



ST ANN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 9th August 2026

Dear Parishioners,

Over time we become used to our surroundings. There become certain things that we tend to not notice after a while, others that we take for granted. We become accustomed to living in such a way that we avoid hazards and dangers without even thinking twice. We go immediately towards those things that are comfortable and Reassuring.

Most of the Apostles were fisherman, they would have known how to sail in a variety of circumstances and different weather conditions; they would have been used to being on the water when waves started to rock their boats and could decide the best course of action to arrive on the shore. That tells us something about the severity of the storm that the Apostles experienced in today's Gospel.

There are moments where even the usual burdens and difficulties of life become overwhelming. Sometimes a particular circumstance will hit us harder; either because we have had enough of dealing with the usual difficulties or our present experience hits a bit harder. Either way, we feel like we are sinking under waves.

It is in these moments that we need to turn to Christ. When all seems lost, He alone has the power to see us through. But, He calls us to have faith and to keep that trusting. St Peter had that faith, and He was able to step onto the water, but He quickly lost that trust and began to sink again. Christ still saved him, but Peter was put right back where he started. Eventually St Peter was able to have that full faith that pushed him forward, but not yet. Christ will see us through the difficult times, and if we keep our trust in Him we too can make advancements in our lives of faith.

Christ is asking us to step out of what is comfortable and to trust Him. It is for each of us to reply in our own ways in order to grow in faith.

With many prayers,

Fr Ian

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Saturday 8th August – St Dominic

6.00pm (Vigil) – Fr Herman Bernard Kamlage RIP

Sunday 9th August – 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8.30am – Pro populo

10.00am – Tadhg Garvey RIP

Monday 10th August – St Lawrence

No Mass

Tuesday 11th August – St Clare

6.00pm – Marina Dipre RIP

Wednesday 12th August – St Jane Frances of Chantal

9.30am - Fr Herman Bernard Kamlage RIP

Thursday 13th August – Ss Pontian Pope, & Hippolytus

9.30am – Marian O'Sullivan RIP

Friday 14th August – St Maximillian Kolbe

9.30am – Fr McGillicuddy RIP

Saturday 15th August -The Assumption of the B.V. Mary

6.00pm (Vigil) – Pro populo

Sunday 16th August – The Assumption of the B.V. Mary

8.30am – Theresa Enis RIP

10.00am – Peter Raw RIP

Adoration will resume in September.

Rosary will be recited at 9.00am
every Friday.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Tuesday & Saturday 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.

SANCTUARY CHAIRS

By kind donation of Sheila & Paul Bonner in honour of their Sapphire Wedding Anniversary



The Glastonbury Chairs History

This discovered example has had slight worm damage in the same areas but is all original, its legs have lost its original height probably by a few inches, all original metal pegs remain to all the joints.

For many years it has been thought by historians and academics that there has been only two true Glastonbury type examples, as well as possibly ten similar West Country 16th century folding type chairs. This is a very rare *find*. *It has all the same carved Latin script as the Wells chairs:*

"IOHANES ARTHURUS", "MONACUS GLASTONIE", "SALVET EUM DEUS", "SIT LAUS DEO", "DA PACEM DOMINE".

Translates to John Arthur – Monk of Glastonbury – God save him – Praise to God – Lord give peace.

It has long been thought that the Wells chair had been sat on by John Arthur, the last treasurer of Thorne (or Thorn) Glastonbury Abbey, before his death in 1539, but I tend to agree with the late Victor Chinnery's thoughts that the Wells chair and this example were made around 1600 to commemorate his death.

A BIG thank you to Sheila & Paul for this wonderful addition to our Sanctuary.

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

For those who have already contacted the parish office your Mass Cards are ready for collection.

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.

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.**

HOLY WATER BOTTLES AVAILABLE

Parishioners are invited to take holy water home for personal use. Small bottles are available for anyone who would like one. Please speak to Fr Ian, who will be happy to provide you with a bottle.

CHILDREN'S TOYS AND PLAY EQUIPMENT

Following the closure of our Parent and Toddler Group last year, after more than 30 years, we now have a large collection of children's toys and play equipment looking for a new home.

The items include play mats, indoor toys, outdoor toys, and other equipment, all of which we would love to see continue to be enjoyed by young children.

If you are involved with, or know of, a parent and toddler group, nursery, preschool, children's charity, church group, or community organisation that could make good use of these items, we would be delighted to hear from you.

Please contact the Parish Office if you are interested, or if you can suggest an organisation that we could approach.



AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES



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

SECOND COLLECTIONS

No Second Collection throughout August.

CELEBRATE SUMMER FAMILY FAITH RESOURCES

Wondering how to entertain the children over the summer? Download the **CELEBRATE Online Summer Activity pack**, 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>.

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

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@abdio-cese.org.uk

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-BIR5a241k0Vff0E

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 60-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 the Hall Annexe at 7.00pm.

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.