



ST ANN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 2nd August 2026

Dear Parishioners,

In today's Gospel we can easily forget the first lines and simply remember the great miracle Christ worked in multiplying the loaves and fishes for the crowd who followed Him.

Before we can contemplate this miracle, we have to remember that Christ withdrew Himself from the crowds in a boat after hearing of the death of His cousin, John the Baptist. We could think that this was because He was afraid of being killed Himself, but the Evangelists are all clear that nothing would happen to Christ until His hour had come. So why then did He withdraw from the crowds?

There is something very human about this moment. Christ is mourning the death of His cousin and friend. He goes away to think and pray. He feels the sorrow and grief that comes with death, and St Matthew is showing us that Christ experienced these feelings and emotions just like the rest of us. Yet even though He went away for a time, the crowds followed Him and He found it necessary to resume His ministry among them.

Our lives require balance. We need to take care of ourselves on the one hand, but we also need to fulfil our obligations and responsibilities towards others. In those moments when we feel overwhelmed and stressed, we can find a compassionate and sympathetic friend in Christ. He knew that He needed to take the time to mourn and pray on His own, but also that He had responsibilities that needed to be done. Those moments of quiet prayer in the midst of all the work and burdens of life give us the strength to do what we must, and often allows us to achieve even more than we could expect.

Today is also the Feast of Our Lady of Angels, and the anniversary dedication of the Porziuncula where St Francis of Assisi gathered his earliest companions and where he died. Every 2nd of August, anyone who visits any church can receive a plenary indulgence, if they also fulfil the requirements of going to confession, receiving Holy Communion, reciting the Creed, and praying for the Pope. This indulgence reminds us that coming to a church and spending time with Christ in the Blessed Sacrament can bring us many blessings and the strength to live the Christian life. May our prayers today give us all we need to have that balance in our lives and that we are always worthy of being known as Christians.

In Our Lady of the Angels,

Fr Ian

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Saturday 1st August

6.00pm (Vigil) – Nicos & Angelos Nicolaides RIP

Sunday 2nd August – 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8.30am – Pro populo

10.00am – Graham Nussbaum RIP

Monday 3rd August – Feria in Ordinary Time

No Mass

Tuesday 4th August – St John Vianney, Priest

No Mass

Wednesday 5th August – Dedication of St Mary Major

6.00pm – Peter Lydon RIP

Thursday 6th August – The Transfiguration of the Lord

9.30am Myra Gallagher RIP

Friday 7th August – St Sixtus II, Pope & Companions

9.30am – Paul & Ann Vos Mahon RIP

Saturday 8th August – St Dominic, Priest

6.00pm (Vigil) – Fr Herman Bernard

Sunday 9th August – 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8.30am – Pro populo

10.00am – Tadhg Garvey 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.

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.

The full article regarding Admissions to Catholic Schools and the Certificate of Catholic Practice can now be found on the home page of our website www.stannsbanstead.com

SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATION FORMS

If you have a child applying for a secondary school place for your child to start school in September 2027, please hand your supplementary application form in to the Parish Office for Fr Ian to sign.

Signed forms will be returned after Sunday Masses (inc the Saturday Vigil) on the following weekends:

19/20 September

All weekends in October.

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

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.**

MASS FOR ALTAR SERVERS AT ARUNDEL CATHEDRAL

SATURDAY 12 SEPTEMBER AT 12 NOON

Fr Aaron Spinelli, Diocesan Director for the Guild of St Stephen, invites all diocesan altar servers to a special Mass at Arundel Cathedral. The occasion will offer an opportunity to celebrate and thank servers for their service to our parish communities. The Mass for Altar Servers is for all those who have served, all those who are serving, and anybody who would like to serve - all are very welcome to attend. Please bring a cassock/cotta or an alb, if possible. Holy Mass will be followed by light refreshments. Please bring a packed lunch. Please contact Fr Aaron to confirm attendance and numbers E: aaron.spinelli@abdiocese.org.uk

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES



Anthony Gannon
Angela McDonald
Peter Raw
Gillian Wooldridge
John Carey
Elizabeth Walsh
Elfriede Devanney
Howard Wright
Paula Brejza
Walter Sullivan
Ian Bell
Jean Claude Wong

NEW WHATSAPP CHANNEL FOR NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE

Created especially for members of our family of faith who don't use other social media but would like to stay up to date with news from the Diocese, a new WhatsApp channel has been launched. News is shared there regularly and WhatsApp channels don't have comments or replies so are very safe spaces. No one who isn't in your phone's address book can see your membership or activity there. Click here to subscribe: whatsapp.com/channel/0029VbDW-bIR5a241k0Vyff0E

MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARIES MASS

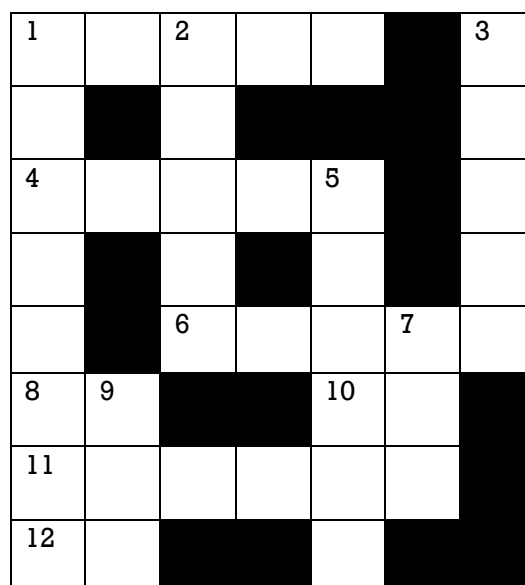
Saturday 3 October at Arundel Cathedral

Whether you are celebrating a special anniversary or simply giving thanks for your marriage this year, come and join us for our annual celebration of the joys and grace of sacramental marriage. Mass will be celebrated at 11.30am. There will also be a wonderful opportunity to renew your wedding vows during Mass. This will be followed by a small drinks reception in the Cathedral Centre. Family and friends are very welcome. The Cathedral and Centre are wheelchair friendly. If you have any questions do not hesitate to contact Deacon Simon South, Marriage and Family Life Adviser at E: simon.south@abdiocese.org.uk. To book your free place, you can scan the QR code on the poster or go to the Events page of the Diocesan website W: www.abdiocese.org.uk/dio-cese/events

SECOND COLLECTIONS

No Second Collection throughout August.

Latin Crossword Number 3



Across

- 1. Hand
- 4. _____ cum laude – (highest praise)
- 6. Christus _____ est!
- 8. And
- 10. First part of a burden
- 11. Queen
- 12. The late queen's cypher

Down

- 1 and 3 Have mercy on us
- 2. In name only
- 3. See 1 down
- 5. Man's name (alt spelling)
- 7. One girl
- 9. Three times/thrice

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.