturgy Sessions have now resumed following the Easter holidays.

You are warmly invited to Children's Liturgy during the 10.00am Sunday Mass (during term time). It's perfect for children aged 3 to School Year 3, with our wonderful catechists making the Liturgy of the Word easy to understand and bringing it to life.

For parents whose children who will be starting at St Anne's Primary School in September, this is also a wonderful opportunity to meet other families and help children begin to form friendships within the parish community.

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.

RED BOX THANK YOU!

In 2025 St Ann's raised £1,245.00 through our Red Boxes and donations to Missio and the Mill Hill Missionaries. Thank You! Our missionary community here at St Ann's is part of a worldwide network of people supporting missionaries overseas through prayer and financial assistance. Communities around the world who are being supported by missionaries like the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament, who feature on this years Red Box Thank You Poster, rely on your support so they can continue to flourish.

Visit <https://missio.org.uk/> to find our more.

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.

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.

ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN EXPLORING THE
CATHOLIC FAITH?

If you're an adult considering baptism into the Catholic faith we will be starting the next OCIA Course (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) (RCIA) this **June 2026**. Please contact the parish office for more information. banstead@abdiocese.org.uk

GRANDPARENTS' FORMATION DAY, THURS-
DAY 23 APRIL 10-4PM AT ST JOHN THE
EVANGELIST PARISH HALL, HORSHAM

Join us for what promises to be a wonderful, engaging and affirming day with guest speaker, David Wells. You will be able to listen to the inspirational experience of David Wells as evangelist, father and grandfather. A chance to meet with people from across the grandparent network of the diocese and those who are keen to bring the faith to the next generation. For more details on David's powerful, fun and engaging talks on our faith you might like to visit his website W: davidwellslive.com To register, go to the events page of the Diocesan website W: www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/events If you have any questions about the day please contact Deacon Simon South, Diocesan Marriage & Family Life Adviser E: [si-mon.south@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:simon.south@abdiocese.org.uk)

DAY RETREAT AT WORTH ABBEY
MONDAY 4TH MAY 2026

Joy, Happiness, & Legacy Retreat at Worth Abbey on Monday **4th May 2026**.

We will learn from a Benedictine Monk on the difference between Joy and Happiness, renewing our perspective on how we can access these in our daily lives.

In our session on Legacy we will personally identify which character traits and virtues are important to us to focus on for the remainder of our lives.

The price of a ticket is £30 per person, this includes a cooked lunch and dessert provided by the excellent catering department at Worth Abbey. If you would like to attend, please contact Thomas Andrews on Thomas.andrews002@gmail.com

SECOND COLLECTIONS

This Sunday 3rd May – None

Sunday 10th May – None

Sunday 17th May – World Communications Sunday

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.

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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.