



Sunday 02 February 2025
NEWSLETTER

The Presentation of the Lord

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"Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven." – Matthew 5:16

Dear Parish Family,

As we step into February, we enter a month of sacrifice, commitment, and community building. Candlemas, the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, sets the tone - reminding us that faith is about offering ourselves to God and serving one another.

This month, every week calls us to give, build, and grow as a parish family:

- **First Sunday – Kids' Gardening Day:** Our children take their first step in stewardship, dedicating their time and energy to tending God's house. A small offering, but one that teaches them faith in action.
- **Second Sunday – Synodal Parish Team Meeting:** A time for discernment, planning, and sacrifice as various parish representatives come together to shape the future of St. Ann's.
- **Third Sunday – Finance Committee Meeting:** Ensuring that our sacrifices bear fruit, this meeting will focus on how we sustain, grow, and nurture our parish for the years to come.
- **Fourth Sunday – Winter Parish Gathering:** After weeks of giving, we come together to share, to celebrate, and to offer our presence to one another. Families will bring meals, share their time, and strengthen our bonds in faith.

February is a time of offering - not just in prayer, but in action. Each step, from gardening to meetings to shared meals, is a sacrifice for the parish, a sign of our commitment to make St. Ann's a home for all.

I invite each of you to be part of this journey - to work, discern, support, and celebrate together. As we offer our time, our talents, and our presence, may our parish grow stronger, warmer, and more alive in faith.

With prayers and gratitude,

Fr James Raj, Parish Priest, (jamesraj@rcaos.org.uk)

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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.



St Ann's Winter Celebration at Holy Cross Prep School Campus

📍 **Address: Holy Cross Preparatory School,
George Rd, Kingston upon Thames KT2 7NU**

As mentioned in our Annual Planner, we are excited to host a Winter Celebration and Mass at Holy Cross Preparatory School on Sunday, 23rd February 2025.

Schedule:

🕒 **Date: 23rd February 2025, Sunday**

🕒 **10:30 AM** – Fun games for kids, couples, and seniors,
followed by Holy Mass.

🍽️ **Shared Meal** – Bring a dish to share and enjoy fellowship.

📌 **Please note:** There will be no Sunday Mass at St. Ann's Church on this day (February 23).

We encourage all to join us at Holy Cross Prep School campus for this joyful celebration. This event is a wonderful opportunity to connect as a community before the start of the Lenten season, similar to our summer outdoor days.

- ◆ Sign-up forms are available at the back of the church and in the hall.
- ◆ **If you would like to bring a dish, contribute food items, or volunteer, please provide your details on the sign-up sheet available at the back of the church or in the tea area at the hall.**

🚗 **Transport Support:** If you can assist with transport or need a lift, please add your name and contact details on the sign-up sheet as well.

Let's come together to celebrate, share, and make this a memorable event for our parish family.

🌸 **Flowers at the Sanctuary** 🌸 Today's Sanctuary flowers are sponsored in memory of Max Cockings. We kindly request you to remember his soul and his family in your prayers. May the Lord grant him eternal rest and bring comfort to his loved ones.

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD: LITURGICAL COLOUR: WHITE YEAR: C(I).

Entrance Antiphon - Cf. Ps 47: 10-11 Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple. Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with saving justice.

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: 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

Malachi 3:1-4

Thus says the LORD God: Behold, I send my messenger, and he will prepare the way before me. And the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his Temple; and the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, behold, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap. He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and they will bring offerings in righteousness to the LORD. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years. The word of the Lord. **All reply: Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm**Ps 24(23):7. 8. 9. 10. 8a****The LORD of hosts, he is the king of glory!**

O gates, lift high your heads; grow higher, ancient doors. Let him enter, the king of glory! **The LORD of hosts, he is the king of glory!**

Who is this king of glory? The LORD, the mighty, the valiant; the LORD, the valiant in war. **The LORD of hosts, he is the king of glory!**

O gates, lift high your heads; grow higher, ancient doors. Let him enter, the king of glory! **The LORD of hosts, he is the king of glory!**

Who is this king of glory? He, the LORD of hosts, he is the king of glory.

The LORD of hosts, he is the king of glory!**Second reading****Hebrews 2:14-18**

Since the children share in flesh and blood, Jesus himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery. For surely it is not angels that he helps, but he helps the offspring of Abraham. Therefore he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

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

Gospel Acclamation**Luke 2:32**

Alleluia, alleluia. A light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel. **Alleluia.**

Gospel: Luke 2:22-40: Will be proclaimed

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

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: Lk 2: 30-31 My eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples.

Confirmation Notice 

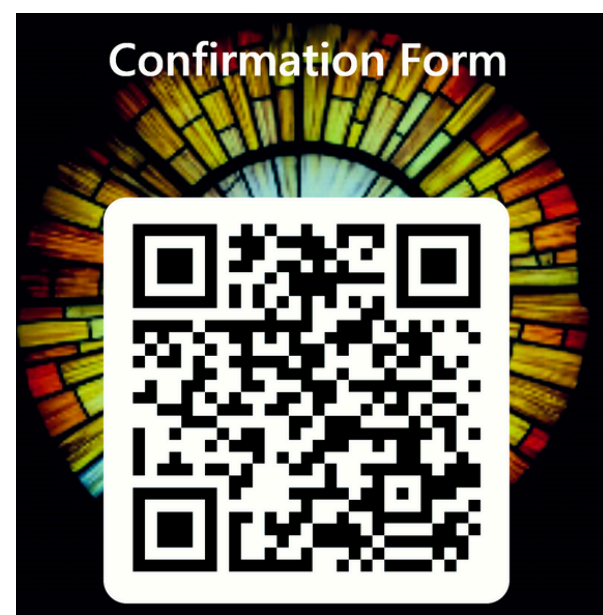
The Confirmation Programme at St. Ann's Catholic Church will **begin on Saturday, 8th March 2025**. Sessions will be held for eight Saturdays from 4:30 PM to 5:45 PM, followed by the 6:00 PM Mass. The Confirmation Mass will take place on **25th May 2025 at 10:30 AM**.

Candidates aged 13 and above are invited to register. The registration form is available on the church website, and a QR code for registration is provided on the side along with this notice.

Please scan the QR code to register.

We encourage all eligible young people to take this important step in their faith journey.

You are most welcome!



Form QR Code

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

JUBILEE YEAR: PILGRIM MASSES AND ADORATIONS

As part of the Jubilee Year celebrations, we warmly invite you to join our Pilgrim Masses and Adorations:

- **Tuesdays: 6:15 PM Adoration followed by 7:00 PM Mass.**
- **Saturdays: 11:15 AM Adoration followed by 12:00 Noon Mass.**

These sacred times of prayer and reflection offer an opportunity to receive plenary indulgences and grow closer to God during this special year.

CALLED TO BEAR FRUIT: SHAPING THE FUTURE OF OUR ARCHDIOCESE

The Archbishop invites everyone to reflect on the themes outlined in the Called to Bear Fruit booklet and participate in shaping the future of our Archdiocese.

Here's how you can get involved:

- **Form a Group:** Gather 4-12 people for discussions.
- **Flexible Schedule:** Cover all six themes across six sessions or combine them into fewer meetings.
- **Share Your Reflections:** Submit your insights online or as a typed hard copy.

Your participation will help enrich the understanding of our Archdiocese's needs. Let's work together to bear fruit for the future. The Booklets are available at the back of the church, please collect one for you.

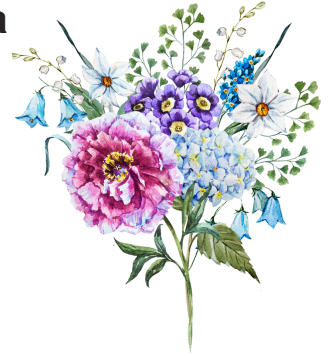
Announcements



Congratulations to the Newly Baptised

We rejoice as a parish family in welcoming **Arianna and Sofia** into the Body of Christ through the Sacrament of Baptism.

May the grace of God guide and bless them as they begin their journey of faith, and may they always feel the love and support of our parish community. Let us keep them and their families in our prayers as they grow in the light of Christ.



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. The members who will participate are: **Fr James Raj** (Parish Priest), **Sr Ursula Eberhardt** (Catechism Lead) **Christiane Ganteaume** (Catechist), **Adriana Jimenez** (Catechist), **Samantha Keegan** (Catechist), **Celia Hannigan** (Catechist), **Anne King** (Social), **Joseph Rajmohan** (Church Maintenance & finance), **Bernard Brenninkmeijer** (Charity Representation), **Daniel Mokwena** (Youth), **Caterina Keyrouz** (Florist), **Susy & Chris Flint** (Family Representation), **Dory Al Hachache** (Catering), **Ana V Gonzalez** (Welcome), **Carman Vasquez** (Tea & Coffee), **Rona Mcleod** (Sacristan), **Fernanda Ruiz Shamintha Jayatilaka** (Family Representation), **Lourdes Fuentes** (Kids Gardening) **Joseph Beim** (Altar Server), **Jonathan Al Hachache** (Choir),

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. The Members who will participate are: **Fr James Raj** (Parish Priest), **Nico Brenninkmeijer** (Chair), **Denis King**, **Andrew Keegan**, **Yasmin D'Souza**, **Joseph Rajmohan** (Church Maintenance Team Lead), **Anneiston Inpanathan** (Book Keeper).

ST ANN'S READING ROTA FOR SUNDAYS

Role	2nd February	9th February	16th February
1st Reading	Christ Flint	Yasmin D'Souza	Immacula Benedict
Psalm	Koffi Rodrigue	Ian Karuhanga	Joseph Beim
2nd Reading	Andrew Keegan	Volunteer	Ann Titus
Bidding Prayer	Joseph Rajmohan	Julissa	Adriana Jimenez
Offertory	Ada Beim & Maya Abi	Dahlia & Jolie	Isabella & Clara

ST ANN'S LITURGICAL CALENDAR WITH MASS INTENTIONS

Date	Time	Intention	Celebration
Sunday 02/02	10.30 am	Max Cockings RIP	4th Ord. Sunday
Monday 03/02	10 am	Jeremy Ravendran RIP (Anni.)	St Blasise
Tuesday 04/02	7.00 pm	Intentions Available	Pilgrims Mass
Wednesday 05/02	10 am	Diana Hosman & Marie Josee	St Agatha
Thursday 06/02	No Mass		
Friday 07/02	10.00 am	Intentions Available	Ordinary Time
Saturday 08/02	12 Noon	Clergy & Religious	Pilgrims Mass
	6 pm (Vigil)	People of the Parish	5th Ord. Sunday
Sunday 09/02	10.30 am	Immacula & Canute W/A	5th Ord. Sunday



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Sunday Loose Collection: £

FOR ST ANN'S CHURCH OFFERING

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Account Number: 79124429

Sort Code: 60-50-01, Bank: NatWest

Contactless Card Payment: £ 80.00

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.