



ST ANN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Feast of Ss Peter and Paul

Sunday 28th June 2026

Dear Parishioners,

An ancient hymn for today's feast proclaims: O Roma felix, quae duorum Principum es consecrata glorioso sanguine!

O happy Rome, who was consecrated by the glorious blood of the two Princes!

The two princes are Saints Peter and Paul, who gave their blood in the Eternal City under the Emperor Nero in the year AD 66. In particular, St Leo the Great preached often about the connection between these two great Apostles. Tradition says that they were in prison together before their martyrdoms, their bones were purported to rest together for a time in the catacombs of St Sebastian, and their skulls remain together in the baldachino (canopy) over the main altar at the Basilica of St John Lateran.

While these two worked towards the same goal of spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ, they were very different. The New Testament gives us a certain sense too that they did not necessarily get along all that well either. However, they both respected the other's experiences and convictions. Despite their differences, they worked together to ensure that the Gospel was effectively preached.

We celebrate today then two princes who won their crowns not only in the martyrdom of blood, but through the pain of dying to their own wishes and desires each day. Their compromises allowed the message of Christ to go to the farthest corners of the globe.

We, like Ss Peter & Paul, have to remember that the Gospel is not our own, but Christ has given it to us to pass on to others. Our own desires and needs are not those of the whole Church, and we must make compromises on how to proclaim the Good News of Christ's Death and Resurrection, even though the message itself can never change or be compromised.

The Church as a whole helps us in understanding this mission, but in particular this is the responsibility of the successor of Ss Peter and Paul, the Pope. The role of the Pope is to ensure that the message of the Gospel continues to be shared and communicated to the people of today in ways that do not favour one group over another. His is responsible for ensuring that the true faith remains intact and does not turn away from the message that Christ came to give us.

Today then, we celebrate the gift of Ss Peter and Paul to the Church, their example of living the Gospel and their continued prayers in heaven. We celebrate the true faith that they passed on to others so that we might know and live that faith today. And we celebrate their mission, still alive in the person of Pope Leo XIV.

Fr Ian

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Saturday 27th June – *St Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop, Doctor*

6.00pm (Vigil) – Fr Edward Dockery RIP

Sunday 28th June – Ss Peter and Paul

8.30am – Pro populo

10.00am – Maura Cogswell RIP

Monday 29th June

No Mass

Tuesday 30th June – *The First Martyrs of the Sea of Rome*

6.00pm – Luciana Capanda RIP

Wednesday 1st July – *Dedication to Arundel Cathedral*

9.30am – Marian O'Sullivan RIP

Thursday 2nd July – *St Oliver Plunkett, Bishop Martyr*

9.30am – Indira & Edmund Louis Thanksgiving

Friday 3rd July – *St Thomas, Apostle*

9.30am – Iris Lee RIP

Saturday 4th July – *St Elizabeth of Portugal*

6.00pm (Vigil) – Fr Herman Bernard Kamlage RIP

Sunday 5th July – 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8.30am – Pro populo

10.00am – Thanksgiving for the Benefactors of St Ann's

Adoration

Wednesday & Thursday

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, Peter Lydon.

RECENTLY DECEASED



Please pray for the repose of the soul of Sr Mary Tereze Deye, SND, who died recently. Also remember her family and friends in your prayers.

BAPTISMS IN OUR PARISH



We are always happy to welcome families who wish to have their children baptised, and it is wonderful to see so many children being welcomed into the Catholic faith through Baptism here at St Ann's. Baptisms take place after the 10.00 am Sunday Mass and will mostly be celebrated together with several families. As we receive many requests for Baptism, we are unfortunately unable to offer individual celebrations. Celebrating Baptism together allows us to welcome each child into the parish community of St Ann's and the wider Catholic Church. Thank you for your understanding.

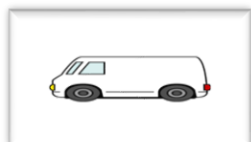
ST ANN'S PARISH BBQ



St Ann's Parish BBQ **Sunday 12th July 2026** after the 10.00am Mass. All welcome.

A sign-up sheet is now available in the porch.

VAN OWNER NEEDED – CAN YOU HELP?



We are looking for someone with a van who would be willing to help transport the BBQ to and from the church on the day of the event. If you can help, or would like more information, please contact Steve on 07778 216222 or email steve.oldroyd@hotmail.co.uk

ST ANN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH BANSTEAD

TO CARE FOR THE EARTH - OUR COMMON HOME

OUR VISION

To be the best stewards of God's
creation as we can be

OUR ACTION PLAN / ACCOMPLISHMENT

Bring and Buy sale proceeds given to charity
Pre-loved toys and children clothes sent to the
'Little Village'
Clothes donated to the detainees and the homeless
Weekly collection of goods delivered to the local
food bank
Responsibly sourced tea, coffee, and sugar used in
the parish
Blister packs, used batteries and mobile phones
recycled
Information on how to save energy and water posted
on the noticeboard
Native and fruit trees planted in the parish.
A flower garden established to provide flowers for
our church
Sale of plants from our garden
Water butts installed to use rainwater for the
garden
Clean transportation - We encourage able
parishioners to walk or cycle to Sunday Mass
during the summer months
Encourage parishioners to buy local and seasonal
produce and to sign petitions regarding pollution in
the environment

PARISH AGM

Our Parish Annual Meeting will take place on
Sunday 26th July at 11.30am in the Church Hall.

THE SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

The Saint Vincent de Paul Society will sell raffle tickets after all Masses on the weekend of 11/12 July and at the Parish Barbecue. First Prize - £5000. By purchasing tickets you will be supporting the work of the SVP within your local community as well as the work of the National Society!

In case you are away that weekend and would like to purchase tickets, could you please let Katrina in the Parish Office know and we can sort this out for you!

CHILDREN'S LITURGY



Children are warmly invited to join Children's Liturgy during the 10am Sunday Mass. Our dedicated Catechists help the children using stories, prayers, drawing, arts and crafts, and other age-appropriate activities, children can explore the Sunday Gospel in a fun and meaningful way. They return to the church before the Offertory to share in the remainder of the Mass. All children ages 3 years to school year 3 are welcome.

POLITE REQUEST

Please could we ask that, if you have books which you think may be suitable for the Church for others to use, they are first brought to the office **not** left on the bookcase.

One of our parishioners has taken many weeks kindly sorting through all the books and removing those that are not necessarily appropriate for the Church. We would therefore appreciate it if any donations could be checked before being placed on the shelves. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

ADMISSIONS TO CATHOLIC SCHOOLS AND THE CERTIFICATE OF CATHOLIC PRACTICE

The article that we had in the newsletter last week regarding Admissions to Catholic Schools and the Certificate of Catholic Practice can now be found on the home page of our website www.stanns-banstead.com

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: **Monday 30th November, Tuesday 1st December, Wednesday 2nd December at 7.00pm to 8.30pm.**

Arundel & Brighton
Diocesan Pilgrimage to

WALSINGHAM

'Mary, Cause of our Joy'

23 - 25 October 2026

Journey in prayer to Walsingham this autumn, joining people from across our Diocese at "England's Nazareth".

Led by Fr David Murphy.

Pilgrims will travel to Walsingham by coach, with collection and return at The St Philip Howard Centre, Crawley, RH10 6RP.

THE CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF
ARUNDEL & BRIGHTON

Scan the QR
code to book:



SECOND COLLECTIONS

Our parishioners are very generous in supporting the Bishops' collections and other external charities. Many donations are made using Gift Aid envelopes or our own parish second collection envelopes. To help with our accounting and to ensure that charities receive their funds in good time we kindly ask that donations for second collections are submitted within two weeks of the collection date. Donations received three weeks or more afterwards can create accounting difficulties and may result in the charity not receiving the money until the end of the financial year. If you wish to make a contribution after two weeks have passed, we would be grateful if you could donate directly to the charity concerned. Otherwise, any late donations may be allocated to parish funds. Donations received in advance are not a problem, as we understand that some parishioners may be away at the time of the collection. These envelopes will simply be held and counted with the relevant collection. Thank you for your understanding, generosity, and continued support.

SECOND COLLECTIONS

Sunday 28th June – Peter's Pence
Sunday 5th July – None
Sunday 12th July – Sea 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 Dunkley

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.