

ST ANN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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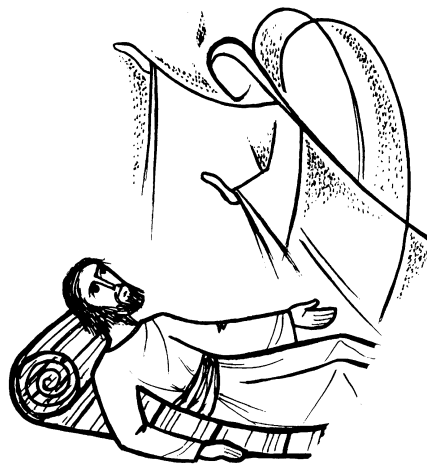
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A Warm Welcome to all Parishioners and Visitors

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Sundays: Cycle A Weekdays: Year I Sunday 18th December 2022



Imagine that Mary had an upsetting dream about her Son's birthday. People came to the party, loads of presents, six-packs, crackers, streamers, reindeers, etc., But nobody paid any attention to Jesus himself. A good job it was only a dream! As a family, what are we doing to keep Christ at the centre of Christmas? It could so easily become nothing more than a mid-winter excess of shopping, eating, drinking and television. Lord Jesus, we pray that we all will welcome you into our 'Christmas' this year better than any before, and remember, that you came to be one with each one of us. Amen.

God bless you all,

Father John

ST ANN'S CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES



Saturday 24th December Christmas Eve
5pm Vigil Mass

8.30pm Carols and Readings leading into
9.00pm Solemn Night Mass

Sunday 25th December Christmas Day
8.30am Mass
10.00am Mass

CHILDREN'S NATIVITY

The children's liturgy catechist would like to encourage parents, carers, or grandparents to bring their younger children to the 10am Mass **18th December** to perform in a short Nativity. This has always been a lovely way for the children to start off the Christmas week and a tradition that has been going for many many years here at St Ann's Church.

If you are interested in your little ones taking part, just turn up at the 10.00am Mass this Sunday.

Any year 3 children are also welcome to take part this year.

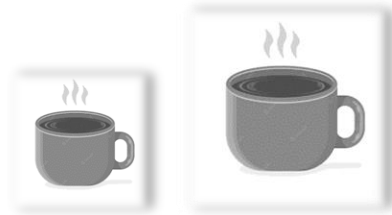
ST ANN'S ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE

There will be an Advent reconciliation service at **7.00pm** on **Tuesday 20th December** at 7.00pm. Fr John and three other priest from our deanery will be hearing confession.

BEAUTY AND THE BEAST

Tickets for the Pilgrim Pantomimes 2023 production are on sale from Saturday 3rd December at the Institute Banstead from 25th to 28th January 2023 with a Saturday matinee, tickets are 9-£13, available online through our Box Office agents Ticketsource via the Pilgrim Pantomime website. With a cast from the B5 churches don't miss this classic tale of a gruesome beast, a beautiful maiden and battling fairies with all the usual laughter, songs, and panto frolics.

THE FRIENDSHIP CLUB



The Friendship Club are having their first get together on 17th January at 10.30am in the Hall Annexe.

Anyone interested please come and join us for a coffee and a chat. For more information, please contact the parish office on 01737 353724

DAYS OF REFLECTION FOR MINISTERS, LED BY BISHOP RICHARD

Saturday 21 January 2023 at St Bernadette's church, Tilgate, Crawley – for Ministers of the Word 11am – 4pm

The day will include talks on the Scriptures, the Lectionary and its use in the Liturgy, the Liturgy of the Word, preparing to read, using microphones, Lectio Divina and mass.

Arrival from 10.30am for refreshments. Please bring a packed lunch. Please sign up at: [Day of Reflection for Ministers of the Word \(21-Jan-2023\) - ChurchSuite Events](#) E:

Catherine.Christmas@abdiocese.org.uk for more information.

Saturday 18 February 2023 at Christ the Prince of Peace, Weybridge – for Ministers of the Eucharist 11am - 4pm

The day will include theological and practical talks, Eucharistic Adoration, and mass. Arrival from 10.30am for refreshments. Please bring a packed lunch.

Please sign up at: [Day of Reflection for Ministers of the Eucharist \(18-Feb-2023\) - ChurchSuite Events](#) E:

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To find out about and book events hosted by the Diocese please visit our website events calendar W:

<https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/diocese/events>

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Has now finished for the Christmas holiday period and will resume Wednesday 11th January 2023.

CHRISTMAS OFFERING
FOR OUR PARISH PRIEST
24th & 25th December

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.

CRIB OFFERING TO SUPPORT THE
CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY'S A&B
CRISIS FUND

The Catholic Children's Society (CCS) is helping local disadvantaged families facing severe hardship due to the cost-of-living crisis. Through their A&B Crisis Fund, CCS is providing immediate, practical support to families in need. There are many vulnerable families in need of support with parishes across Arundel & Brighton donating their Crib Offering to support this important work. Every penny donated will be given out via CCS's A&B Crisis Fund to support local families in need. You can donate at the Crib or via the CCS website W:

www.cathchild.org.uk/crib Please contact Emily Mundon E: emilym@cathchild.org.uk if your parish would like to support the appeal and require posters, gift aid envelopes or any further information.

ST ANNE'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL
DEADLINE FOR RECEPTION
APPLICATIONS – SEPTEMBER 2023

For parents who have children who are due to start in Reception next September 2023, this is to remind you that the closing date to make an application is **15th January 2023**.

This deadline of **15th January 2023** is for both the supplementary information form (SIF), which should be returned to the school office and also for the online application made to Surrey County Council.

VACANCY FOR FOUNDATION GOVERNOR
AT ST PHILOMENA'S CATHOLIC HIGH
SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

There is a vacancy for a foundation governor from the Spring term of the academic year 22/23. We would be most interested to hear from practising Catholics with expertise in either Law, Finance or HR. Please contact the Clerk to the Governors by email cmingay@stphils.org.uk at your earliest convenience.

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/give-help/donate-food/>

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
Wendy Counsell	Joshua Anderson
Damian Poole	Guilherme Guedes
Allan Norman	James Joseph
Michael Monaco	Edmund Louis
Josie Monaco	Michael Ashman
Helen Kershaw	Jake Brauer
Jane Scargill	Susan Smith
Jonathan Lewis	Spencer Thorpe
Cyrus Pascoe	Peter Baikie
Eileen Graham	Arthur Harding
Amy Grey	Cathy Paxton
Trish Nathan	Sean Gilligan
Gillian Wooldridge	Catherine Roberts
Elaine McKenna Duggan	Marie-Anne Murphy

CHILDREN'S RIDDLES

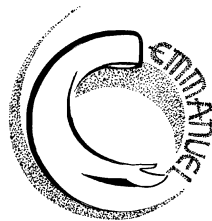
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1. Where do Santa and his elves go for a swim?
2. What kind of bug hates Christmas?
3. What did Adam say the day before Christmas?

Mass Intentions			
Saturday	17 Dec	6.00pm	Ned Brennan RIP
Sunday <i>4th Sunday of Advent</i>	18 Dec	8.30am	People of the Parish
		10.00am	Hanora O'Shea RIP
Monday	19 Dec	No Mass	No Mass
Tuesday	20 Dec	<u>12 Noon</u>	Holy Souls
		<u>7.00pm</u>	Advent Reconciliation Service
Wednesday	21 Dec	9.30am	Holy Souls
Thursday	22 Dec	9.30am	Hanora O'Shea RIP
Friday	23 Dec	9.30am	Kathleen Dunne RIP
Saturday <i>Vigil Mass of the Nativity</i>	24 Dec	<u>5.00pm</u>	Bartlet & Miceal Hickey RIP
		<u>8.30pm</u> Carols and Readings leading into <u>9.00pm</u> Solemn Night Mass	People of the Parish
Sunday <i>The Nativity of the Lord</i>	25 Dec	8.30am	Holy Souls
		10.00am	Gerry Perera RIP

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
Confession Saturday 17th December 10.00am to 10.45am

PERMANENT CHANGE TO THE PARISH OFFICE HOURS
The office hours will change from the week beginning the **2nd January 2023.**
New Office Hours: Monday 9am to 3pm, Wednesday 10am to 2pm & Thursday 9am to 3pm



CONTACT DETAILS
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Paula Thomas on 07710 099682
Office Hours: Monday 9am to 3pm, Wednesday 10am to 2pm & Friday 9am to 3pm

Riddle Answers: 1. The North pool. 2. A humbug. 3. 2 It's Christmas, Eve"