



Sunday 05 January 2025
NEWSLETTER

The Epiphany of the Lord - Mass of the Day

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'After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy.' Matthew 2:9-10

Dear Faith Family,

Welcome back to those who went on holidays. I hope you had a wonderful and refreshing holiday. As we settle back into our daily routines and the kids prepare to start school, let's take a moment to thank God for bringing us back safely.



Reflecting on the journey of the Magi this Epiphany, we're reminded that our spiritual path can sometimes lead us astray when we rely on our own understanding. But just as the Magi realigned with the star to find Jesus, we too can always find our way back to God when we are lost and misled.

St. Ann's stands as a beacon of hope, guiding us in our journey. This year, our Annual Planner offers many opportunities for everyone - whether through altar service, kids' programs, parish different committees, readers, Eucharistic ministry, Church maintenance team or welcome team. Each of us plays a vital role in proclaiming God's word and fostering a joyful, vibrant community.

I also invite you to join us for the grand opening of the Pilgrims Church of St Ann's event on January 12th at 10:30 AM. It's a special time to bring light and joy to our journey and to share these blessings with those around us.

May this year be filled with God's grace and abundant joy for you and your families and parish community.

With every blessings,

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Great News for St. Ann's Parish

We are delighted to announce that St. Ann's Catholic Church, Kingston Hill, has been designated as one of the Pilgrim Churches in the Archdiocese of Southwark for the Jubilee Year 2025. This is a moment of great joy and honour for our parish as we take part in this extraordinary spiritual journey. please collect the Decree to designate our Church as a Jubilee Church in the Archdiocese of Southwark for the forthcoming Jubilee year.



Pilgrims Church GRAND OPENING

Join us for the Holy Mass for
the **Dedication** of St. Ann's Church
as a **Sacred Place** for the Jubilee Year 2025

SUNDAY | **12** | JANUARY
At 10:30 AM | 2025

St Ann's Catholic Church
Kingston Hill - KT2 7LX



The Decree for St Ann's as a Pilgrim Church

Copies of the decree designating St Ann's Catholic Church as a Jubilee Church in the Archdiocese of Southwark for the forthcoming Jubilee Year, issued by Archbishop John Wilson on 20th December 2024, are now available in the church porch. Parishioners are welcome to take a copy home to reflect on this proud and historic moment for our community. St Ann, pray for us and all the pilgrims.

Tea and Coffee after Sunday Mass

Everyone is invited to join us for tea and coffee after Sunday Mass. This is a wonderful chance to connect, share, and get to know one another better. Kids can enjoy the Kids' Corner, a fun space to make new friends.

The Epiphany of the Lord - Mass of the Day Liturgical Colour: White Year: C(I).

Entrance Antiphon - Lk 2: 16

Behold, the Lord, the Mighty One, has come; and kingship is in his grasp, and power and dominion.

Penitential Act

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

The Gloria

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Collect:

O God, who on this day revealed your Only Begotten Son to the nations by the guidance of a star, grant in your mercy, that we, who know you already by faith, may be brought to behold the beauty of your sublime glory. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First reading

Isaiah 60:1-6

‘The glory of the Lord has risen upon you.’

Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will be seen upon you. And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising. Lift up your eyes all round, and see; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from afar, and your daughters shall be carried on the hip. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and exult, because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall bring good news, the praises of the LORD.

The word of the Lord. **All reply:** Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm**Ps 72(71):1-2. 7-8. 10-11. 12-13. Rcf. 11****All the nations on earth shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord.**

O God, give your judgement to the king, to a king's son your justice, that he may judge your people in justice, and your poor in right judgement.

All the nations on earth shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord.

In his days justice shall flourish, and great peace till the moon is no more. He shall rule from sea to sea, from the River to the bounds of the earth.

All the nations on earth shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord.

The kings of Tarshish and the islands shall pay him tribute. The kings of Sheba and Seba shall bring him gifts. Before him all kings shall fall prostrate, all nations shall serve him.

All the nations on earth shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord.

For he shall rescue the needy when they cry, the poor who have no one to help. He will have pity on the weak and the needy, and save the lives of the needy.

All the nations on earth shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord.

Second reading**Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6**

Brothers and sisters: I assume that you have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for you, how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, which was not made known to the sons of men in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy Apostles and prophets by the Spirit. This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

The word of the Lord. **All reply:** Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation**Matthew 2:2**

Alleluia, alleluia. **We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship the Lord.**
Alleluia.

Gospel**Matthew 2:1-12**

'We have come from the east to worship the king.'

Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, saying, 'Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.' When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he enquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet:

"And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel." '

Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him.' After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. And going into the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshipped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

The Gospel of the Lord. All reply: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Creed I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Prayer over the Offerings: Look with favour, Lord, we pray, on these gifts of your Church, in which are offered now not gold or frankincense or myrrh, but he who by them is proclaimed, sacrificed and received, Jesus Christ. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The Mystery of Faith: We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again..

The Lord's Prayer: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

Communion Antiphon: Bar 3: 38 We have seen his star in the East, and have come with gifts to adore the Lord.

Prayer after Communion: We implore your mercy, Lord, that this divine sustenance may cleanse us of our faults and prepare us for the coming feasts. Through Christ our Lord. Amen

Announcements



Kid's Gardening Day 1/5: **Date: 2nd February 2025, after the 10:30 AM Mass**

We are delighted to announce the first Kid's Gardening Day of the year. All children are encouraged to bring their gardening kits if they have them. If not, we will provide the necessary tools. The activity will last about 45 minutes and will be followed by a shared meal. Parents are kindly requested to bring lunch to share. This initiative aims to nurture a sense of stewardship in the children and strengthen unity within our parish community. Kid's Gardening Day will take place five times a year. **Parental support is highly appreciated, and if anyone would like to be part of the team overseeing the kids**, please submit your name to me.

Taking Down Christmas Decorations: **Date: Today at 2:00 PM**

As we mark the end of the Christmas season, we will be taking down the decorations inside and outside the church. If anyone would like to help, please approach Joseph Rajmohan. Your assistance would be greatly appreciated.

Saturday Mass and Adoration Schedule Update

Starting from 18th January 2025, we will be changing the timing of the Saturday morning Mass to better accommodate pilgrims. The new schedule is as follows:

- **Adoration: 11:15 AM, followed by the Novena to St Ann**
- **Holy Mass: 12:00 Noon**

12th January 2025: Pilgrim Church Homily & Jubilee Year Booklet Release

On 12th January 2025, the homily will focus on the theme of the pilgrim church and the Jubilee Year. We will also be **releasing a special booklet containing guidelines for pilgrims, as well as our annual plan and important explanations to guide everyone throughout the year**. Please join us for this significant occasion as we begin this spiritual journey together.

Thank you for your generosity in offering Christmas gifts and mass offering to Fr James. Your kindness and support mean a great deal, and I am deeply grateful. I deeply appreciate your willingness to volunteer and support the church. I am very happy to work with each of you in building a vibrant and welcoming parish community.

ST ANN'S READING ROTA FOR SUNDAYS

Role	5th January	12th January	19th January
1st Reading	Bernard Bren.	Disona Dominic	Sr Ursula Eberhardt
Psalm	Nimasha Yusuf	Vivian Thatcher	Caterina Keyrouz
2nd Reading	Daniel Mokwena	Christobel	Mathew Athakattu
Bidding Prayer	Lourdes Fuentes	Chidinma Igwilo	Romola Cardoza
Offertory	Eva & Tiffany	Elisa & James	Almina & Luciana

ST ANN'S LITURGICAL CALENDAR WITH MASS INTENTIONS

Date	Time	Intention	Celebration
Sunday 05/01	10.30 am	Victor & Ester Randolfi RIP	Epiphany of the Lord
Monday 06/01	10 am	Intention Available	Regular Day
Tuesday 07/01	7.00 pm	People of the Parish	St Raymond
Wednesday 08/01	10 am	Intention Available	Regular Day
Thursday 09/01	No Mass		
Friday 10/01	10 am	Intention Available	Regular Day
Saturday 11/01	10 am	Intention Available	Mother Mary
	6 pm (Vigil)	Intention Available	Baptism of the Lord
Sunday 12/01	10.30 am	Almina (Flower Sponsor)	Baptism of the Lord



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Thank you for being part of our St. Ann's family.
Let's pray for one another and for the growth of our parish family.