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NEWSLETTER

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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"With God's Grace, We Begin Again"

My dear brothers and sisters,

It is a great joy to reach out to you again at the beginning of this new academic year 2025–26. Many of you have returned from your holidays refreshed, and I pray that this season brings us all new beginnings and renewed energy.

To all our children and young people – I wish you the very best for your studies, exams, and future hopes. Always remember: do your best, and leave the rest to God. As Scripture reminds us: "Commit your work to the Lord, and your plans will be established" (Proverbs 16:3). Work hard, and trust that God will bless the fruits of your effort. May the loving intercession of our Blessed Mother accompany you in every step of your journey.

I also want to express my heartfelt gratitude for the wonderful support you have given me throughout my first year here at St Ann's. This parish has truly become my home – my beloved place, my paradise, and indeed a gift from God. Reflecting on this year, I am deeply moved by the way the Lord has shaped us as a community of faith, hope, and love.

Brothers and sisters, I assure you of my continued service with all humility and joy. I also ask for your valuable prayers and suggestions, so that together we may continue our journey of faith and community life. "Let all that you do be done in love" (1 Corinthians 16:14). May God bless each of you abundantly.

With prayers and blessings, **Fr James Raj**



HYMNS FOR THE MASS

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| Entrance | 37 - Alleluia, sing to Jesus | Mem. Acclamation | 440c - Save us Saviour |
| Gloria | 1011 - Glory Glory | Agnus Dei | 466 - Lamb of God |
| Offertory | 302 - In bread we bring you | Communion | 730 - This is my body |
| Santus | 439 - Holy Holy Holy | Recessional | 263 - Holy Virgin, by God's dec |

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Liturgical Colour: Green**Entrance Antiphon**

Ps 85: 3, 5: Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**First reading****Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29**

My son, perform your tasks in meekness; then you will be loved by those whom God accepts. The greater you are, the more you must humble yourself; so you will find favour in the sight of the Lord. For great is the might of the Lord; he is glorified by the humble. The affliction of the proud has no healing, for a plant of wickedness has taken root in him. The mind of the intelligent man will ponder a parable, and an attentive ear is the wise man's desire. **The word of the Lord. R. Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm**Ps 68(67):4-5ac. 6-7b. 10-11. R cf. 11b**

R. In your goodness, O God, you provided a home for the poor.

The upright shall rejoice at the presence of God; they shall exult with glad rejoicing O sing to God; make music to his name. The LORD is his name. **R.**

Father of orphans, defender of widows: such is God in his holy place. God gives the desolate a home to dwell in; he leads the prisoners forth into prosperity. **R.**

You poured down, O God, a generous rain; when your heritage languished, you restored it. It was there that your flock began to dwell. In your goodness, O God, you provided for the poor. **R.**

Second reading**Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a**

Brothers and Sisters: You have not come to what may be touched, a blazing fire and darkness and gloom and a tempest and the sound of a trumpet and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that no further messages be spoken to them. But you have come to Mount Sion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant. **The word of the Lord. R. Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation: **Matthew 11:29ab: Alleluia, alleluia.**

Take my yoke upon you, says the Lord, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart. Alleluia.

Gospel**Luke 14:1, 7-14**

One Sabbath, when Jesus went to dine at the house of a ruler of the Pharisees, they were watching him carefully. Now he told a parable to those who were invited, when he noticed how they chose the places of honour, saying to them, 'When you are invited by someone to a wedding feast, do not sit down in a place of honour, lest someone more distinguished than you be invited by him, and he who invited you both will come and say to you, "Give your place to this person", and then you, with shame, will take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit in the lowest place, so that when your host comes he may say to you, "Friend, move up higher." Then you will be honoured in the presence of all who sit at table with you. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.' He said also to the man who had invited him, 'When you give a dinner or a banquet, do not invite your friends, or your brothers and sisters or your relatives or rich neighbours, lest they also invite you in return and you be repaid. But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the just.'

'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.

Tea and Coffee after Sunday Mass

Everyone is invited to join us for tea and coffee at our Garden 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.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2025 -2026 REGISTRATION

Preparations for First Holy Communion will begin **on Monday, 22nd September 2025** at St Ann's Catholic Church, Kingston Hill. Lessons will take place **in the Parish Hall every Monday from 5:30 p.m. to 6:15 p.m.** The First Holy Communion Celebration Mass will be held on Saturday, **7th June 2026 at 12 noon**. Parents are kindly requested to complete the registration form online using the QR code provided in the newsletter. We warmly invite families to accompany their children on this journey of faith towards this special sacrament.

**DOUBLE GLAZING PROJECT – APPEAL FOR SUPPORT**

The priest's house at St Ann's currently **has single-glazed iron windows and doors, making it extremely cold during winter, difficult to heat, and inefficient in terms of energy use. To improve comfort, reduce heating costs, and care for the property more sustainably**, we are undertaking a double glazing upgrade. We have received professional quote, for £28,500. The Finance Committee and Church Maintenance Committee has reviewed and approved this essential project.

We now invite your kind support to help fund this work. Contributions can be made in the following ways:

Bank Transfer (preferred method):

Account Name: RCAS Kingston Hill

Bank: NatWest

Account Number: 79124429

Sort Code: 60-50-01

Reference: Double Glazing



QR Code Option: You may **also donate via the QR code which will be displayed at the back of the church. Please note, QR code payments include a 1.5% processing fee**, so direct bank transfer is encouraged for larger or regular donations. Your generosity helps us maintain a warm, safe, and welcoming home for the priest and ensures the long-term care of our parish property.

Thank you for your kind support.

**26%****Received
£ 7415.00**

ST ANN'S PARISH NEWS AND UPDATES

Parish Hall for Hire: If you or your friends are looking for a venue for birthday parties, weddings anniversaries, or any family celebrations, our parish hall is available for hire. It comes with over 60 parking spaces, plenty of tables and chairs, a small kitchen, and even access to our parish garden for outdoor gatherings. To enquire or book, please email kingstonhill@rcaos.org.uk or feel free to contact me directly.

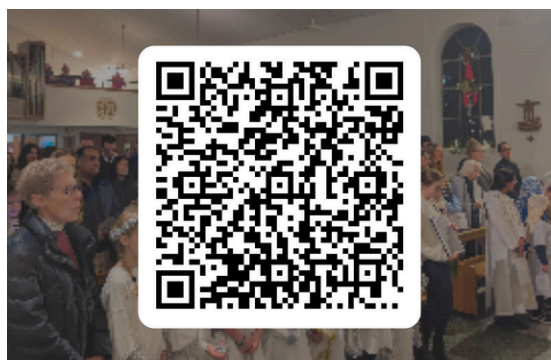


BAPTISM AT ST ANN'S

If you would like to baptise your child in the Catholic faith, you are most welcome. **Baptisms at St Ann's usually take place on Saturdays after the 12 noon Mass.** Please scan the QR code to access the Baptism Application Form. Once you have completed the initial application, parish office will be in touch to guide you through the next steps. We look forward to accompanying your family on this joyful journey of faith.

SUPPORT YOUR PARISH THROUGH REGULAR GIVING

You can support St Ann's by setting up a **Standing Order** for regular contributions. This helps us plan and sustain the life and mission of our parish. If you are a UK taxpayer, please also consider **signing up for Gift Aid**. Through Gift Aid, **the parish receives an additional 25p for every £1 you give** – at no extra cost to you. Standing Order and Gift Aid forms are available in the church or can be accessed via the QR code below.



PARISH REGISTRATION

Thank you for being a part of our parish community! We are **updating our Parish Registration Form both online and on paper.** We prefer online registration to ensure accuracy and reduce administrative work. Kindly update your details to stay connected.

For **parish updates, access to recent homilies, details about upcoming events, hall hire, and various parish activities,** please visit our parish website: www.stannskingstonhill.org.uk You can also scan the QR code displayed at the back of the church or in this newsletter to go directly to the site. This is the best place to stay connected with the life of our parish and to revisit weekly homilies and reflections.



WELCOME TO OUR HOLY CROSS SISTERS

We are delighted to welcome Sr Jana and Sr Katharina from the Munich Community, and Sr Clarissa from Altöttingen, who are here to experience the life of the Holy Cross Sisters in our London community. We pray their time with us may be blessed with joy, learning, and deep communion in faith.



Saturday Talk – August

Last Saturday we had a wonderful gathering for our Pilgrims for the talk on St Francis of Assisi: Care for Creation. A good number of them joined us, and we had an amazing time of reflection and sharing at the grotto. We are happy to share a picture from this blessed occasion.

Pilgrimage Visits from Mary Mount and Holy Cross School: We are delighted to welcome the **Year 12 students of Marymount School** this Monday and Holy Cross School Staff on Tuesday for their pilgrim experience at St Ann's. We kindly ask your prayers for the success of these pilgrim journeys, that they may be moments of grace and inspiration. May God's blessings and guidance be with both schools throughout this new academic year, and may the intercession of Our Lady and St Ann accompany them always.

RCIA Programme 2025–2026: The RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) programme will begin on Sunday, 19th October 2025. The RCIA is the process through which adults are prepared to receive the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist, or to be received into full communion with the Catholic Church. Those who wish to join this journey of faith are invited to speak with Fr James or Sr Ursula for further details.

Annual Planner – New Readers: A heartfelt thank you to all our parish readers for your dedicated service at Mass. Fr James is preparing the Annual Planner for Readers 2026. If you would like to join the readers' rota, please submit your name by scanning the QR code provided in the newsletter.

Silver and Golden Jubilee Masses: Couples or parents of parishioners celebrating a wedding anniversary (10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60, 65, 70, 75, or 80 years) are invited to give their details to Fr James. You will be specially remembered at Mass, and arrangements can be made for a Papal Blessing.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR KIDS

NEW ALTAR SERVERS 27TH SEPTEMBER 2025, 10.30 AM MASS

Any children who are not already altar servers and who have already received their First Holy Communion and would like to serve at the altar are kindly asked to give their names to Mrs Adriana or Fr James. The next induction for the new altar servers will be on 27th September 2025 during 10.30 am mass.

NEXT FAMILY MASS 27TH SEPTEMBER 2025, 10.30 AM MASS

Please note that the last Sunday of every month is celebrated as our Family Mass at St Ann's. On this day, there will be no Sunday Catechism sessions. It is going to be a great day. **All altar servers are kindly requested to arrive 15 minutes early** to prepare for the Mass.



DATES FOR PILGRIMS – ST. ANN'S PILGRIMS CHURCH



As part of our mission as a Pilgrimage Church for the Jubilee Year 2025, we warmly invite you to take part in the following weekly devotions and special events:

WEEKLY PILGRIMAGE DEVOTIONS

EVERY TUESDAY

- 6:15 PM – Adoration and Confession
- 7:00 PM – Holy Mass

EVERY SATURDAY

- 11:15 AM – Adoration and Confession
- 12:00 Noon – Holy Mass

These weekly moments of prayer and encounter are offered for pilgrims, parishioners, and anyone seeking God's grace.

ROSARY WALKS IN RICHMOND PARK

Begin with prayer at the Francis of Assisi Fountain, followed by a reflective walk in nature. All are welcome.

- **Saturday, 06 September 2025 - 9.45 AM**
- **Saturday, 20 September 2025 – 9:45 AM**

FOURTH SATURDAY TALKS AT ST ANN'S HALL (9:45 AM)

25th October 2025 - Finding God in Silence: Teachings of the Desert Fathers₇

ST ANN'S READING ROTA FOR SUNDAYS

| Role | 31 th August | 7 th September | 14 th September |
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| 1st Reading | Volunteers | Bernard Brenninkmeijer | Disona Dominic |
| Psalm | Volunteers | Nimasha Yusuf | Vivian Thatcher |
| 2nd Reading | Volunteers | Daniel Mokwena | Lourdes Fuentes |
| Bidding Prayer | Volunteers | Christobel Al Hachache | Chidinma Igwilo |

ST ANN'S LITURGICAL CALENDAR WITH MASS INTENTIONS

| Date | Time | Intention | Celebration |
|-----------------|----------|--------------------------|---------------|
| Sunday 31/08 | 10.30 am | Mary Philippa Carter RIP | 22nd Sunday |
| Monday 01/09 | 10 am | Jonny Holbrook (W/B) | Ordinary Time |
| Tuesday 02/09 | 7.00 pm | Victor Ramanan Int. | Ordinary Time |
| Wednesday 03/09 | 10 am | Special Intention | St George |
| Thursday 04/09 | No Mass | | |
| Friday 05/09 | 7.00 pm | Kevin Galligan RIP | Ordinary Time |
| Saturday 06/09 | 12 Noon | Tony Boyle RIP | Pilgrims Mass |
| | 6 pm | Fr Joseph Scally RIP | Vigil Mass |
| Sunday 07/09 | 10.30 am | Charmaine Evans Int. | 23rd Sunday |



Donate - St Ann's

Loose Collection: £ 252.53

FOR ST ANN'S CHURCH OFFERING

Account Name: RCAS Kingston Hill

Account Number: 79124429

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

Contactless Collection: £ 102.00

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.