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NEWSLETTER

The Baptism of the Lord – Feast

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In order for the faithful to obtain the Jubilee Year Indulgence, I hereby decree that The Church of **St. Ann, KINGSTON HILL** is designated as a Jubilee Church in this Archdiocese of Southwark for the duration of the Jubilee Year – 24th December 2024 to 6th January 2026.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we come together to celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, we also joyfully embark on a spiritual journey marking the commencement of the Jubilee Year 2025, themed “Pilgrims of Hope”. This dual occasion invites us to renew our faith, reflect on our baptismal promises, and walk together in hope, trusting in God’s unwavering love.



In his Apostolic Letter declaring this Jubilee, Pope Francis reminds us that a pilgrimage is not just a physical journey but a spiritual one. It is a time for us to open our hearts to God’s mercy, grow in our faith, and deepen our relationship with Him. As pilgrims of hope, we are called to bring God’s light to a world yearning for healing, peace, and reconciliation.

This Jubilee Year offers us numerous opportunities to come together as a community and grow in faith.

Below is an outline of key events and activities planned throughout the year:

- 1. Pilgrim Masses:** Every Saturday at 12:00 PM, preceded by Adoration at 11:15 AM.
- 2. Rosary Walks:**
 - **When:** First and third Saturdays of the month (April to October)
 - **Time: 9:45 AM**, starting and ending at St Ann’s Church. These reflective walks will take us through the beauty of Richmond Park, aligning with the Jubilee’s focus on care for creation.

3. Fourth Saturday Talks:

- When: Every two months on the fourth Saturday.
- Time: 9:45 AM, followed by Adoration and Mass. These talks will explore themes such as spiritual growth, finding God in silence, and the mystical relationship between faith and nature.

Why St Ann's?

St Ann's Catholic Church has been designated as an official pilgrimage centre by Archbishop John Wilson for this Jubilee Year. **With St Ann, the mother of the Blessed Virgin Mary, as our patron, our parish stands as a beacon of hope for families, expectant mothers, and future generations. Our proximity to Richmond Park offers pilgrims a unique opportunity to reflect amidst nature, embracing Pope Francis' call to care for creation.**

Our Call to Participate

As a parish community, we are all invited to actively participate in this Jubilee Year. Whether through attending pilgrim Masses, joining the Rosary Walks, or volunteering in parish activities, let us journey together as Pilgrims of Hope. Let us also take this opportunity to reflect on our baptismal promises and renew our commitment to live as children of God.

I extend my heartfelt gratitude to all who have contributed to making this Jubilee Year a meaningful and enriching experience for our parish. May this sacred year bring us closer to God and to one another, and may we all grow in faith, hope, and love.

With prayers and blessings,

Fr James Raj (jamesraj@rcaos.org.uk)

Thanks Giving Mass for Almina

The flowers in the altar have been sponsored for the thanks giving mass for Almina on her birthday. As a parish family, we unite in prayer for her and her family. May God bless and guide them with His love and grace. Belated Happy Birthday.



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 Baptism of the Lord - Feast: Liturgical Colour: White Year: C(I).

Entrance Antiphon - Cf. Mt 3: 16-17

After the Lord was baptized, the heavens were opened, and the Spirit descended upon him like a dove, and the voice of the Father thundered: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.

ENTRANCE HYMN

Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
light for the world to see.

**Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts
Shine through the darkness
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today**

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has power to save us.
Make us your living voice ... **Christ, be our light!**

Longing for food, many are hungry.
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others,
shared until all are fed ... **Christ, be our light!**

Longing for shelter, many are homeless.
Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others,
walls made of living stone ... **Christ, be our light!**

Many the gifts, many the people,
many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
making your kingdom come ... **Christ, be our light!**

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.

GLORIA

Refrain: Glory! Glory! Glory to God (2)

1. Glory to God in the heights of the heavens.
Peace to God's people, all people on earth.
2. Son of the Father, all glory and worship;
Praise and thanksgiving to you, Lamb of God.
3. You take away the sin of the world;
Have mercy on us, receive our prayer.
4. Seated in power at the right of the Father,
Jesus alone is the Lord, the Most High.
5. And with the Spirit of love everlasting,
Reigning in glory for ever. Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

First reading

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins. A voice cries: 'In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.' Go on up to a high mountain, O Sion, herald of good news; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good news; lift it up, fear not; say to the cities of Judah, 'Behold your God!' Behold, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him; behold, his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will tend his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms; he will carry them in his bosom, and gently lead those that are with young.

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

Responsorial Psalm Ps 104(103):1b-2. 3-4. 24-25. 27-28. 29-30. R1**Bless the LORD, O my soul! My God, how great you are!**

O LORD my God, how great you are, clothed in majesty and honour, rapped in light as with a robe! You stretch out the heavens like a tent.

Bless the LORD, O my soul! My God, how great you are!

On the waters you lay the foundation for your dwelling. You make the clouds your chariot; you ride on the wings of the wind. You make the winds your messengers, flame and fire your servants.

Bless the LORD, O my soul! My God, how great you are!

How many are your works, O LORD! In wisdom you have made them all. The earth is full of your creatures. Vast and wide is the span of the sea, with its creeping things past counting, living things great and small.

Bless the LORD, O my soul! My God, how great you are!

All of these look to you to give them their food in due season. You give it, they gather it up; you open wide your hand, they are well filled.

Bless the LORD, O my soul! My God, how great you are!

You hide your face, they are dismayed; you take away their breath, they die, returning to the dust from which they came. You send forth your spirit, and they are created, and you renew the face of the earth.

Second reading**Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7**

‘He saved us by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit.’

Beloved: The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Saviour Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness, and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works. But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Saviour appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Saviour, so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

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

Gospel Acclamation**Cf. Luke 3:16**

Alleluia, alleluia. **He who is mightier than I is coming, said John. He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire.** Alleluia.

Gospel**Luke 3:15-16, 21-22**

At that time: As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, John answered them all, saying, ‘I baptise you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptise you with the holy Spirit and fire.’ Now when all the people were baptised by John the Baptist and when Jesus also had been baptised and was praying, the heavens were opened, and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form, like a dove; and a voice came from heaven, ‘You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.’

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

The Apostle 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.

OFFERTORY HYMN

**Take our bread, we ask you, take our hearts, We love You, take our lives,
O Father we are Yours, we are Yours.**

Yours as we stand at the table You set,
Yours as we eat the bread our hearts can't forget.
We are the signs of Your life with us yet: We are Yours, we are Yours.

**Take our bread, we ask you, take our hearts,
We love You, take our lives, O Father we are Yours, we are Yours.**

Your holy people stand washed in Your blood,
Spirit filled, yet hungry we await Your food,
Poor though we are we have brought ourselves to You: We are Yours, we are Yours.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

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: Jn 1: 32, 34 Behold the One of whom John said: I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God.

COMMUNION HYMN 1

Make me a channel of your peace. Where there is hatred let me bring your love
Where there is injury, your pardon Lord. And where there is doubt true faith in You

Chorus: Oh, Master grant that I may never seek,

So much to be consoled as to console

To be understood as to understand, To be loved as to love with all my soul

Make me a channel of your peace. Where there is despair in life let me bring hope
Where there is darkness only light. And where there's sadness ever joy **Chorus...**

Make me a channel of your peace. It is in pardoning that we are pardoned
In giving to all men that we receive. And in dying that we are born to eternal life

Chorus...

Pilgrims of Hope

**Like a flame my hope is burning,
may my song arise to you:
Source of life that has no ending,
on life's path I trust in you.**

Ev'ry nation, tongue, and people
find a light within your Word.
Scattered fragile sons and daughters
find a home in your dear Son.

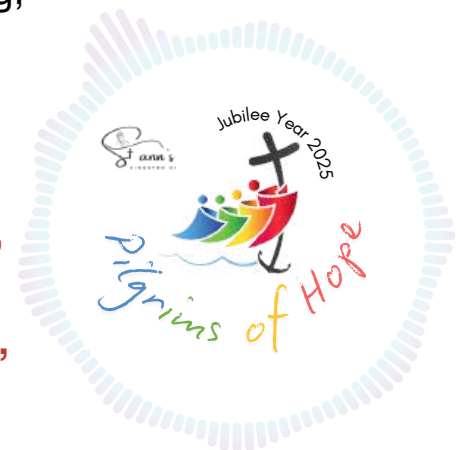
**Like a flame my hope is burning,
may my song arise to you:
Source of life that has no ending,
on life's path I trust in you.**

God, so tender and so patient,
dawn of hope, you care for all.
Heav'n and earth are recreated
by the Spirit of Life set free.

**Like a flame my hope is burning,
may my song arise to you:
Source of life that has no ending,
on life's path I trust in you.**

Raise your eyes, the wind is blowing,
for our God is born in time.
Son made man for you and many
who will find the way in him.

**Like a flame my hope is burning,
may my song arise to you:
Source of life that has no ending,
on life's path I trust in you.**



JUBILEE PRAYER

Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen

RECESSIONAL HYMN

As I kneel before you, as I bow my head in prayer,
Take this day, make it yours and fill me with your love.

Ave Maria, Gratia plena, Dominus tecum, Benedicta tu.

All I have I give you, every dream and wish are yours,
Mother of Christ, Mother of mine, present them to my Lord.

As I kneel before you, and I see your smiling face,
Ev'ry thought, ev'ry word, is lost in your embrace.



St Ann's Website



Jubilee '25 St Ann's

St Ann's Activities for Pilgrims

Date	Activity	Time
Every Saturday	Adoration	11:15 AM
	Pilgrims Mass	12:00 PM
First & Third Saturdays (April to October 2025) Rosary Walk included	Walk to Richmond Park	9:45 AM
	Refreshments at St Ann's	10:45 AM
	Adoration & Novena to St Ann	11:15 AM
	Pilgrims Mass	12:00 PM
Fourth Saturday Talks	Special Talks at St Ann's Hall	9:45 AM
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27th April 2025 at 9.45 am	Walking in Hope: A Pilgrimage Through Nature	
25th June 2025 at 9.45 am	Breathing with Creation: Holistic Health Through Nature	
22nd August 2025 at 9.45 am	St Francis of Assisi: Care for Creation	
26th October 2025 at 9.45 am	Finding God in Silence: Teachings of the Desert Fathers	

Announcements



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

We warmly invite all children to join the first Kid's Gardening Day! Please bring gardening kits if you have them; tools will also be provided. The activity will last 45 minutes, followed by a shared meal. Parents are kindly requested to bring lunch to share. Your support is greatly appreciated. If you would like to assist with overseeing the activity, please feel free to submit your name.

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**

Funeral Masses: Please pray for the souls of our dearly departed and their families. Robert Debney R.I.P. (16th January) and Mary McCormack R.I.P. (17th January). May their souls rest in peace. Please keep their families in your prayers during this difficult time.

Parish Synodal Team Meeting: The first Parish Synodal Team meeting will take place **on Sunday, 9th February 2025 at 3:00 pm**. All leads of the various committees and catechists are expected to attend. The meeting will focus on the Pilgrim Church programme and preparations for Lent and Easter.

Finance Committee Meeting: The first Finance Committee meeting will be held **on Sunday, 16th February 2025 at 3:00 pm**. All Finance Committee members are requested to attend. This meeting will focus on understanding the parish's financial structure, future planning, and upcoming financial drives.

Fourth Sunday Family Mass: Parents are informed that there will be **no catechism sessions on the fourth Sunday of the month**, as the children will join the Family Mass in the church. **All altar servers are requested to join the priest in the sanctuary for the Mass.**

ST ANN'S READING ROTA FOR SUNDAYS

Role	12th January	19th January	26th January
1st Reading	Disona Dominic	Sr Ursula Eberhardt	Christ Flint
Psalm	Vivian Thatcher	Caterina Keyrouz	Samantha Keegan
2nd Reading	Christobel	Mathew Athakattu	Aaron Yusuf
Bidding Prayer	Chidinma Igwilo	Romola Cardoza	Jonathan Al Hachache
Offertory	Elisa & James	Almina & Luciana	Mariana & Luna

ST ANN'S LITURGICAL CALENDAR WITH MASS INTENTIONS

Date	Time	Intention	Celebration
Sunday 12/01	10.30 am	Almina (Flower Sponsor)	Baptism of the Lord
Monday 13/01	10 am	Intention Available	Saint Hilary
Tuesday 14/01	7.00 pm	People of the Parish	Pilgrims Mass
Wednesday 15/01	10 am	Intention Available	Ordinary Time
Thursday 16/01	12 noon	Funeral Mass for Robert Debney	
Friday 17/01	10.45 am	Funeral Mass for Mary McCormack	
Saturday 18/01	10 am	Intention Available	Pilgrims Mass
	6 pm (Vigil)	Intention Available	2nd Ord. Sunday
Sunday 19/01	10.30 am	Carmen Emilia A Reyes RIP	2nd Ord. Sunday



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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.