



ST ANN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 13th September 2026

Dear Parishioners,

I remember on a number of occasions when I was younger that my dad would tell my brothers and me: Do as I say, not as I do. Of course, while easy enough to say, we often learn behaviours by seeing others act in a certain way, and not because we were told how to act. We tend to imitate those whom we are around the most as we engage with them in various ways, and listening is only part of the experience of interacting with others.

At first glance, my dad could be seen as hypocritical. He was putting an expectation on his sons that he himself was not going to fulfil himself. However, on second thought old habits are hard to break, and the wisdom of hindsight can show where we have failed to form good habits in our lives. In most cases, my father was trying to form those good habits in his children at an early age. There is also the fact that he was trying to protect us, knowing that there are things that adults can do that children should not.

When Christ talks about forgiveness in today's Gospel, it is in the light of hypocrisy. The servant who was forgiven much was unwilling to forgive a fellow servant who owed him a lot less. Without recalling the mercy that he received, the wicked servant has no patience and forces his colleague to undergo a horrible punishment.

Forgiveness is not easy. When we feel wronged, it is difficult to let go. Our feelings are hurt, we realise that we are vulnerable and want to protect ourselves from such pain in the future. This is why we want to hold a grudge. But forgiveness is not about letting somebody off free or forgetting completely about what someone did. It is about learning from the past and not letting the grudges and anger of the past control us. Why should we allow ourselves to be shackled to the past and let grudges get the best of us? To constantly forgive also means that we recognise that God has forgiven us over and over again. Should we not then do the same for others?

Like most things in life, forgiveness is a habit that we need to work on each day; the more we forgive, the easier it is to forgive. Our prayer this week is that we learn to forgive from the heart and to make it our daily practice, no matter how difficult it seems at the moment.

With many prayers,

Fr Ian

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Saturday 12th September

6.00pm (Vigil) – Assig Family Intentions

Sunday 13th September - 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8.30am – Pro populo

10.00am – Patricia & Bob Carini Intentions

Monday 14th September - Exaltation of the Holy Cross
No Mass

Tuesday 15th September - Our Lady of Sorrows

6.00pm – Donough Gleeson RIP

Wednesday 16th September - Ss Cornelius & Cyprian

9.30am – Orla Flatley RIP

Thursday 17th September - Stigmata of St Francis

9.30am – Kay Doherty RIP

Friday 18th September - St Joseph Cupertino

9.30am – Kathleen Dunne RIP

Saturday 19th September - St Januarius

6.00pm (Vigil) – Tadhg Garvey RIP

Sunday 20th September 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8.30am – Pro populo

10.00am – Peter Lydon RIP

Adoration

Wednesday & Thursday

10.00am to 12.00pm

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, Maurice Dingley, Martin Mohan, Maria Barcellona, Dustin Smith, David Loftus, Richard Handsford, Peter Cocks, Rita Diffley, Mandy Sullivan, Andy Trindade, Christine Gilbert. Ayres de Souza.

CONSIDERATE PARKING

We have recently been contacted by a neighbour regarding cars being parked inconsiderately near the Church exit, including instances where their driveway has been blocked.

We would kindly ask all parishioners to be considerate when parking and to ensure that access to our neighbours' driveways is kept clear at all times. We have always enjoyed a good relationship with our neighbours, and we would very much like to continue this.

We would also like to remind parishioners not to park along the entrance driveway. This is not a designated parking area and must be kept clear to allow access for emergency vehicles if required.

Please also drive slowly and carefully when entering or leaving the Church car park, for the safety of pedestrians.

Many thanks for your understanding and cooperation.

CHURCH FLOWER ARRANGERS



The Church Flower Team is looking for volunteers to help arrange the flowers in the Church. No previous experience is necessary, just enthusiasm! You will be shown what to do, and there will always be other flower team members on hand to guide and help you.

If you would like to join either team, please contact the parish office banstead@abdiocese.org.uk

SVP CHRISTMAS CARDS

The SVP will be selling Christmas cards the weekend of the 31st October /1st November. If you would like to purchase your cards before then please contact the parish office banstead@abdiocese.org.uk

ST ANN'S QUIZ NIGHT



**Saturday 10th October 2026
7.00pm St Ann's Church Hall**

Come along and join us for our **very popular Parish Quiz Night!** A fun evening for all.

**Tickets: £10 per person
Under 18s go FREE!
Buffet & Finger Food
Licensed Bar**

Tickets will be available to purchase after all weekend Masses.

Bring along your friends and family and get your team together for a great night!

Help Us Raise Funds for a Church Defibrillator

We are raising funds to purchase a defibrillator for our Church, providing an important piece of lifesaving equipment that could make a vital difference in an emergency.

We are very pleased to have already received a **kind donation of £500** towards our fundraising target of **£1,500**. We are extremely grateful for this generous contribution.

Our Target: £1,500

Already raised: £500

Still needed: £1,000

We would now like to invite members of St Ann's to help us reach our target. Every donation, however large or small, will make a difference.

A defibrillator could one day help save a life, whether that be someone attending a service, taking part in a Church event, or visiting our Church for any reason.

We are currently arranging the best way for donations to be made.

ST ANN'S CAROL SERVICE



Join us on **Sunday 6th December at 4.00pm** for a celebration with carols and readings. After the service, everyone is warmly invited to the Church hall for mulled wine and mince pies.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK SATURDAY 17TH OCTOBER AT 11.00AM



There will be Mass for Anointing of the sick on Saturday 17th October 2026 at 11.00am. Lunch will be served in the Hall after the Mass.

Please sign the list in the porch if you will be joining us for Lunch for catering purposes.

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES



Lella Tudno
Shelia Frances Evans
Thomas Eugene Power
Elsie Elizabeth Hogman
Brigid Gannon
Ian Graham
Sylvia Farley
Joseph Smith

Mary Colledge
Mario Cura
Peter Doughty
Dorothy Bell
William Miller
Michelle Tong Sam
Ann Vos Mahon
Teresa O'Halloran

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 & September 2028 (**from September 2026 those in years 5 & 6**) 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 who will be applying for a secondary school place for September 2027, please bring their Certificate of Catholic Practice (CCP) to the Parish Office for Fr Ian to sign.

Please note that Fr Ian can only confirm the practice of families who are registered with the parish and known to him.

If you are not registered with the parish, or if Fr Ian does not know you and your family, please **do not** submit the certificate. Instead on the school supplementary form, where it asks if you are applying with a CCP, **do not** tick this box, and just apply to the school with your child's baptism certificate.



St Philomena's
Catholic High School for Girls

Transfer to Secondary School (TSS) 2027

Open Mornings

September 2026 Year 6 Students Open Mornings
by Appointment Only

Thursday 17th September, Tuesday 22nd September, Tuesday 29th September, Wednesday 30th September and Thursday 8th October

St Philomena's is a hugely successful, Catholic, non-selective, comprehensive girls' school for students aged 11-18 years.



"The school provides outstanding pastoral care for students and their families."
Catholic School Inspection Report 2025

9.00am - 9.15am Arrival & Registration (Oak Room)

9.30am - 10.00am Head teacher Address & Q&A (Chapel)

10.00am - 10.30am Short School Tour

10.30am Depart

Scan the QR code to book



Please note a maximum of 25 families per morning

***Safer School Streets Scheme**
Parking on site via Shorts Road only

You will not be permitted to drive via Alma Road and Shorts Road into the school during the hours of operation: between 7.50am and 8.30am and between 2.45pm and 3.30pm on Monday to Friday inclusive. If you do, you risk receiving a fine from the London Borough of Sutton.

St Philomena's Catholic High School for Girls, Shorts Road, Carshalton, Surrey SM5 3PS
Chair of Governors: Ms M Ryan B.Ed, BA (Hons), LL.M.; Headteacher: Ms M Noone BSc (Hons) MBA
Email: enquiries@stphils.org.uk Website: www.stphils.org.uk Telephone: 020 8642 2025



Irish Night



Friday 09 October—7pm—11pm
St Joseph's Catholic Church, Epsom, KT18 7JQ—Main Hall

Due to previous success we will be hosting our 3rd—Irish Night!

There will be Dinner, Friendship, Laughter, Raffle and Live Irish Music.....

Tickets are £30 per person
Please contact Anne or Parish Office to purchase.



Any food allergies, please let us know asap.



THERE IS NO PARKING ON THE ACCESS ROAD TO CHURCH

SECOND COLLECTIONS

This Sunday 13th September - Education Sunday
Sunday 20th September – Evangelii Gaudium Sunday (Formally Home Mission Sunday)
Sunday 27th September - St Ann's
St Vincent de Paul Conference

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 Duncley

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.