



ST ANN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 25th October 2026

Dear Parishioners,

Today we hear the Greatest Commandment: Love God above all else. And then the second: Love your neighbour as yourself. The first informs the other, and second helps us live out the first.

What can be lost is that we are also to love ourselves, and that is the standard by which we will be judged. One of the constant and consistent messages of the Gospel is not to be hypocritical. We cannot expect more of others than we expect of ourselves. However, the question is how much do we really love ourselves?

It is easy to compare our lives to those of others. We can ask why we don't have as much money, as many friends, as close knit a family, as big of a house, as nice a car, as easy or enjoyable a job, as good health... and the list could go on. We can find ourselves in moments where we want to be someone we are not, and that is the beginning of a very slippery slope to unhappiness.

For us as Catholics, the shame and guilt that comes with knowing our sins can lead us to focus too much on our faults and failures, or at least what we think they are. Yet, St Paul boasts of his weaknesses, and in knowing them he found strength. All the Saints knew how to take their weaknesses and work with them for the good. God's grace changed those perceived faults into the means of proclaiming the Gospel.

We need to learn to love ourselves properly. We need to see ourselves as God sees us. We need to be thankful for the gift of who we are, faults and all. In being proud of both our shortcomings and accomplishments we will be able to love others as we ought, and we will also learn how to love God more and more.

With many prayers,

Fr Ian

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

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

4.00pm Rosary & Benediction

Monday 26th October

No Mass

Tuesday 27th October

6.00pm – Rev'd Peter Morrell RIP

Wednesday 28th October – Ss Simon & Jude Apostles

9.00pm – James Hugh Colledge RIP

Thursday 29th October

10.30am – Requiem Mass for Christine Emery RIP

Friday 30th October

9.30am – Iris Smith RIP

Saturday 31st October

6.00pm (Vigil) – Marian O'Sullivan RIP

Sunday 1st November – All Saints

8.30am – Pro populo

10.00am – William Thomas RIP

Adoration

Wednesday Only 9.30am to 11.30am

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

RECENTLY DECEASED



Please pray for the repose of the soul of Bill Schmidt who died recently. Please also keep Bill's friends and family in your prayers.

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**.

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.

ALL SOULS MONDAY 2ND NOVEMBER



Monday 2nd November 2026 Fr Ian will be celebrating a Mass of Remembrance at **7.00pm** for all our departed loved ones.

Following the Mass, refreshments will be served in the annexe.

All are warmly invited to attend.

SVP CHRISTMAS CARDS

The SVP will be selling Christmas cards next weekend **31st October /1st November. £4.50 per pack.**



BRASS CLEANING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Our brass cleaning team is looking for a few extra volunteers to help keep our brass looking its best.

The cleaning takes place every 6–8 weeks, and the days can be arranged to suit your availability.

Please contact the office banstead@abdiocese.org.uk

BISHOP STEPHEN WANG

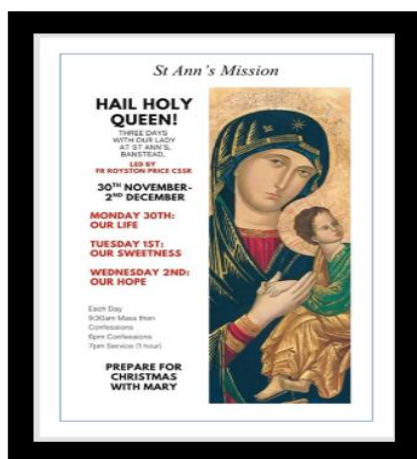


On Monday 19 October, the Solemnity of St Philip Howard, Patron of our Diocese, we welcomed Bishop Stephen Wang as the sixth bishop of Arundel and Brighton. His consecration in the cathedral church at Arundel by Archbishop John Wilson, our metropolitan archbishop, made Bishop Stephen a successor of the Apostles and the pastor of our local church.

A diocese without a bishop is like a ship without a captain or a flock of sheep without a shepherd. Things may run well enough, but there is a sense that something is missing, that there is no clear direction for the local church to move forward in this life. We received our shepherd and leader on Monday, and he has already given us direction in announcing his motto: Veritas in Caritate (Truth in love; from Ephesians 4:15). He encourages us to speak the truth of our faith boldly, but always in love; because the two cannot be separated when we proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

As we welcome our new bishop, we pray for his ministry and his health. May he always be a kind, gentle, ardent, and courageous shepherd of our souls. And may God give him many happy years as the bishop of Arundel & Brighton, as our bishop.

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

MINISTRY OF CONSOLATION BEFRIENDERS ANNUAL TRAINING

JANUARY & FEBRUARY 2027

Do you feel called to support those experiencing the loneliness and isolation of bereavement? We will be running our annual training for Ministry of Consolation Befrienders in January and February 2027. The course is held via Zoom from 9.00am - 1.30pm on the following dates.

- January - 13, 20, 27
- February - 3, 10, 17

The closing date for applications is 21 November 2026. For more information, please contact Deacon Simon South, Diocesan Marriage & Family Life Adviser E: simon.south@abdiocese.org.uk

ST ANNE'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Court Road, Banstead

SM7 2PH

OPEN MORNING

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

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.

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

BANSTEAD 5 CHURCHES CAROLS IN THE ORCHARD

Saturday 19th December

Join us at 12 noon on Saturday 19th December to sing joyful Christmas carols, gathering in the orchard at All Saints Church, Banstead High Street.

Afterwards, warm up in the church with mulled wine and mince pies.

All welcome, we look forward to seeing you there!

SECOND COLLECTIONS

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.friendsoftheholylan.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.