



ST ANN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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St Ann and St Joachim

Sunday 26th July 2026

Dear Parishioners,

Happy Feast Day!

Today we celebrate Our Patroness. This is our own special day. The founders of our parish dedicated their community to the patronage of St Ann, grandmother of Our Lord, the mother of Our Lady. In doing so, they were relying upon one of those who had among the most intimate relationships with Christ.

Surely we can think of our own relationships with grandparents, or for those who have grandchildren, you know how precious and dear they are to you. St Ann and St Joachim no doubt enjoyed having the young Christ Child in their home, playing with him, telling him stories of the faith or their own past. The warm embraces, the tender kisses, the gentle affection between grandmother and grandchild should give us an indication of the love shared between St Ann and Christ.

In dedicating a parish to a particular Saint, the parish was said to belong to that Saint, along with all those who lived within its boundaries. We, therefore, are St Ann's. We belong to her and share a spiritual union with her. It has been known that St Ann's intercession is powerful, and that prayers offered through and with her to God have been answered. All the more should we, her own people, have confidence in her prayers with and for us.

Today is a day to recognise and give thanks for all the blessings and graces we have received through the powerful intercession of our Patroness. It also a day to rededicate ourselves to her, and recommit ourselves to building that relationship with her. After Christ and Our Lady, our next prayers should come to St Ann. Bring her your concerns and worries, bring her your joys and consolations. Build up that spiritual relationship with the grandmother of Christ. For if we are her own people, she will surely intercede for us. And if Christ loves her as much as we love our own grandparents, how could he not listen and answer her requests?

A very happy and blessed feast!

Fr Ian

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Saturday 25th July

6.00pm (Vigil) – Janet & Betty RIP

Sunday 26th July- St Joachim and St Ann, Solemnity

8.30am – Pro populo

10.00am – Josie Garvey RIP

Monday 27th July – Feria in Ordinary Time

12.00 Noon – Requiem Mass for Peter Lydon RIP

Tuesday 28th July – Feria in Ordinary Time

No Mass

Wednesday 29th July- Ss Mary, Martha and Lazarus

9.30am – John Eggs RIP

Thursday 30th July – Feria in Ordinary Time

9.30am – Ranji Xavier RIP

Friday 31st July – St Ignatius Loyola

9.30am – Cathy Paxton RIP

Saturday 1st August – St Alphonsus Ligouri

6.00pm (Vigil) – Nicos & Angelos Nicolaides RIP

Sunday 2nd August – 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8.30am – Pro populo

10.00am – Graham Nussbaum RIP

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, 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

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.

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.

MASS ATTENDANCE CARD

Admissions to Catholic Schools and the Certificate of Catholic Practice

The Diocese has updated its admissions policy so that, if a Catholic school is oversubscribed, Catholic applicants may be ranked using a Certificate of Catholic Practice (CCP).

The certificate is issued by a priest to confirm that a child comes from a practising Catholic family, based primarily on regular attendance at Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation over a substantial period. Families are encouraged to be actively involved in parish life as part of their faith journey, rather than solely for the purpose of securing a school place. Therefore those who will be applying for their child to have a place in a Catholic secondary school in September 2027 will need to collect a Mass Attendance card from the parish office. This card is only for the use of the child that is pictured and named on the form. The cards will need to be stamped after each Sunday Mass (including the Saturday Vigil), starting on Sunday, 6 September 2026, and continuing for one year.

DEANERY NEWSLETTER

The latest Deanery newsletter is now available on the website under the newsletter section www.stannsbanstead.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.

CELEBRATE SUMMER FAMILY FAITH RESOURCES

Wondering how to entertain the children over the summer? Download the **CELEBRATE Online Summer Activity pack**, created to equip and encourage families in sharing faith with your children and grandchildren. Families can choose from faith filled activities, ideas for family prayer, books for different ages and film suggestions - <https://www.celebratetrust.org/onlinefamilyactivities>. Just time for one outdoor activity? Download the **CELEBRATE Summer Psalm Walk** - designed to help families explore Psalm 139 whilst they walk in their local park or on holiday - <https://www.celebratetrust.org/celebrate-prayer-resources>.

COME TO THE
CELEBRATE FESTIVAL

A FAITH-FILLED EVENT FOR ALL THE FAMILY.

Runs from 15-19 August, at Worth School, West Sussex.

Hear inspiring speakers such as Fr Roberto Pasolini (Preacher to the Pope), David Wells and Johannes Hartl, experience beautiful masses, pray in Worth Abbey, fun and formation for children and young people aged 3-24 each day of the festival, and relax in the beautiful Sussex countryside.

Camp in our festival field or stay in school accommodation. **Weekend tickets are also now available.**

For information, visit www.celebratefestival.org

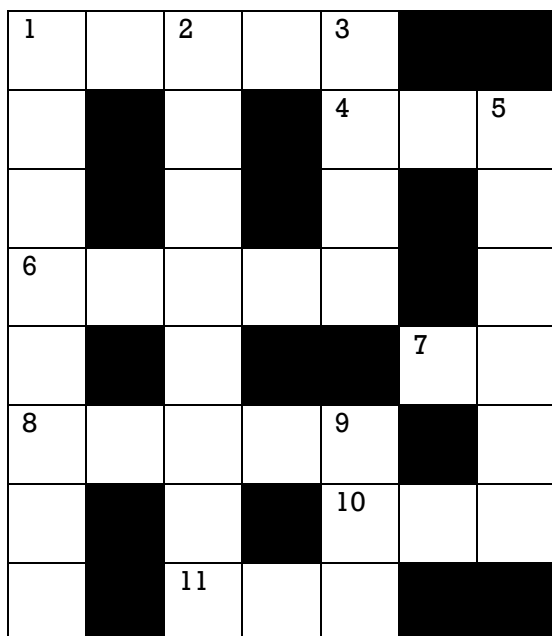
JULY ANNIVERSARIES



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

Latin Crossword 2



Across

- 1 Mother
- 4 I pray you get the answer
- 6 I believe
- 7 Not in the afternoon (abbr)
- 8 As the Romans said, "Festina"
- 10 This little thing?
- 11 Some of us have a big one!

Down

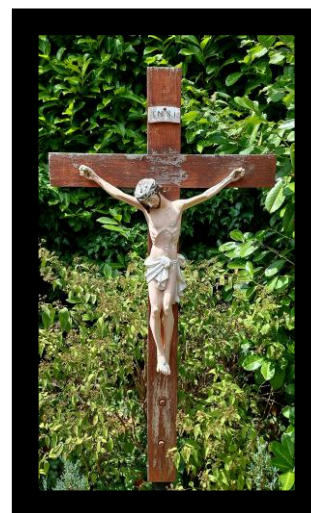
- 1 It's my fault
- 2 More than one pub
- 3 I'm in a spin!
- 5 Let us pray
- 9 "I will be" surprised if you get the answer

By kind permission of S & P Bonner

A BIG THANK YOU

Our sincere thanks to Lilian and Sahlil D'Souza for their generous time, in renovating the crucifix in the Garden of Remembrance.

Before



After



SECOND COLLECTIONS

Sunday 26th July- None

No Second Collection throughout August.

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.