



ST ANN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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A Warm Welcome to all Parishioners and Visitors

4th Sunday of Advent

Sundays: Cycle C Weekdays: Year II 19th December 2021



In seven days we will be there! Christmas Day. I know that there will be a lot of last minute preparations, a lot of rushing around doing last minute shopping and 101 other things too. My prayer for you is that you are able to get at least five minutes each day just to ponder on those words from this Sunday's Gospel where Elizabeth says to Mary: '*Yes blessed is she who. believed that the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled.*' And that promise is that that God's only begotten Son would be born in her for the whole world; God-with us. Remember, God delights in us and God is with us.

God bless you all,

Father John

RECENTLY DECEASED

Please pray for the repose of the soul Thomas Fannon RIP. Please also keep Thomas's family in your prayers at this sad time.

ST ANN'S CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES



Friday 24th December Christmas Eve

5pm Vigil Mass

8.30pm Carols and Readings leading into
9.00pm Mass

Saturday 25th December Christmas Day

8.30am Mass

10.00am Mass

FOR A SYNODAL CHURCH 2021 2023

"Our engagement in the "Synod Path" is a response to an invitation from the Holy Father, who invites us to prayer, discernment and openness to the Holy Spirit. He asks us to address particular questions, in order to assist him and the bishops who will gather for the Synod in their work for the good of the whole Church". (*The full introduction from Bishop Richard is on our website*)

Please see attachment for more information or take a copy from the Church porch. There will be 3 morning meetings for parishioners and 3, evening meetings in the Hall Annexe.

Tuesday 11th, 18th & 25th January at 7.00pm

lead by Kevin O'Brien our Deacon

Friday 14th, 21st & 28th January 10.00am.

Lead by Flick Saunders. The meetings will be no more than an hour.

ST ANN'S SVP - HELP THE DETAINEES

We have recently received a request for the detainees from Gatwick Detainees Welfare Group (GDWG) for **new** socks and **new** underwear (particularly boxer shorts, mainly size Medium but also Small and Large). A box labelled GDWG will be placed in the porch of the church for your kind donations until Sunday 19th December. If you would like to know more about GDWG please google <https://www.gdwg.org.uk>

CHRISTMAS CLEAN

On Thursday 23rd **December** we will be cleaning the Church for our Christmas celebrations. We are looking for volunteers to help. Cleaning will start after Mass at **10.15am**. Mince pies & hot drinks will be served to revive you. Thank you.

ST ANNE'S SCHOOL - APPLYING TO RECEPTION 2022

If you have a child that will be starting school in Reception 2022, please note that the closing date for returning your supplementary information form to the school office and for completing the Surrey CC online application form (where you state your school preference) is **15th January 2022**. The admissions policy and supplementary information form 2022-23 is available on St Anne's school website or from the school office. The Surrey CC online application form can be found at <https://www.eadmissions.org.uk/eAdmissions/app>

EMERGENCY AFGHANISTAN APPEAL (CAFOD)

A renewed Afghanistan Appeal has been launched this week by CAFOD in conjunction with the Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC). At present, more than half the population of Afghanistan are facing extreme hunger, with some parts of the country close to famine conditions. The numbers of people seeking aid increases daily, and the situation will deteriorate with the onset of winter. Please pray for the people of Afghanistan and give to the CAFOD appeal if you can.

Donations can be made:

- Online at: Afghanistan Crisis Appeal | CAFOD
- By phone: 0303 303 3030
- By cheque: payable to CAFOD and sent to: CAFOD Head Office, Romero House, 55 Westminster Bridge Road, London SE1 7JB. Thank you.

OPENING OF CHURCH WINDOWS

As you are aware we need to ensure good ventilation in the Church. Please if any parishioners see that the windows need opening before Mass, then please could they assist Fr John and open them using the window pole outside the sacristy door. Many Thanks.

JACK AND THE BEANSTALK

'*Jack and the Beanstalk*' in January are now available online from Ticketsource via the Pilgrim Pantomime website at www.pilgrim pantomime.com

Seats for Friday and Saturday 28th and 29th January are going fast but there is still good availability for Wednesday and Thursday 26th and 27th

OFFICE HOURS NEXT WEEK

Monday 9am to 3pm, Wednesday 10am to 2pm and Thursday 9am to 3pm. **Closed Friday.**

CONSIDERATIONS FOR CHRISTMAS MASSES 2021

Please take a considered decision as to whether to attend Sunday Mass or the Christmas Masses, based on your own circumstances and those of your family, especially if you are vulnerable or are waiting to have your booster, which I would encourage everyone to do.

Mass bookings at this time are not being introduced. The 5.00pm Vigil is usually attended by families with young children and can be busy, so again anyone who is vulnerable or concerned should consider other Masses or streaming Masses. (Although families with very small children that may run around may want to stream at home).

The Christmas day morning Masses, 8.30am & 10.00am would be recommended for those concerned as they are not as busy as the Christmas eve Masses. Please remember all Masses will be streamed.

Face coverings must be worn and cover your mouth and nose, by those attending public acts of worship unless there is a genuine exemption, or the person is leading worship or participating in a role that requires the mask to be removed for a period of time.

Please use the hand sanitiser as you enter the Church.

A lateral flow test is advised before Mass and Christmas Masses. If you are displaying any symptoms of Covid-19 you should stay at home and not come to church or participate in person.

We need to ensure that there is good ventilation in the building. So please if any parishioners see the windows are closed, please can you open them for Fr John, the window pole is outside the sacristy door. Because of the windows and doors being open we advise you to wrap up when attending Mass. Many thanks.

We cannot allow anyone to stand at the back of the Church, so once Mass is full anyone else will have to return home.

The variant's viral transmission is through aerosols, and that the risk from surface and touch transmission is very small indeed. The strict regimes of church cleaning that were recommended at the beginning of the opening are no longer necessary.

Above all, we want our parishioners to stay safe at this uncertain time and hope that in the new year things will be better.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE IN OUR PARISH WHO ARE SICK	
Andrea Wright	Freda Griffiths
Karen Murray	Maureen Reilly
Bob Graham	Eileen Graham
Indira Louis	Ashlee Rodgers
Christian Requena	Gillian Doherty
Wendy Counsell	Joshua Anderson
Damian Poole	Guilherme Guedes
Michael Monaco	Allan Norman
Helen Guinness	Edmund Louis
Helen Kershaw	Michael Ashman
Jane Scargill	Jake Brauer
Jonathan Lewis	Susan Smith
Cyrus Pascoe	Peter Baikie
David Ibbs	Arthur Harding
Amy Grey	Stephen Martin
Angela MacDonald	Sean Gilligan
Gillian Wooldridge	Spencer Thorpe
Catherine Roberts	James Joseph
Josie Monaco	Lawrence D'Cruz

SECOND COLLECTIONS

Christmas Crib offering

Catholic Children's Society. Gift Aid envelopes are available.

24th & 25th December

Christmas offering for our Parish Priest

As you know Catholic Priests do not take a salary, so they rely on your generosity at Christmas & Easter time as a thank you for all they do for their parish.

You can give by:

1. Bank Transfer with the reference 'Christmas Offering'
2. Gift Aid envelope (Blue) if you are a Gift Aider.
3. Using our new sumup machines at the back of the Church. All 24th & 25th December Masses will be programmed for this collection.
4. Placing your offering in the collection basket at the entrance and exit of the Church.

26th December St Ann's Conference of SVP

Second collections this year 2021 have been reduced and St Ann's SVP, that does great work in the local community and beyond have not been able to have a collection this year. So, the 2nd collection on the 26th December is for this cause. If you are away from the parish at Christmas, and would like to donate, you can still drop off your donation to the parish office. Gift Aid envelopes are available. Many thanks.

Mass Intentions			
Saturday Vigil	18 Dec	6.00pm	Dave Kelly RIP
Sunday – 4 th of Advent	19 Dec	8.30am	People of the Parish
		10.00am	St Ann's SVP
Monday	20 Dec	No Mass	No Mass
Tuesday	21 Dec	6.00pm	Donough Gleeson RIP
Wednesday	22 Dec	9.30am	Kevin Flynn RIP
Thursday	23 Dec	9.30am	Barbara Pearl RIP
  The Season of Christmas  			
Friday- <i>Vigil Mass of the Nativity</i>	24 Dec	5.00pm	People of the Parish
		8.30pm	Carols & readings leading into 9.00pm Mass
<i>The Nativity of the Lord</i>		9.00pm	Donough Gleeson RIP
Saturday – <i>Christmas Day Mass</i>	25 Dec	8.30am	Barbara Pearl RIP
		10.00am	Mary Carey RIP
Sunday - <i>The Holy Family</i>	26 Dec	8.30am	People of the Parish
		10.00am	Freda Griffiths Intention

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
 Saturday 18th December 10.00am to 10.45am

CONTACT DETAILS

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Newsletter Items to reach the parish office by 12 noon Wednesday.

Office Hours: Monday 9am to 3pm, Wednesday 10am to 2pm & Friday 9am to 3pm

SVP FOOD COLLECTION FOR THE LOCAL FOODBANK

For the Food List: Go to our website at <http://www.stannsbanstead.com> for an updated list, or visit <https://epsomewell.foodbank.org.uk/>

Please place your food in the blue box in the porch.