



ST ANN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday 27th September 2026

Dear Parishioners,

When we are familiar with something, we can often take it for granted and forget the details. In listening to familiar songs, reading a well-known book, or watching a favourite film or TV programme, we can often let our minds wander and come back without missing the story. And then, sometimes we can re-read, re-listen, or re-watch these various forms of media and realise there is something that we did not notice before.

The Chief Priest and the Elders in today's Gospel find themselves in the first position. They have read the Law of Moses and the Prophets. They know the Scriptures inside and out. However, they no longer really engage with the Word of God. They restate what they have learned and read, but they do not let these lessons sink into their hearts and change them.

Christ's teaching today continues from last week's ideas of fairness and justice, but this is now a matter of our response and not about what we receive. The two sons in today's Gospel are both in the wrong. They both say one thing and do another. However, the Son who takes time to think about what he is being asked and eventually does what he is asked to do is held up as the model for us. Our sins and selfishness keep us from wanting to do what is right and even force us to reject doing what is right. No matter how often we refuse, there is always the possibility to change our minds and turn to the good. We might not have been perfect in the past, but God gives us His grace to work on being perfect in the future.

St Junipero Serra, the Founder of the Californian missions, is known for his 'motto': Always forward, never back! This should be our motto every time we go to Confession. We recognise the times we have refused to listen to God, we learn from the past, and then we go back into the world and press forward on our path to knowing and loving God.

We can never stop engaging with what God has taught us. We must constantly pray and make the effort to learn more about our Catholic faith. Only through prayer and listening can we hope to move forward.

With many prayers,

Fr Ian

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Saturday 26th September

6.00pm (Vigil) – Holy Souls

Sunday 27th September - 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8.30am – Paddy O'Connell RIP

10.00am – Kirtee Parmar Wellbeing

Monday 28th September

No Mass

Tuesday 29th September

No Mass

Wednesday 30th September – St Jerome, Priest, Doctor

9.00pm – Andy Peck RIP

Thursday 1st October – St Thérèse of Lisieux

9.30am – Mr Clancy Intentions

Friday 2nd October – Holy Guardian Angels

9.30am – Frank Paterson RIP

Saturday 3rd October

6.00pm (Vigil) – Irene Faires RIP

Sunday 4th October - Solemnity of St Francis of Assisi

8.30am – Pro populo

10.00am – Peter Lydon RIP

Adoration

Wednesday **9.30am** to 12.00 noon

Thursday 10.00am to 12.00 noon

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.

RECENTLY DECEASED



Please pray for the repose of the soul of Cossy Fernandes who passed away on 25th September. Only 31 years of age. Please pray for his mother Maria Fernandes and their family and friends.

WEDNESDAY WEEKDAY MASS TIME

Please note that, until mid-December, the Wednesday weekday Mass will be celebrated at the earlier time of **9.00am**.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will follow Mass from 9.30am until 12.00 noon.

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.

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.

THANK YOU! DEFIBRILLATOR FUND



A huge thank you to everyone who so generously donated to our Defibrillator Fund.

Thanks to your fantastic support and kind contributions, we have now reached our £1,500 target

MASS OF WELCOME FOR BISHOP STEPHEN SATURDAY 24 OCTOBER AT WORTH ABBEY

Following his Ordination, Bishop Stephen will celebrate a Mass of Welcome followed by a reception, at Worth Abbey on **Saturday 24 October at 11.30am**. He invites people from across the Diocese to attend this Mass, to meet him and give thanks.

Free coach travel is being arranged as parking is restricted at the Abbey. If you are interested in attending please contact your parish office

banstead@abdiocese.org.uk

More information to follow.

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 **£4.50 per pack**.



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.

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.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY APPEAL THIS HARVEST

Please donate to our Family Fast Day collection. Put your faith into action and share the Lord's love by supporting our global neighbours experiencing shortages of food and safe water. Your gift can support children like Tayla in Zimbabwe to stay in school by helping communities and schools provide nourishing meals, improve access to water and grow food in school gardens.

CAFOD donate using the QR code, online at <https://cafod.org.uk/fundraise/parishes> or call 0303 303 3030.



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



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.

NO PARKING

THERE IS NO PARKING ON THE
ACCESS ROAD TO CHURCH



Joint Luncheon Meeting



**Sutton Catenian Circle and
Sutton branches of The Union of Catholic Mothers.**

Sutton (mid Surrey) Circle of the Catenian Association warmly invites
members of Sutton parishes' UCM groups to a special joint luncheon on

Tuesday 20th October 2026.

The aim is to extend the hand of friendship between these
traditionally men's and women's groups, to raise awareness
and maybe help mutual recruitment.



WHEN – Tuesday 20th October 2026 1pm



WHERE – Surrey Downs Golf Club,
Outwood Lane, Kingswood, Tadworth, KT20 6JS



LUNCH COST £27



SPEAKER Joanna Bogle DSG



PLEASE BOOK WITH BRENDAN HUDSON

brendan.hudson7@gmail.com | 07465 440070

Please inform us of any dietary requirements



(PREPAYMENT ON LINE PREFERRED –

Acct name: Catenian Association;

Acct No: 68291259; Sort Code: 08-92-99)



SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES



Lella Tudno
Shelia Frances Evans
Thomas Eugene Power
Elsie Elizabeth Hogman
Brigid Gannon
Ian Graham
Sylvia Farley
Joseph Smith
Joyce Burroughs
Rev Manuel Mascarenhas

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

SECOND COLLECTIONS

This Sunday 27th September
Columban Missionaries

Sunday 4th October – Mary's Meals
Sunday 11th October – Prison Sunday
Sunday 18th October – World Mission Sunday
Sunday 25th October – Friends of the Holy Land
Sunday 1st November – None
Sunday 8th 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

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 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.