



## ST ANN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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### Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2026

Dear Parishioners,

So often I have heard children in various places cry out to their parents or teachers: That's not fair! There is something deep in us that allows us to learn from an early age to distinguish what is fair and what is not. And as we get older, one of the hardest lessons to learn is that life in general is not fair.

We perceive unfair behaviours in the ways that people treat others, the ways that some people are punished and others are not, who gets a job or promotion and who is passed over or rejected, and in those who suffer illness and death at times we think are too difficult and too soon.

Yet today's parable (along with the lesson from the Prophet Isaiah) reminds us that our concepts of justice and fairness are not always correct. To be truly just, we have to know all the facts. We need to see what people have done and the intentions behind their actions. We need to understand what they know or do not know about right and wrong. While we like to think we can understand and know others, there is always something that is hidden from the world, but it is still known to God.

Trusting in Divine Providence is difficult. Believing that our all-powerful and all-knowing God is looking out for us at every step of our life's journey means that we need to let go in some ways to the control we try to exert over what happens to us and what happens to those around us. Yet that is the lesson Christ is trying to teach us today. Regardless of what others receive, no matter how many blessings or curses they seem to be given, we are called to trust in God's justice for us. We are given what we deserve and what we need to become whom God created us to be. Our experiences, good and bad, help us to learn how God carries us through this life to the life to come.

Our prayer this week should be to learn how to be thankful for the gifts God gives to each of us. With hearts of thanks, we focus not on what we receive but on Who has given us these gifts, and in turn we learn to love Him all the more.

God bless,

Fr Ian

### MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

#### **Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> September**

6.00pm (Vigil) – Tadhg Garvey RIP

#### **Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> September** - 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

8.30am – Pro populo

10.00am – Peter Lydon RIP

#### **Monday 21<sup>st</sup> September**

No Mass

#### **Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September**

No Mass

#### **Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September**

No Mass

#### **Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> September**

No Mass

#### **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September**

No Mass

#### **Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> September**

6.00pm (Vigil) – Holy Souls

#### **Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> September** 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

8.30am – Pro populo

10.00am – Kirtee Palmer Wellbeing

#### **No Adoration**

Rosary will be recited at 9.00am  
every Friday.

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

**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.

### THANK YOU TO BANSTEAD MANOR

#### Rodent Update

We would like to provide an update regarding the rodent activity affecting our properties.

Banstead Manor Care Home has been incredibly proactive in responding to the issue and has invested a significant amount of money and resources into treatments and measures to help eliminate the problem from their site.

As the rodents are moving between the two properties, we are actively working together to address the issue and find a long-term solution. We are very pleased to report that rodent activity has decreased considerably, which is extremely reassuring.

Banstead Manor has also kindly agreed to cover the cost of the treatment required on our side, and we are extremely grateful for their generosity and support.

We would like to sincerely thank everyone at Banstead Manor. It is reassuring to know that we are working together and doing everything possible to resolve the issue.

### 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.

### ST ANN'S CAROL SERVICE



Join us on **Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

### 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!

### CERTIFICATE OF CATHOLIC PRACTICE

For those who have handed in their Certificate of Catholic Practice (CCP) to Fr Ian for signing, the certificates are available to collection in person from the Parish Office next week.

We had previously advertised that certificates could be collected after Mass. However, as we are now also stamping attendance cards and First Holy Communion (FHC) forms, collecting certificates at Mass would take too much time.

Please note that Certificates of Catholic Practice are only to parishioners who are known to Fr Ian, registered with the parish, and regularly attend Sunday Mass.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

**ANointing of the Sick  
SATURDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER AT 11.00AM**



There will be Mass for Anointing of the sick on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> 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.

### SVP CHRISTMAS CARDS

The SVP will be selling Christmas cards the weekend of the **31<sup>st</sup> October /1<sup>st</sup> November**. If you would like to purchase your cards before then please contact the parish office [banstead@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:banstead@abdiocese.org.uk)

## UPDATE

### 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 now received two kind donations totalling of £750 towards our fundraising target of **£1,500**. We are extremely grateful for these generous contributions.

**Our Target: £1,500**

**Already raised: £750.00**

**Still needed: £750.00**

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.

If you would like to donate please contact the parish office [banstead@abdiocese.org.uk](mailto:banstead@abdiocese.org.uk)

### ST ANDREW'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

St Andrew's Catholic School is holding their Open Evening on Wednesday, 23rd September 2026 from 6.00pm to 8.00pm. The evening will give you an opportunity to have a tour of the school by our students and to meet staff in all departments. There will be an Address by the Headteacher at 8.00pm to give you a flavour of what St Andrew's Catholic School is about, our expectations and our vision for the education of the students.

We would advise you to come between 6.00pm and 6.30pm to ensure you have time to have a good tour of the school before the 8.00pm Address.

It is not necessary to book an appointment to visit on Open Evening.

### SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES



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| Lella Tudno            | Mary Colledge        |
| Shelia Frances Evans   | Mario Cura           |
| Thomas Eugene Power    | Peter Doughty        |
| Elsie Elizabeth Hogman | Dorothy Bell         |
| Brigid Gannon          | William Miller       |
| Ian Graham             | Michelle Tong Sam    |
| Sylvia Farley          | Ann Vos Mahon        |
| Joseph Smith           | Rev Fr Jerome Joseph |
| Joyce Burroughs        | Teresa O'Halloran    |
| Rev Manuel Mascarenhas |                      |



St Philomena's  
Catholic High School for Girls

St Philomena's  
Mission



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](mailto:enquiries@stphils.org.uk) Website: [www.stphils.org.uk](http://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**

For Tickets for St Joseph's Irish Night  
contact Anne: 07923961668

### SECOND COLLECTIONS

This Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> September – Evangelii Gaudium Sunday (Formally Home Mission Sunday)  
Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> September – Columban Missionaries  
Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> October – Mary's Meals  
Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> October – Prison Sunday  
Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> October – World Mission Sunday  
Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> October - Friends of the Holy Land  
Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> November – None  
Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> November (**New date**) – St Ann's Conference St Vincent de Paul

## St Ann's Parish Information

### CONTACT DETAILS

**St Ann's Website:** [www.stannsbanstead.com](http://www.stannsbanstead.com)

**Hall Hire:** [stannshallmanager@gmail.com](mailto:stannshallmanager@gmail.com)

**Bereavement Supporters:** Joanna Stewart & Cathy Laffer. Contact: 01737 353724

**Parish Coordinator:** Katrina Duncckley

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](mailto: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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto: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.