

Let Go of the Stone – Embrace Mercy



Dear Parish Family,

This Sunday's Gospel brings us the powerful story of the woman caught in adultery—a moment that reveals not only the deep mercy of Jesus, but also challenges each of us to reflect on how we see others, how we treat our own failures, and how we open ourselves to God's forgiveness.

As Jesus bends down to write in the dust, He disarms the crowd—not with arguments, but with silent truth.

Whether He was writing about mercy or judgment, one thing is clear: no one could stand before Him without acknowledging their own sin. Like the accusers, we too must drop our stones - judgments, gossip, resentment - and stand humbly before God, ready to receive the mercy He so freely offers.

Next Sunday, we begin **Holy Week with Palm Sunday**, the most sacred season of our faith. I warmly invite you and your families to **join us for the Palm Sunday Procession which will begin on the right side of the church and continue through the car park, entering into the church for Mass. The procession will begin promptly at 10:30 AM and will last around 10–15 minutes. Please come early and be part of this beautiful beginning of Jesus' journey to the cross.**

A few parish updates as we continue our Lenten journey:

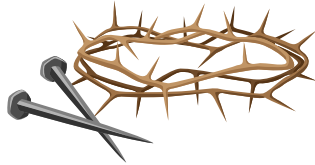
🌿 **Foodbank Collection:** A donation basket is now available near Mary's Chapel. Please be generous—your support brings hope to families in real need.

The basket will remain until Holy Week.

🎫 **Easter Raffle:** You are welcome to drop your raffle stubs in the designated box at the back of the church. If you would like to contribute towards the 5 Mega Raffle Prizes, your donations are most welcome.

Let us walk into Holy Week as a parish united in prayer, humility, and hope - dropping the stones, letting go of burdens, and embracing the mercy that Jesus offers each of us.

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**



5TH SUNDAY OF LENT - LITURGICAL COLOUR: VIOLET. YEAR: C(I).**Entrance Antiphon - Cf. Ps 42: 1-2**

Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless.
From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength.

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****Isaiah 43:16-21**

Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, who brings forth chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: 'Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old. Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. The wild beasts will honour me, the jackals and the ostriches, for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, the people whom I formed for myself that they might declare my praise.'

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

Responsorial Psalm**Ps 126(125):1-2b. 2c-3. 4-5. 6.****℟3**

R. What great deeds the LORD worked for us! Indeed, we were glad.

When the LORD brought back the exiles of Sion, we thought we were dreaming.
Then was our mouth filled with laughter; on our tongues, songs of joy.

R. What great deeds the LORD worked for us! Indeed, we were glad.

Then they said among the nations, 'What great deeds the LORD worked for them!'
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Bring back our exiles, O LORD, as streams in the Negeb. Those who are sowing in tears will sing when they reap.

R. What great deeds the LORD worked for us! Indeed, we were glad.

They go out, they go out, full of tears, bearing seed for the sowing; they come back, they come back with a song, bearing their sheaves.

R. What great deeds the LORD worked for us! Indeed, we were glad.

Second reading**Philippians 3:8-14**

Brothers and Sisters: I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith — that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Brothers and sisters, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on towards the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

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

Gospel Acclamation

Glory to you, O Christ, Son of the living God. Even now, says the Lord, return to me with all your heart, for I am gracious and merciful. Glory to you, O Christ, Son of the living God.

Gospel**John 8:1-11**

At that time: Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. Early in the morning he came again to the temple. All the people came to him, and he sat down and taught them. The scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery, and placing her in the midst they said to him, 'Teacher, this woman has been caught in the act of adultery. Now in the Law, Moses commanded us to stone such women. So what do you say?' This they said to test him, that they might have some charge to bring against him. Jesus bent down and wrote with his finger on the ground. And as they continued to ask him, he stood up and said to them, 'Let him who is without sin among you be the first to throw a stone at her.' And once more he bent down and wrote on the ground. But when they heard it, they went away one by one, beginning with the older ones, and Jesus was left alone with the woman standing before him. Jesus stood up and said to her, 'Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?' She said, 'No one, Lord.' And Jesus said, 'Neither do I condemn you; go, and from now on sin no more.'

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

The Creed: I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. 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: Has no one condemned you, woman? No one, Lord.
Neither shall I condemn you. From now on, sin no more.

"Called to Bear Fruit" Reports – last date to submit your Answers

Please submit your report for the "Called to Bear Fruit" initiative,
kindly note that the final deadline is Saturday, 6 April.

Marymount School Visit – Pilgrims of Hope Walk




We welcomed the entire Marymount School community as part of their Jubilee “Pilgrims of Hope” Sponsored Walk to Pembroke Lodge. Students and staff participated. A short prayer service was held in the church, followed by light refreshments. Thank you to our wonderful volunteer team for supporting this beautiful moment of hospitality.

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 are placed at Mary’s Chapel. 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

Palm Sunday – Request for Palms



Next Sunday is Palm Sunday, marking the beginning of Holy Week. If any of you have palm trees at home, you are warmly invited to bring them to church to help us decorate and create a prayerful and festive environment. Your contribution will help beautify the liturgy for all. Please let Fr James or Katherine to know about the availability. If you would like to give, please bring by Thursday 10th April 2025.⁶

Easter Raffle – 5 Mega Prizes: Our Easter Raffle is in full swing! We encourage everyone to sell and return their raffle tickets. You can drop the sold ones at the box provided near the altar front. All proceeds will go towards the development of our children's play area. If anyone would like to donate a gift towards one of the five main raffle prizes, your support is most welcome.

Easter Offering Envelopes for Priests: Easter envelopes are now available at the back of the church. Your offering is a personal gift to the priest, as priests do not receive a regular salary but have a basic monthly stipend (£144). In addition, priests may receive: Mass stipends (£10 per intoned Mass), Stole fees for sacraments such as baptisms or funerals, when offered. Your generosity at Easter and Christmas helps support the priest's pastoral ministry throughout the year. Thank you for your continued kindness and care.

Lenten Recollection & Personal Prayer Time

Parishioners including Sr Ursula have taken time during Lent to visit the church quietly for prayer, watering plants, cleaning the church (Fridays) or simply being present before the Lord. If you and your family would like to do the same, you are most welcome. **The church and its spaces are open and available at your request.** Please feel free to use this opportunity to reflect, pray, and reconnect.

Thank You – Church Garden Irrigation

A heartfelt thank you to Liam Martin and Dylan for their kind and skilled help in setting up the sprinkler and drip irrigation system for our church garden. Your effort and care will help our plants flourish and keep the grounds beautiful throughout the seasons. May God bless your hands and hearts for your generous service.



ST ANN'S READING ROTA FOR SUNDAYS

Role	06 th April	13 th April	20 th April
1st Reading	Disona Dominic	Sr Ursula Eberhardt	Chris Flint
Psalm	Vivian Thatcher	Caterina Keyrouz	Samantha Keegan
2nd Reading	Lourdes Fuentes	Mathew Athakattu	Aaron Yusuf
Bidding Prayer	Chidinma Igwilo	Romola Cardoza	Jonathan
Offertory	Isabella & Clara	James & Tiffany	Elisa & Eve

ST ANN'S LITURGICAL CALENDAR WITH MASS INTENTIONS

Date	Time	Intention	Celebration
Sunday 06/04	10.30 am	Max Cockings RIP	5th Sunday of Lent
Monday 07/04	10 am	Intention Available	Lenten Week
Tuesday 08/04	7.00 pm	Intention Available	Pilgrims Mass
Wednesday 09/04	10 am	Jim Magullion RIP	Lenten Week
Thursday 10/04	No Mass		
Friday 11/04	7.00 pm	Special Intentions	7.20 - Way of the Cross
Saturday 12/04	12 Noon	Max Cockings RIP	Pilgrims Mass
	6 pm	Jim Magullion RIP	Palm Sunday Vigil
Sunday 13/04	10.30 am	Intention Available	Palm Sunday



Donate - St Ann's

Sunday Loose Collection: £ 250.56

FOR ST ANN'S CHURCH OFFERING

Account Name: RCAS Kingston Hill

Account Number: 79124429

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

Contactless Card Payment: £ 448.00

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.