ST ANN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday 18th October 2026

Dear Parishioners,

Today it is hard to imagine exactly what having Catholicism as the state religion would look like. We know that this was the case before the Reformation, but in the majority of the Western World countries run on the principle of separation of Church and State. Since the beginning of the fourth century there has been a connection between Christianity and the government. This connection was sometimes stronger and sometimes weaker than at other moments, but Christianity was and has been an influence.

In Christ's day, however, the government of Rome was far from being influenced by Judaism. The Roman Emperor was considered a god and his image on coins was a sign and symbol of the divinity that he was said to have, and by which he was able to rule. Acknowledging the emperor's power could lead to blasphemy.

This question was not easily resolved in the early Church as the Martyrs were put to death for sacrilege and refusing to acknowledge the gods of Rome. That same question was used by the Tudor and Stuart monarchs when persecuting Catholics for being traitors, essentially claiming that they denied the monarch's authority. Even today, as our country and the western world becomes more and more secularised, we see many look at Christianity as being out of touch with modern values and ways of thinking.

Our faith, however, is not one that insists on 'either ... or...' but rather 'both... and ...' St Paul instructs us to pray for the king, or rather those in authority over us. We are called to do what is best for the communities in which we live, including acting for initiatives that promote the best forms of government. We are called to 'render to Caesar what belongs to Caesar' because it is just to do our part for the benefits that we receive. We are called to be the salt of the earth, a lamp shining on a stand, the yeast that helps bread to rise. Christians are to be in the world, but not of the world.

Politics can be divisive, we will inevitably disagree on what we think is best for our country, our communities, our society as a whole. But we need to be open to the discussions that help us know how others think and feel. We need to respect and recognise other mentalities and values. In the end, we are called to patiently allow others to know what we believe and make a change in the world by showing that we really care and that Christian charity really does make our world better.

With many prayers,

Fr Ian

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Saturday 17th October
6.00pm (Vigil) – Pro populo
Sunday 18th October – *29th Sunday in Ordinary Time*
8.30am – Orla Flatley RIP
10.00am – Peter Lydon RIP
4.00pm Rosary & Benediction
Monday 19th October
St Philip Howard, Patron of the Diocese
No Mass
Tuesday 20th October
6.00pm – Thanksgiving - Bishop Stephen Wang
Wednesday 21st October
9.00pm – Orla Flatley RIP
Thursday 22nd October – *St John Paul II, Pope*
9.30am – Rita Burke RIP
Friday 23rd October – *St John of Capistrano, Priest*
9.30am – Anneliese Thomas RIP
Saturday 24th October
6.00pm (Vigil) – Pro populo
Sunday 25th October – *30th Sunday in Ordinary Time*
8.30am – Orla Flatley RIP
10.00am – Freda Griffiths Wellbeing

Adoration
Wednesday 9.30am to 11.30am
Thursday 10.00am to 12.00 noon
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, Mandy Sullivan, Andy Trindade, Christine Gilbert, Ayres de Souza

ROSARY AND BENEDICTION

The month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary we will have Rosary and Benediction on all Sundays in October at **4.00pm**.

A MESSAGE FROM BISHOP-ELECT STEPHEN (SHORT FILM)

Fr Stephen has recorded a short message reflecting on the last few weeks, sharing his experience of a new bishop's course in Rome, a recent retreat with sisters in the Verbum Dei community on the Isle of Wight, and the significance of the chasuble he will wear on Monday.

●**Vimeo**: https://vimeo.com/1235744831/5f46c5a181 (you don't need the Vimeo App or account)

●**YouTube**: https://youtu.be/1YhcB7KL0Y4

QR code linking to the Vimeo film for printed newsletters. The film is also available to watch on the website: w: https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/news/message

WATCHING THE LIVESTREAM

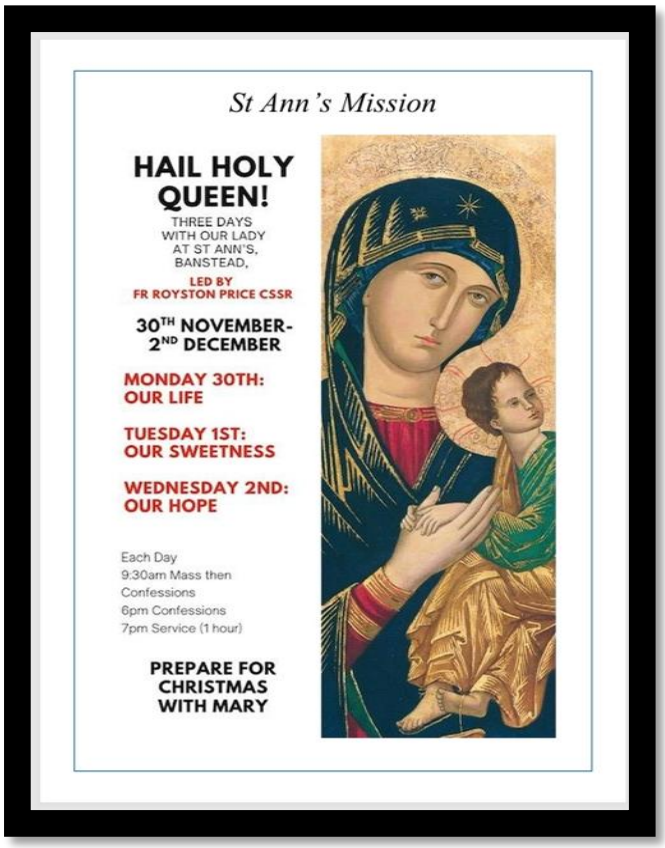
The Mass of Episcopal Ordination will be livestreamed from Arundel Cathedral here: www.abdiocese.org.uk/livestream, with coverage beginning at 11am. Further resources, including the Order of Service, can be found on the news page of the diocesan website; w: www.abdiocese.org.uk/news/episcopal-ordination

NOVEMBER HOLY SOULS LIST

Please take a brown envelope from the Church Porch with the heading:

MONTH OF HOLY SOULS

Place in the envelope the names of your deceased loved ones and friends, all those you wish to pray for. Holy Mass will be offered for them during the month of November and throughout the year.
Return to the Parish office as soon as possible.
Please place your offering in the same envelope.
Envelopes available in the porch.



ST ANN'S MISSION

Three Days with Our Lady

Lead by Fr Royston Price CSSR.

Monday 30th November

9.30am Mass followed by confessions

7.00pm Service (1 hour)

Tuesday 1st December

6.00pm Mass followed by confession

7.00pm Service (1 hour)

Wednesday 2nd December

9.30am Mass followed by confessions

7.00pm Service (1 hour)

8.00pm Refreshments in the Hall Annexe

There is now a sign-up sheet available in the Church Porch.

ST ANN'S NEW MASS SCHEDULE

The new Mass schedule will begin,
First Sunday of advent, Sunday 29th November

- Saturday(Vigil) 5.00pm
- Sunday 9.00am

For all changes across the Epsom Deanery please see our website www.stannsbanstead.com

CHILDREN'S LITURGY
10.00AM SUNDAY MASS
(9.00am Sunday Mass from Sunday 29th November)

You are warmly invited to Children's Liturgy during the 10.00am Sunday Mass (during term time).
It's perfect for children aged 3 to School Year 3, with our wonderful catechists making the Liturgy of the Word easy to understand and bringing it to life.

For parents, whose children who have just started at St Anne's Primary School in September, this is also a wonderful opportunity to meet other families and help children begin to form friendships within the parish community.

ST ANNE'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL
Court Road, Banstead
SM7 2PH

OPEN MORNINGS
Saturday 17th October

10:00am – 12pm

Tuesday 20th October
Thursday 5th November

09:30am – 11:30am

- Headteacher talk
- Tour of the school
- Ask questions

For more information: 01737350012 or Email us: info@stannes-school.uk

SVP CHRISTMAS CARDS
The SVP will be selling Christmas cards the week-end 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 CAROL SERVICE

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

ARUNDEL & BRIGHTON YOUNG ADULTS RETREAT DAYS IN THE DIOCESE
Standard ticket price £20. Supported and supporter tickets also available. St Richard's Church, Chichester Saturday 7 November 2026
Young Adults (18-35) are invited to join the Youth team from the Diocese of Arundel and Brighton for Retreat Days in parishes across the diocese. An opportunity to meet other young adults outside of your own parish community for fellowship, formation and faith. Our next retreat day in the series is looking at being a Witness of Christ and will be held at St Richard's Church in Chichester. The day will include guest speakers Sister Lucy O.P. and Bethan Townsend. With discussion groups, time for prayer, Mass, a shared lunch (included in the ticket price) and workshop sessions including Art, Lectio Divina and more. Any questions, please contact Bex Driver, Diocesan Youth Project Worker: bex.driver@abdiocese.org.uk Book via the Diocesan website events page: Young Adult Retreat (07-Nov-2026) · ChurchSuite Events

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

Adoracion Alaminos
Greer Atkinson
John Aidan Redmond
Vida Moles D'Souza
Mary Carey
Barbara Pearl
Reginald (Reg) Dias
Paolino Di Maria
Mary Worsfold
Edward Palmer
Lila Traqinski
George Holland
Amy Holland
Agnes Holland
Rev Emlyn Tudno
Ellen Williamson
Ivy Miller
Philip Duckworth
Mollie Caulfield

SECOND COLLECTIONS
This Sunday 18th October – World Mission Sunday (Gift Aid Envelopes available)

Sunday 25th October - Friends of the Holy Land Chris Timmins of Friends of the Holy Land , will visit our parish and speak about the work of the Friends and the difference it makes to the small Christian population in Palestine, Israel, and Jordan. There will be a retiring collection and he will bring some leaflets/newsletters about the work of FHL. For more information, visit www.friendsoftheholyland.org.uk

Sunday 1st November – None
Sunday 8th November – 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.