



ST ANN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 5th July 2026

Dear Parishioners,

'Ignorance is bliss' can seem to be a flippant statement, but there is a lot of truth to it. The more we know, the more responsibilities we tend to gain, the more we can tend to worry about things, the more we have to make decisions. There is a weight that comes with knowledge, and people with less knowledge expect those with more to use that knowledge well. While these expectations can be seen in many situations among adults, our experience of this reality starts in childhood as we look to our parents to protect and guide us.

At the same time, we thirst for knowledge and want to know more. St Augustine of Hippo also claims that we want to know more so that we can share our knowledge with others. And this desire to share knowledge begins with God, Who has made us in His image and likeness. God reveals His true knowledge of the world to those who are not weighed down with the things of the world. The little ones know and understand God as a loving Father, who teaches, protects, and provides for us. The little ones are not worried about the world, not because of their ignorance, but because they fully trust God and know that He will make all things well for them in the end. That childlike trust turns the attention away from ourselves and what we can do.

But this does not mean that we can turn away from the obligations and responsibilities that we have. We must labour and shoulder our heavy burdens. Worrying about sick and dying relatives and friends, caring for aging parents, looking out for the poor or lonely neighbours, ensuring that our children are well-provided for, working to provide for self and family - all these things are necessary and many of them are the result of loving others as much as, or more than, ourselves.

While we must take up these burdens, Christ is there to help and assist us. His great love helps us to put all things into perspective, and He helps us to love more and more so that the burdens of love become lighter and more easy to carry. Love is what makes us do great things. Love makes all things possible in this world, and draws us closer to that Love that will give us complete comfort in the world to come.

Christ is inviting us today to learn from His school of love, to allow Him to teach and instruct us how to live by offering ourselves in loving service to others and to allow Him to help us with all the burdens, challenges, and difficulties that we must face each day.

Fr Ian

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Saturday 4th July

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

Monday 6th July

No Mass

Tuesday 7th July – St Willibald

No Mass

Wednesday 8th July- Ss Anthony Fantosati, Gregory

No mass Grassi and companions

Thursday 9th July – Martyrs of Gorkum

No mass

Friday 10th July – St Veronica Giuliani

No Mass

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

No Adoration

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,

RECENTLY DECEASED



Please pray for the repose of the soul
Peter Lydon who died recently. Please remember his
wife Sheila, Sons, Stephen, Vincent, Raymond, and
Daughter Katrina and all of Peter's family in your
prayers.

SIXTH BISHOP OF ARUNDEL APPOINTED

2 July 2026

My dear brothers and sisters,
With the greatest possible joy, I am delighted to pass
on to you the news that the
Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV, has appointed Father
Stephen Wang, until now the
Rector of the Venerable English College in Rome, as
the Sixth Bishop of Arundel
and Brighton. Bishop-Elect Stephen will receive epis-
copal ordination and take
canonical possession of the Diocese at some point in
the second half of October,
until which time the See remains vacant.

Yesterday, I was able to have a zoom call with
Bishop-Elect Stephen. With all the
energy and zeal for which he is known, it is fair to say
that he is greatly looking
forward to taking up this new ministry, to which the
Lord has called him. It seems
to me that, in God's Providence, we are truly blessed
to have been granted the gift
of such a Shepherd.

Many of you, I'm sure, will already be familiar with
our Bishop-Elect through the
outstanding Sycamore catechetical courses being used
in a good number of our
parishes RCIA and other catechetical programmes.
Should you receive any media enquiries, please direct
them to Laura Maydew-Gale
at E: communications@abdiocese.org.uk or M: 07552
249829.

With the assurance of my prayers and every good
wish.

In Domino,
Canon Jonathan Martin, JCL
Diocesan Administrator

LOVING KINDNESS MEDITATION

SATURDAY 18 JULY 9.30 AM IN
THE HALL ANNEXE

It is an invitation to slow down and to listen to God.

PARISH AGM

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

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.

ARTS AND CRAFTS

There will be arts and crafts, and plenty of games for
the children, and a great opportunity to spend time
together as a parish community.

All food and soft drinks will be provided. If you
would like anything else to drink, please bring your
own alcoholic or preferred beverages.

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

FRIENDSHIP CLUB



The next meeting will be on **Wednesday 8th July
2026** in the Hall Annexe, from 10.00am to 12.00
noon. You can pop in at any time between these
hours. All are welcome! Feel free to bring a friend
or neighbour along.

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.

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 Popes 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

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.

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.stannsbanstead.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.**

SECOND COLLECTIONS

This Sunday 5th July – None
Sunday 12th July – Sea Sunday (Gift Aid Envelopes will be available this week)
Sunday 19th July - None

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.