



ST ANN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 19th July 2026

Dear Parishioners,

'If you can't beat them, join them'. It is demoralising to keep up a losing struggle. After a while we can start to question what we are fighting for and why we should continue. This little piece of advice suggests that it is just better to stop and give in to the inevitable. But for us as Christians, there is nothing worse than to give up, because that is when we lose not only the struggle but our very selves.

From the earliest days, Christianity has been seen as the battle between good and evil. Christians have been seen as Soldiers of Christ. While this was first seen in the early martyrs (many of whom were former soldiers in the Roman army), it continues to be a common theme in monastic spirituality, and through the Middle Ages. Franciscans and Jesuits in particular kept this theme in their writings about the spiritual life, reminding their readers that they were part of this great struggle.

Today's parables offer two pieces of advice for us who are engaged in this constant spiritual warfare. The first is a reminder that evil will Always be around us. No matter what, there will be forces of evil that try to turn us away from doing good and might cause us to doubt God's goodness. The second is that no matter how small our good works might seem, they always make a difference and are more powerful than any evil.

Simply, Christ is encouraging us to keep up our good works, regardless of how much evil we see around us. With our perseverance so many others will come to know and understand the power of God's love.

God bless,

Fr Ian

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Saturday 18th July

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

Monday 20th July – St Elijah

No Mass

Tuesday 21st July – St Lawrence of Brindisi

6.00pm – Josie Garvey RIP

Wednesday 22nd July – St Mary Magdalene

9.30am – Alan & Betty RIP

Thursday 23rd July – St Bridget of Sweden

9.30am – Orla Flatley RIP

Friday 24th July – St Sharbel Makhlūf

9.30am – Jimmie Dunne RIP

Saturday 25th July – St James, Apostle

6.00pm (Vigil) – Janet & Betty RIP

Sunday 26th July – St Joachim and St Anne, Solemnity

8.30am – Pro populo

10.00am – Josie Garvey RIP

Adoration will resume in September.

Rosary will be recited at 9.00am
every Friday.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Tuesday & 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,
Christine Gilbert.

REQUIEM MASS

Peter Lydon RIP



The Requiem Mass for Peter Lydon will be at St Ann's on Monday 27th July at 12.00 noon.

(Katrina's Father)

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)

VISIT OF THE RELICS OF ST GERARD MAJELLA

TUESDAY 28TH JULY
St Joseph's, Epsom **KT18 7JQ**

- Mass at 7pm with Sermon
- Relics available for prayer for an hour beforehand.
- Opportunities for Confession
- Blessings with the relics after Mass



The parish of **St Joseph's, Epsom** is delighted to be hosting the relics of St Gerard Majella at the end of this month, as part of their pilgrimage around England and Wales to mark his 300th anniversary. On **Tuesday 28th July** the relics will be available for personal prayer from 6pm, Mass at 7pm, followed by individual or family blessings with the relics.

St Gerard is popularly invoked as a patron of mothers, couples trying to conceive, safe delivery, those looking for work, and much more.

Come along, and bring your petitions to this little saint.

On Tuesday 28th July, there will be no 6.00pm Mass at St Ann's. We warmly invite our parishioners to celebrate the 7.00pm Mass at St Joseph's and join our wider parish community.

THE SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

The Saint Vincent de Paul Society will sell raffle tickets after all Masses **THIS** weekend of **18/19 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.

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** 07811 538703 or get in touch with the Church Office.

DEANERY NEWSLETTER

The latest Deanery newsletter is now available on the website under the newsletter section www.stans-banstead.com and emailed to all those who receive the newsletter this way. There will be a few paper copies in the porch. It is an invitation to celebrate so many wonderful things that have been going on in the Deanery. There's also an account of the conversations that clergy have been having about pastoral provision in the times to come and some of the important principles that have been at the heart of their discussions. Please do have a read, and, as we look forward to welcoming Bishop-elect Stephen, let's remember Archbishop Richard's refrain that all is to be rooted in prayer.

PARISH OFFICE

The parish office will be closed Wednesday 22nd July.

ST ANN'S FIRE MARSHALS AND FIRE PROCEDURE

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.stanns-banstead.com

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

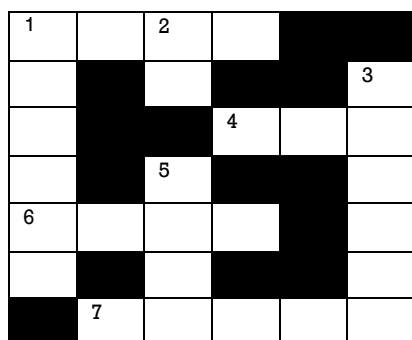
- * Two in the porch
- * One in the working sacristy
- * One near the toilet underneath the stairs.

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.

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@lien-ard.co.uk

LATIN CROSSWORD



(ALL ANSWERS IN LATIN)

Across

1. "Hope" – it's not spam, but nearly!
4. See 1 Down
6. Only ONE of these.
7. Father (see 3 Down)

Down

1. And 4 across. Famous Rock Band that always stays the same.
2. And
3. Our (see 7 across)
5. Is this heavenly body driving you mad.

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ARUNDEL & BRIGHTON YOUNG ADULTS RETREAT DAYS IN THE DIOCESE - STANDARD TICKET PRICE £20

Young Adults (18-35) from across the UK are invited to join the Youth team from the Diocese of Arundel and Brighton for Retreat Days in parishes across the diocese. An opportunity to meet other young adults outside of your own parish community for fellowship, formation and faith. The theme for our year of Young Adult retreats is ***"You also are my witnesses, because you have been with me"*** (Jn 15:27). From Pope Leo XIV's message for the 40th World Youth Day.

Booking for retreat days is available through the events page of the Diocesan website at the following churches:

St Wilfrid's Parish, Burgess Hill on Saturday 26th September 2026 [Young Adults' Retreat \(26-Sep-2026\) · ChurchSuite Events](#)

St Richard's Parish, Chichester on Saturday 7th November 2026 [Young Adult Retreat \(07-Nov-2026\) · ChurchSuite Events](#)

Arundel Cathedral of Our Lady & St Philip Howard, Arundel on Saturday 23rd January 2027 [Young Adults' Retreat \(23-Jan-2027\) · ChurchSuite Events](#)

The day will include guest speakers, discussion groups, Mass, a shared lunch (included in the ticket price) and workshop sessions including Lectio Divina, Spiritual Direction and Scripture art. Any questions about these events should be directed to Bex Driver, Diocesan Youth Project Officer
E: bex.driver@abdiocese.org.uk

SECOND COLLECTIONS

This Sunday 19th July – None
Sunday 26th July- None

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 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.