



ST ANN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 12th July 2026

Dear Parishioners,

When I was young, my grandmother would often babysit my brothers and me. I remember many times when we were not paying attention to what she was saying, grandma would quip: 'Am I talking to the walls?' And then she would proceed to have a conversation with the walls, asking them how they were and other questions. We might have heard her voice, but we weren't listening. My grandmother was not the first to try this tactic, after all, both St Francis of Assisi and St Anthony of Padua are said to have preached to animals when the people gathered around them refused to pay attention.

In today's Gospel, Christ makes it clear that hearing His voice is not enough. Through the analogy of farming, Christ shows us what happens to the seed of His word as various people hear it. We hear God's voice often enough, but we don't always listen as attentively as we should, nor do we prepare our hearts to receive His Word.

We need to ensure that the soil of our hearts is properly tilled and maintained by praying, taking advantage of the sacraments, and staying continuously alert and attentive to God's voice in our lives. We need to cherish His word in the ways we pray and act. We must allow His words to sink deep into our hearts. Many people will hear the Gospel and many of those will make a good attempt to live by it. We need to be self-aware and honest about who we are and how we are being asked to grow and change to be the men and women God created us to be. And we cannot forget that the Sacrament of Penance helps to dig out the weeds and that the Eucharist provides the nutrients necessary to make our hearts fertile soil for the seed of God's Word. The seed does not just remain in our hearts as it landed there, but is meant to grow ever bigger in our lives.

Fr Ian

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Saturday 11th July

6.00pm (Vigil) – John Griffiths RIP

Sunday 12th July – 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8.30am – Pro populo

10.00am – Marian O'Sullivan RIP

Monday 13th July – *St Henry*

No Mass

Tuesday 14th July – *St Camillus of Lellis*

No Mass

Wednesday 15th July – *St Bonaventure*

11.00am – Requiem Mass for Silvana Cura RIP

Thursday 16th July – Our Lady of Mount Carmel

No mass

Friday 17th July – *St Teresa of St Augustine & Companions*

No Mass

Saturday 18th July – *Our Lady Saturday*

6.00pm (Vigil) – Teofil & Paula Brejza RIP

Sunday 19th July – 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8.30am – Bob & Marie Glass RIP

10.00am – Pro populo

Adoration will resume in September.

Rosary will be recited at 9.00am
every Friday.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday Only 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,
Rita Diffley, Mandy Sullivan, Andy Trindade.

REQUIEM MASS



The Requiem Mass for Silvana Cura RIP will be on
Wednesday 15th July 2026 at 11.00am.

PARISH BBQ – RECYCLING NOTICE



As we enjoy our Parish BBQ this Sunday, may we kindly ask that you take home any empty plastic or glass bottles that you bring with you. This small favour will help us avoid overfilling Fr Ian's domestic recycling bin, as we do not have a separate recycling bin for the church.

In years gone by, we were able to take excess recycling to the recycling facilities in the Banstead Library car park. Unfortunately, those facilities are no longer available.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation. Your help is greatly appreciated.

PARISH AGM

Our Parish Annual Meeting will take place on Sunday 26th July at 11.30am in the Church Hall. Refreshments will be served (and maybe a glass of wine)

THE SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY



**St Vincent
de Paul Society**

England and Wales

Turning Concern into Action

The Saint Vincent de Paul Society will sell raffle tickets after all Masses **THIS** 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!

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.

RACE NIGHT THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who attended the very successful Race Night. Not only did we all have a great night but you helped up raise over £1,700 for church funds!

Steve Oldroyd, Social Committee Chair

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HELP WATER OUR CHURCH FLOWER GARDEN



Our beautiful church flower garden needs a little extra care during this spell of hot weather.

We are looking for a few additional volunteers to help with watering over the coming weeks. Even giving just a little of your time can make a big difference in keeping the flowers healthy and blooming.

If you are able to help, or would like more information, please speak to or call Jenny Kehoe 077 or get in touch with the church office.

ST ANN'S FIRE MARSHALS AND FIRE PROCEDURE

The safety of everyone who visits our church is very important to us. We are pleased to let you know that we now have a team of trained Fire Marshals to help ensure we are well prepared in the event of an emergency.

A list of our Fire Marshals is displayed in the porch, so please take a moment to familiarise yourself with it when you have the opportunity. You can also find our Fire Procedure on our website

www.stannsbanstead.com

High-visibility (Hi-Vis) vests for the Fire Marshals are located as follows:

- * Two in the porch
- * One in the working sacristy
- * One near the toilet underneath the stairs

Our Fire Procedure Plan is also displayed on the notice board in the porch. We encourage everyone to read it so that we all know what to do should an emergency ever arise.

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.

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.**

SECOND COLLECTIONS

This Sunday 12th July – Sea Sunday
(Gift Aid Envelopes will be available)
Sunday 19th July - None

RED BOX HOLDERS



There will be a Red Box collection over the coming fortnight. It would be most helpful if you could bring your boxes to the Parish Office during this time. If you would like your box collected I will be happy to do so, please contact me on ann.corrigan@lienard.co.uk. Copies of the Missio Impact Report are available in the porch. Please help yourselves. Many thanks.

SUNDAY 26 JULY IS THE CATHOLIC CHURCH'S SIXTH WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND ELDERLY

So many of us remember with deep fondness our relationship with our grandparents as we grew up. The theme for the day is "I will never forget you (Is 49:15)," What a wonderful opportunity to encourage our youngsters to phone, visit or reach out to their grandparents, "parish" grandparents, or elderly relatives to show their love and affection. The link below takes you to the Pope's full letter for this day of celebration of life, experience, and love.

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2026-06/pope-leo-xiv-for-sixth-world-day-of-grandparents-and-elderly.html> Many parishes have a grandparent's group, but if this is something you would like to know more about or explore, please email Deacon Simon South, Marriage and Family Life Adviser
E: simon.south@abdiocese.org.uk

JULY ANNIVERSARIES



Alexandra Rogalski
Benjamin Turner
Cathy Paxton
Edward Holder
George Cangy
Georgina Carey
Glyn Chung
Iris Lee
Jewel Chung
Keith Stanley
Lella Tudno

Majorie Vella
Patrick Marsahll
Patrick Mitchell
Peggy O'Rourke
Peter Baikie
Renee Tidman
Robert Cargill
Robert Graham
Rozalia McLoughlin
Teofil Brejza
Tommy Caulfield

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.