

Embraced by Love, Guided by Mothers



Dear Parish Family,

This Sunday's Gospel brings us the Parable of the Prodigal Son, reminding us that God is always waiting with **compassion, with mercy, and with open arms**. It is the image of a father running to his child, and within that embrace, we can also sense the gentleness of a mother's heart—full of patience, sacrifice, and unconditional love.

As we celebrate Mother's Day, we thank all the mothers, grandmothers, and women of our parish who reflect God's loving care in our lives. After the Mass, you are warmly invited to join us in the parish hall for a light celebration. We also extend our prayers to all those whose mothers live in memory and in spirit.

Please also note:

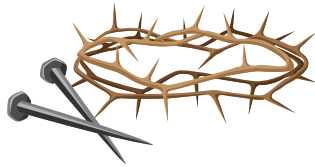
🌱 Looking ahead, **our Parish Planting Day will take place on Sunday, April 27, after the 10:30 AM Mass**. Everyone is welcome to plant a flower, bush, or shrub on our church grounds—perhaps in memory of a loved one or as a gift to the parish. It will be a joyful, family-friendly event. All neighbours and benefactors will be specially invited. Please mark the date in your diary and be part of this beautiful moment of community and care for creation.

👤 **Easter Invitations** are now available at the back of the church. Kindly take one home and share it with your family and friends, inviting them to join us during Holy Week and Easter celebrations.

🏠 During Lent and Easter, I am also happy to **visit homes for house blessings**. If you would like me to bless your home and pray with your family, please feel free to contact me directly.

Finally, I extend warm wishes and safe travels to all families going on holiday during this season. May your time away be refreshing and joyful, and may the spirit of Lent continue to guide you wherever you go.

With Blessings and prayers, Fr. James Raj (jamesraj@rcaos.org.uk)



Holy Week at St Ann's

Programme

PALM SUNDAY - 13TH APRIL

(10:30 AM Procession & Mass)

MAUNDY THURSDAY - 17TH APRIL

(7:00 PM Mass - Washing of the Feet)

GOOD FRIDAY - 18TH APRIL

2:00 PM - Outdoor Way of the Cross

3:00 PM - Passion Service

EASTER VIGIL - 19TH APRIL

(7:00 PM followed by refreshments)

EASTER SUNDAY - 20TH APRIL

(10:30 AM Mass followed by refreshments)

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY - 27TH APRIL

(10.30 AM mass followed by Parish Planting Day & Opening of Francis of Assisi's Fountain)



"Where flowers bloom, so does Hope"

LET'S JOIN AS FAMILY. YOU ARE INVITED



PARISH PLANTING DAY & BLESSING OF THE FRANCIS OF ASSISI FOUNTAIN

Organised by Sunday Catechism Children & Church Maintenance Team

Joined by all parishioners, neighbours, well wishers, school staff and children to join in planting a variety of plants across the church grounds.

APRIL

SUNDAY

27

AFTER 10.30 AM MASS

2025

**ST ANN'S PILGRIMS CHURCH
KINGSTON HILL - KT2 7LX**



4TH SUNDAY OF LENT - LITURGICAL COLOUR: VIOLET. YEAR: C(I).**Entrance Antiphon - Cf. Is 66: 10-11**

Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning;
exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

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 Liturgy of the Word**First reading****Joshua 5:9a, 10-12**

In those days: The LORD said to Joshua, 'Today I have rolled away the reproach of Egypt from you.' While the people of Israel were encamped at Gilgal, they kept the Passover on the fourteenth day of the month in the evening on the plains of Jericho. And the day after the Passover, on that very day, they ate of the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. And the manna ceased the day after they ate of the produce of the land. And there was no longer manna for the people of Israel, but they ate of the fruit of the land of Canaan that year.

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

Responsorial Psalm**Ps 34(33):2-3. 4-5. 6-7. R̄ cf. 18b**

R. Taste and see that the LORD is good.

I will bless the LORD at all times, praise of him is always in my mouth. In the LORD my soul shall make its boast; the humble shall hear and be glad.

R. Taste and see that the LORD is good.

Glorify the LORD with me; together let us praise his name. I sought the LORD, and he answered me; from all my terrors he set me free.

R. Taste and see that the LORD is good.

Look towards him and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed. This lowly one called; the LORD heard, and rescued him from all his distress.

R. Taste and see that the LORD is good.

Second reading**2 Corinthians 5:17-21**

Brothers and Sisters: If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled

us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ; God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ: be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

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

Gospel Acclamation

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus. I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you'. Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus.

Gospel

Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

At that time: The tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, 'This man receives sinners and eats with them.' So he told them this parable: 'There was a man who had two sons. And the younger of them said to his father, "Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me." And he divided his property between them. Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living. And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything. 'But when he came to himself, he said, "How many of my father's hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants.' 'And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. And the son said to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son." But the father said to his servants, "Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found." And they began to celebrate. 'Now his older son was in the field, and as he came

and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. And he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. And he said to him, "Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has received him back safe and sound." But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, but he answered his father, "Look, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command, yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!" And he said to him, "Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found." The Gospel of the Lord: 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

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: Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free..

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.

Jesus Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. (4)
Jesus 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: You must rejoice, my son, for your brother was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found.

Welcome, Marymount School - Pilgrims of Hope Sponsored Walk





We are delighted to welcome Marymount International School to St. Anne's Church on Tuesday, April 1st, as part of their 'Pilgrims of Hope' Sponsored Walk. Students from Grades 6 to 12 will join us for a moment of morning prayer and reflection during their journey to Richmond Park. It is a joy to be part of their pilgrimage, and we pray that this walk will be a grace-filled experience for all staff and students. May this time deepen their connection with God, with nature, and with one another. We are happy to accompany them in their Lenten journey of faith and hope.

Foodbank Collection Drive – An Act of Solidarity during Lent



We are launching a Food Collection Drive at Sunday Masses to support **the Kingston Foodbank, which serves over 50 families each week**, including the homeless, refugees, and struggling families in our local area.

 Collection baskets will be placed at Mary's Chapel starting next Sunday. Let this be a Lenten act of compassion and solidarity. Most needed items include:

Tinned meat, vegetables, pasta, rice, milk, cereal, tea/coffee, toiletries, Rice and tinned tomatoes, Tea, coffee, and hot chocolate, Cereal and porridge oats, Cooking oil and sugar, Tinned fruit and custard, Instant noodles and packet soup, Peanut butter and jam.  For the full list of items, scan the QR code given

Way of the Cross on Friday



Our Church Grounds – A Labour of Love and Community Care

Over the past few weeks, our parish community has lovingly worked to renew and beautify the church lawn and surrounding areas. We began with clearing, levelling, and removing unwanted materials, followed by three full days of grass seeding using MM21 Grass Seed on the front, right, and left sides of the church.

A special thank you to **Michael Ferncombe and Jack Ferncombe, Peter McCormack, San McCormack, Josh Fitzpatrick, Josh Little, Loyola Raj, Bernard Brenninkmeijer, Koffi Rodrigue, Romola Cardoza, Lourdes Fuentes, Diane, Liam Martin, Joseph Rajmohan, Lian, and Martin Agyemang.**

We are also grateful to **Liam Martin**, who will assist with the installation of a sprinkler system to keep our new grass and plants well cared for. Please keep this project in your prayers as the seeds begin to grow. If you are able to help with watering or light care, kindly speak to Fr. James. Your support is a blessing. Together, we are helping St. Anne's flourish—in beauty, in faith, and in community.



ST ANN'S READING ROTA FOR SUNDAYS

Role	30 th March	06 th April	13 th April
1st Reading	Bernard	Disona Dominic	Sr Ursula Eberhardt
Psalm	Koffi Rodrigue	Vivian Thatcher	Caterina Keyrouz
2nd Reading	Daniel Mokwena	Lourdes Fuentes	Mathew Athakattu
Bidding Prayer	Christobel Al Hachache	Chidinma Igwilo	Romola Cardoza
Offertory	Dahlia & Jolie	Isabella & Clara	James & Tiffany

ST ANN'S LITURGICAL CALENDAR WITH MASS INTENTIONS

Date	Time	Intention	Celebration
Sunday 30/03	10.30 am	All Mothers of the Parish	Laetare Sunday
Monday 31/03	10 am	Jim Magullion RIP	Lenten Week
Tuesday 01/04	7.00 pm	Jack & Mcry Roycroft RIP	Pilgrims Mass
Wednesday 02/04	10 am	Christine Bond RIP	Lenten Week
Thursday 03/04	No Mass		
Friday 04/04	7.00 pm	Laila's Special Intentions	7.20 - Way of the Cross
Saturday 05/04	12 Noon	Anne Homberger RIP	Pilgrims Mass
	6 pm	Joseph & Margaret Agyemang RIP	5th Sunday of Lent
Sunday 06/04	10.30 am	Max Cockings RIP	5th Sunday of Lent



Donate - St Ann's

Sunday Loose Collection: £

FOR ST ANN'S CHURCH OFFERING

Account Name: RCAS Kingston Hill

Account Number: 79124429

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

Contactless Card Payment: £ 490.00

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.