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NURTURING
A FAITH FAMILY



ANNUAL PLANNER & VOLUNTEERS' GUIDE

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PRAYER FOR GRANDCHILDREN



Dear Saint Ann,

Loving grandmother, I entrust my grandchildren to your tender care. In the face of life's challenges and dangers, which may often go unnoticed by them, I ask for your protection. Just as you cared for the child Jesus, watch over my grandchildren and guide them along the path of faith. Help them embrace prayer, Christian values, and the love of God. Keep them safe from all harm and lead them to true happiness. Together with Saint Joachim, you nurtured Mary and Jesus in God's love; now, I implore you to watch over my grandchildren. Keep all grandparents and their grandchildren under your compassionate care. Amen.

PRAYER FOR FAMILY

Dear Saint Ann,

Grandmother of Jesus and mother of Mary, we place our family under your loving care. Instill within us the virtues you taught Mary, preparing her to be the Mother of God. With Saint Joachim, you were a model for Christian parents; help us to follow your example in our daily lives. May our family be a reflection of the peace, joy, and holiness that reveal God's presence among us. Guide us to live as a family united in God's Kingdom on Earth, so we may one day share eternal life together in His heavenly Kingdom. Amen.

PRAYER FOR FERTILITY AND MOTHERHOOD



Dear Saint Ann,

Grandmother of Jesus and patroness of hopeful parents, I come to you with faith and hope in my heart. Please intercede for me, that I may be blessed with the gift of fertility and the joy of motherhood. Help me to trust in God's plan and remain steadfast in prayer, embracing His timing with patience and peace. Grant me strength as I await this blessing, and fill my heart with hope. Amen.

PRAYER FOR A SAFE CHILDBIRTH

Dear Saint Ann,

Many have prayed to you for a safe childbirth and found joy in their children. I seek your loving protection now, trusting in your care as I carry this precious life. Grant me a trouble-free childbirth and keep both of us in good health. Bless our family during this time. Like many mothers before me, I place my faith in you, rejecting the fears and temptations of this world. Please grant special protection to this little child, consecrating us to the Lord and your daughter Mary. Amen.

PARISH PRIEST SPEAKS



Nestled near the tranquil beauty of Richmond Park, our church is more than just a place of worship; it is a sanctuary where faith and community flourish amidst the embrace of nature. St Ann's offers a unique spiritual haven where people of all ages can come together in faith and fellowship.

My mission for this church mirrors that of St Francis of Assisi: to foster a vibrant faith family - a home of solace and spiritual growth. In a world fraught with challenges, I hope St Ann's will stand as a beacon of hope and strength, where those seeking peace can find comfort and meaning in Christ. Our vision is to create a welcoming community where every member belongs, contributes, and finds spiritual support, living the Gospel as a way of life.

As the psalmist reminds us, "How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity" (Psalm 133:1). This unity is my dream for St Ann's. It is the dream where children shape their lives through the values of community and faith, where families grow together in love, and where every individual feels a sense of belonging and purpose.

The purpose of this Annual Planner and Volunteers Guide is to help us realise this vision, supporting our shared journey of faith and growth.

Let us journey together towards this promised land of faith and fellowship, as we continue to build a church that reflects the love of Christ and the spirit of St Ann. May this Annual Planner serve as a guide and inspiration for the year ahead.



With blessings and prayers,

Fr James Raj

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Vision

To create a welcoming community where every member belongs, contributes, and finds spiritual support, living the Gospel as a way of life.

Mission

To build a faith family at St Ann's where all ages grow together in Christ through active service, shared sacraments, and everyday expressions of care.



VISION



TO CREATE A WELCOMING COMMUNITY WHERE EVERY MEMBER BELONGS, CONTRIBUTES, AND FINDS SPIRITUAL SUPPORT, LIVING THE GOSPEL AS A WAY OF LIFE.

We envision St Ann's as a vibrant, spiritually grounded community where all members contribute to a shared life of faith, service, and love. Through the sacraments and the rhythm of the liturgical seasons, we grow closer to God and to each other. Our parish strives to be a sanctuary of comfort and joy - a place where everyone, from the youngest child to the most respected senior, lives the Gospel, experiences the fruits of the faith, and finds a sense of home.



Mission

TO BUILD A FAITH FAMILY AT ST ANN'S WHERE ALL AGES GROW TOGETHER IN CHRIST THROUGH ACTIVE SERVICE, SHARED SACRAMENTS, AND EVERYDAY EXPRESSIONS OF CARE.

St Ann's is a faith family united in Christ, where each person - children, youth, adults, and seniors - finds belonging, purpose, and spiritual support. Rooted in the sacraments and enriched by the liturgical seasons, we live our faith in everyday actions, fostering love for God and care for one another through service, stewardship, and active participation. Together, we cultivate an inclusive, welcoming community where everyone's gifts are celebrated, and where the beauty of Christianity flows naturally into every aspect of life.



GOALS (LONG TERM)

1. Strengthen Community and a sense of Belongingness:

Build a culture where everyone, including all parish teams - choir, maintenance, gardening, Eucharistic ministers, readers, finance, pastoral, catechists, welcome, tea and coffee, altar servers, youth, and more - actively participates and feels a sense of belonging.

2. Integrate Sacraments into Everyday Life:

Encourage parishioners to live out the sacraments in daily life by linking them with community activities, celebrations, and seasons, so that faith becomes an integral part of every stage of life.

3. Foster Environmental Stewardship and Spiritual Growth:

Engage all generations in caring for creation through initiatives like kids' gardening days, community workdays, and nature walks inspired by St Francis of Assisi's love for nature, promoting a deeper respect for God's creation.





- **Youth and Student Engagement:** Form a youth group and involve students from the local Catholic schools and Kingston University as altar servers, volunteers, and in other parish activities, encouraging a new generation of faith filled leaders.
- **Seasonal Community Events:** Host monthly or seasonal events aligned with the liturgical calendar - such as Advent gatherings, Lenten reflections, and Easter celebrations - to engage all members in the rhythm of faith, aiming for at least 50% participation from parish families by yearend.
- **Faith Family Programme:** Launch a quarterly 'Faith Family' gathering that invites all parish teams and individuals to share fellowship, celebrate contributions, and strengthen the bond of community, with the goal of nurturing a spirit of shared responsibility and belonging.



Annual
Diary 2025



St Ann's Diary 2025

Date	Time	Event
2nd February	After Mass	Kids' Indoor Gardening Day #1
9th February	3.00 pm	1st Parish Synodal Team Meeting
16th February	3.00 pm	1st Finance Committee Meeting
23rd February	10:30 am to 1:00 pm	Winter Parish Mass & Indoor Celebration (10:30 am to 1:00 pm)
30th March	10.30 am	Mother's Day Celebration
19th April	7:00 pm	Easter Vigil Mass
27th April	After Mass	Kids' Gardening Day #2
8th June	After Mass	Kids' Gardening Day #3
8th June	3.00 pm	2nd Parish Synodal Team Meeting
15th June	10.30 am	Summer Parish Mass (Father's Day) & Celebration at the garden
22nd June	3.00 pm	2nd Finance Committee Meeting

St Ann's Diary 2025

Date	Time	Event
29th June	After Mass	Whole Parish Big Help Out #1 - Outdoor
26th July	6.00 pm	St Ann's Feast
14th Sept	After Mass	Kids' Gardening Day #4
28th Sept	10.30 am	International Mass
5th October	10.30 am	Pets' Blessing Mass - Outdoor
12th October	3.00 pm	3rd Parish Synodal Team Meeting
19th October	3.00 pm	3rd Finance Committee Meeting
9th November	After Mass	Kids' Indoor Gardening Day #5
7th December	4.00 pm	Christmas Lights Switching on Mass
14th December	After Mass	Whole Parish Big Help Out #2 - Indoor
24th December	7.00 pm	Christmas Vigil Mass
31st December	11.15 pm 12.00 Mass	Thanksgiving Adoration & New Year Mass

St Ann's Diary 2025

Lent and Easter 2025

26th February	10:00 am and 7:00 pm	Ash Wednesday Masses
17th April	7:00 pm	Maundy Thursday Mass
18th April	3:00 pm	Good Friday Service
19th April	7:00 pm	Easter Vigil Mass

Christmas Season 2025

20th December	5:15 pm	Candlelight Reconciliation Service
24th December	6:30 pm & 7:00 pm	Christmas Carol Service & Christmas Vigil Mass

Holy Days of Obligation

1st January	10.00 am	Mary, the Holy Mother of God
29th May	10.00 am	Ascension of the Lord
15th August	10.00 am	Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
1st November	12 pm & 6 pm	All Saints

All Sundays are Holy Days of Obligation - Mass at 10.30 am



Descriptions of Various Parish Activities



Kids' Gardening Day

On these special days, children come together to work in the church garden, learning stewardship and responsibility. They help plant, water, and tend the garden, contributing to the beauty of the parish grounds. Afterward, they enjoy lunch in the church hall, fostering fellowship and unity. With five sessions planned throughout the year, this activity nurtures a love for nature and community among our young parishioners.

Whole Parish Workday

Held twice a year, the Parish Workday is an opportunity for the entire parish family to come together and care for the church campus. One session is scheduled for the summer and another in winter, with tasks ranging from gardening to cleaning and maintenance. After the work is complete, everyone gathers in the church hall for a shared meal, celebrating their collective effort and strengthening the bond of unity.

International Day

A vibrant celebration of diversity, International Day invites everyone to dress in their traditional attire and bring a dish from their culture to share. After Mass, the community gathers in the hall to experience the richness of different traditions, enjoying the unity that Christ brings in diversity. All are welcome to participate in this beautiful event.



Christmas Lights Switching-on Ceremony

A cherished tradition during Advent, this ceremony gathers the parish family to light the indoor and outdoor decorations of the church. It symbolises the coming light of Christ at Christmas, bringing warmth and joy to all. The event is a special moment of fellowship, especially for those who may leave for the holidays.

Parish Synodal Team

This team consists of representatives from various groups within the parish, meeting three times a year to share suggestions, feedback, and ideas for moving forward. The meetings foster collaboration and inclusiveness, ensuring the parish's direction reflects the needs and aspirations of its members.

Thanksgiving Adoration and New Year Mass

As the year ends, the parish gathers in adoration to thank the Lord for His blessings, protection, and guidance. The community then celebrates the New Year with a midnight Mass, beginning the year in prayer and receiving the grace of Christ.



Volunteers' Guide



St Ann's Liturgical Roles and Responsibilities for 2025

Date	Readers	Ministers	Offertory	Welcome
5th January	Group 1	Minister 1	Group A	Team 1
12th January	Group 2	Minister 2	Group B	Team 2
19th January	Group 3	Minister 3	Group C	Team 1
26th January	Group 4	Minister 1	Group D	Team 2
2nd February	Group 5	Minister 2	Group E	Team 1
9th February	Volunteers	Minister 3	Group F	Team 2
16th February	Group 6	Minister 1	Group G	Team 1
23rd February	Group 7	Minister 2	Group A	Team 2
2nd March	Group 8	Minister 3	Group B	Team 1
9th March	Group 9	Minister 1	Group C	Team 2
16th March	Group 10	Minister 2	Group D	Team 1
23rd March	Volunteers	Minister 3	Group E	Team 2
30th March	Group 1	Minister 1	Group F	Team 1
6th April	Group 2	Minister 2	Group G	Team 2
13th April	Group 3	Minister 3	Group A	Team 1
20th April	Group 4	Minister 1	Group B	Team 2
27th April	Group 5	Minister 2	Group C	Team 1
4th May	Volunteers	Minister 3	Group D	Team 2
11th May	Group 6	Minister 1	Group E	Team 1
18th May	Group 7	Minister 2	Group F	Team 2
25th May	Group 8	Minister 3	Group G	Team 1
1st June	Group 9	Minister 1	Group A	Team 2
8th June	Group 10	Minister 2	Group B	Team 1

St Ann's Liturgical Roles and Responsibilities for 2025

Date	Readers	Ministers	Offertory	Welcome
15th June	Group 1	Minister 3	Group C	Team 2
22nd June	Group 2	Minister 1	Group D	Volunteers
29th June	Group 3	Minister 2	Group E	Team 1
6th July	Group 4	Minister 3	Group F	Team 2
13th July	Group 5	Minister 1	Group G	Team 1
20th July	Volunteers	Minister 2	Group A	Team 2
27th July	Group 6	Minister 3	Group B	Team 1
3rd August	Group 7	Minister 1	Group C	Team 2
10th August	Group 8	Minister 2	Group D	Team 1
17th August	Group 9	Minister 3	Group E	Team 2
24th August	Group 10	Minister 1	Group F	Team 1
31st August	Volunteers	Minister 2	Group G	Team 2
7th September	Group 1	Minister 3	Group A	Team 1
14th September	Group 2	Minister 1	Group B	Team 2
21st September	Group 3	Minister 2	Group C	Team 1
28th September	Group 4	Minister 3	Group D	Team 2
5th October	Group 5	Minister 1	Group E	Team 1
12th October	Volunteers	Minister 2	Group F	Team 2
19th October	Group 6	Minister 3	Group G	Team 1
26th October	Group 7	Minister 1	Group A	Team 2
2nd November	Group 8	Minister 2	Group B	Team 1
9th November	Group 9	Minister 3	Group C	Team 2
16th November	Group 10	Minister 1	Group D	Team 1
23rd November	Volunteers	Minister 2	Group E	Team 2

St Ann's Readers Group for Sundays 2025

Role: Readers proclaim the Word of God during Mass with clarity and reverence. Each group reads First Reading, Responsorial Psalm, Second Reading & Prayers of the Faithful.

Groups: Each group has four members, with roles assigned as above. Roles rotate weekly within the group to ensure fairness and participation.

Group Lead: A designated leader coordinates rotations, ensuring all members are informed and prepared. They manage communication, confirm attendance, and address absences.

Preparation and Reverence: Readers are encouraged to prepare their readings prayerfully and deliver them with sincerity, helping the congregation connect with the Word of God. This organised rotation fosters teamwork and ensures meaningful participation in the liturgy.

Group 1

1. Bernard Brenninkmeijer
2. Nimasha Yusuf (L)
3. Daniel Mokwena
4. Christobel Al Hachache

Group 2

1. Disona Dominic
2. Vivian Thatcher (L)
3. Lourdes Fuentes
4. Chidinma Igwilo

Group 3

1. Sr Ursula Eberhardt (L)
2. Caterina Keyrouz
3. Mathew Athakattu
4. Romola Cardoza

Group 4

1. Chris Flint
2. Samantha Keegan (L)
3. Aaron Yusuf
4. Jonathan Al Hachache

Group 5

1. Rona Mcleod
2. Koffi Rodrigue (L)
3. Andrew Keegan
4. Joseph Rajmohan

Group 6

1. Immacula Benedict
2. Joseph Beim
3. Ann Titus (L)
4. Adriana Jimenez

Group 7

1. Jose Diaz
2. Yasmin D'souza (L)
3. Augustin Shaju
4. Martin Gilhooky

Group 8

1. Shamintha Jayatilaka
2. Duncan Katungu
3. Lithin Zacharias (L)
4. Christo

Group 9

1. Ana V Gonzalez (L)
2. Gisela B Lewis
3. Benita Rajmohan
4. Christiane Ganteaume

Group 10

1. Beatrice Beim
2. John Mutaasa
3. Nida Mathew
4. Cyril Thomas (L)

Saturday Vigil Mass

Charles Cotton, Kate Cotton
Anne King, Denis King,
Stella Mendez (L)

St Ann's Sanctuary Groups

Altar Servers, Master of Ceremony
and Sacristians

Altar Servers

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| 1. James Al Hachache | 12. Abel Simon |
| 2. Luciana María Díaz-Jiménez | 13. Emma Andrea |
| 3. Almina Noelia Jayatilaka | 14. Eve Beim |
| 4. Dahlia Abi Karam | 15. Ada Beim |
| 5. Maya Abi Karam | |
| 6. Benedict Keegan | Master of Ceremonies |
| 7. Anaiah Yusuf | 1. Ranjan (L) |
| 8. Neave Yusuf | 2. Joseph Beim |
| 9. Sarah Lee | 3. Cyril Thomas |
| 10. Stella Lee | Sacristans |
| 11. Ella Hindmarch | 1. Rona Mcleod (L) |
| | 2. Carman Vasquez |

Altar Servers

Role: Assists the priest during the Mass by carrying the cross, candles, thurible, and other items used in liturgical celebrations. They help maintain the smooth flow of the liturgical services.

Master of Ceremonies (MC)

Role: Co-ordinates altar servers and ensures the liturgical celebration is orderly and follows the protocol.

Sacristans

Role: Prepares the altar and sacred vessels before the Mass, ensuring everything is clean and set up. They also care for the sacred items used during liturgical services and secure them afterward.



EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Saturdays: 1. Kate Cotton, 2. Anne King (L), 3. Jane Gerrard

Sundays: 1. Carmen Vasquez (L), 2. Lithin Zacharias, 3. Sr Ursula

Role: Assist the priest in distributing Holy Communion during Mass and taking Communion to the sick and housebound. They are frequently called Eucharistic Ministers.

WELCOME TEAM AND TEA & COFFEE TEAM

TEAM 1

1. Ana V Gonzalez (Lead)
2. Gisela B Lewis
3. Viviane Thatchel

TEAM 2

1. Ana V Gonzalez (Lead)
2. Beatrice Beim
3. Fernanda Ruiz

Tea & Coffee: Carman Vasquez (Lead) and Team

Role: Greet parishioners and newcomers as they arrive for Mass, distribute hymn books or newsletters, and provide a warm, welcoming atmosphere. They often guide visitors and introduce them to parish activities.

OFFERTORY TEAM

Group A

1. James Al-Hachache
2. Tiffany Katungu

Group B

1. Elisa Fuentes
2. Eve Beim

Group C

1. Almina Jayakatilaca
2. Luciana Díaz-Jiménez

Group D

1. Mariana Diaz-Jimenez
2. Luna Burrige

Group E

1. Ada Beim
2. Maya Abi Karam

Group F

1. Dahlia Abi Karam
2. Jolie Czechyra

Group G: 1. Isabella Baker-Martinez 2. Clara Baker-Martinez

Role: Co-ordinate the collection and presentation of offerings (e.g., bread, wine, monetary contributions) during the Mass, symbolising the community's gifts to God.

Catechists: Sr Ursula Eberhardt (Lead), Christiane Ganteaume, Adriana Jimenez, Samantha Keegan, Kate Cotton and Celia Hannigan

Role: Teach and guide parishioners, especially children and adults preparing for sacraments such as Baptism, First Holy Communion, and Confirmation. They play a crucial role in religious education.

Safeguarding Representative:

Role: Ensure the safety and well-being of children, vulnerable adults, and all parishioners. They implement safeguarding policies and provide training to volunteers and staff.

St Ann's Church Everyday Running Teams 2025

Social Committee: **Anne King (Lead), Joseph Rajmohan, Bernard Brenninkmeijer, Young Adult Representatives**

Role: Plan and organise parish social events, such as gatherings, celebrations, and fundraisers, to foster a sense of community and engagement among parishioners.

Finance Committee: **Nico Brenninkmeijer (Chair), Denis King, Andrew Keegan, Yasmin D'Souza, Joseph Rajmohan (Church Maintenance Team Lead), Anneiston Inpanathan (Book Keeper)**

Role: Responsible for budgeting, transparent financial oversight, planning the new parish projects, supporting fundraising campaigns and look after the church and campus facility maintenance.

Bookkeeper & Gift Aid Co-ordinators: : **Anneiston Inpanathan (Book Keeper), Karthick Johnson (Gift-Aid) and Helan Lashika (Gift-Aid)**

Bookkeeper: Maintains the parish's financial records, tracks expenses, and prepares reports.

Gift Aid Co-ordinators: Encourage parishioners to sign up for the Gift Aid scheme, allowing the church to reclaim tax on donations, and manage the associated records.

Counting & Banking: **Joseph Rajmohan & Team, Viviane Thatcher & Team**

Role: Responsible for counting the weekly collections, ensuring accuracy, and depositing the funds into the church's bank account securely.

Floral & Church Decoration: **Caterina Keyrouz (Lead) & Susy Flint**

Role: Design and arrange floral decorations for the church, especially for Sundays and major liturgical celebrations like Christmas & Easter, enhancing the sacred space.

Church Maintenance Team: **Joseph Rajmohan (Lead), Martin Agyemang, Jose Diaz, Shamintha Jayatilaka, Koffi Rodrigue, Lithin Zacharias, Carman Vasquez**

Role: Perform routine upkeep of the church building and grounds, including cleaning, repairs, and general maintenance, ensuring the space is safe and welcoming.

Catering Team: **Dory Al Hachache (Lead), Andre Mendez**

Role: Prepare special food and beverages for parish events, and gatherings, ensuring hospitality during social occasions.



St Ann's Pilgrim Church in the Jubilee Year 2025



24 Dec 2024 - 6 Jan 2026

The year 2025 is a very special year for St Ann's Catholic Church, as it has been **chosen as one of the few churches in the Archdiocese of Southwark to be designated a Pilgrim Church for the Jubilee Year 2025.**

During this sacred year, pilgrims from all over London and beyond will journey to St Ann's to pass through the Holy Door, receive a plenary indulgence, and participate in Pilgrimage Masses and devotions.

This designation is an extraordinary honour and an opportunity for all of us to deepen our faith, encounter God's mercy, and share in the graces of this Jubilee. Let us prepare our hearts to welcome pilgrims and to take part in this spiritual journey as a parish community.

During this period, pilgrims are invited to visit St. Ann's to:

- **Enter the Door of Mercy.**
- **Participate in Mass and the Sacraments.**
- **Pray for the Pope's intentions.**
- **Engage in acts of mercy and charity.**

Your church will remain a special destination for spiritual renewal and grace throughout this time.

**Pilgrims' Mass: Every Saturday
at 11.15 am Adoration and 12 noon Mass
From 1 April 2025 at 9.45 am - Rosary Walk to Richmond Park**



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MASS TIMING

Monday, Wednesday and Friday 10 am

Saturday 12 noon - Pilgrims' Mass

Tuesday 7.00 pm

Saturday 6.00 pm (Vigil Mass)

Sunday 10.30 am (Family Mass)

Thursday - No Mass

ADORATION

Tuesday 6.30 pm

Friday 9.30 am

Saturday 11.15 am - Pilgrims

CONFESSION

Saturday morning during adoration

Other days at the request



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