



Sunday 7th Sept 2025

NEWSLETTER

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Discipleship in Action

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus,

This week's Gospel reminds us that discipleship is not about numbers, recognition, or comfort, but about carrying the Cross with love and trust. Jesus is not looking for fans, but for faithful followers who can say with courage: "**Here I am, Lord, I come to do your will**" (Psalm 40:8). To be a disciple is to surrender like Solomon, who prayed for wisdom; to persevere like Moses in the wilderness; and to trust like Joseph, who endured slavery yet became a blessing for his people. Our call is to live with this same depth of faith — not seeking the crowd, but seeking Christ.

With this spirit of discipleship, we were blessed last week **to welcome pilgrims from Holy Cross School and Marymount School**. Their presence filled our parish with joy and prayer, reminding us that young hearts open to God are a powerful witness. I thank the staff and students for beginning their academic year with us and entrusting their journey to the Lord's guidance.

Looking ahead, I warmly invite you, your families, neighbours, and friends to our Pets' Blessing Mass **on Sunday, 5th October at 10.30 am in the garden**. This outdoor celebration, in honour of St Francis of Assisi, will include the blessing of all pets. May it be a joyful sign of how all creation praises God, and how we are called to be faithful stewards of the world He has entrusted to us.

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

HYMNS FOR THE MASS

Entrance	I the Lord of sea - 285	Mem. Acclamation	440c - Save us Saviour
Gloria	1011 - Glory Glory	Agnus Dei	466 - Lamb of God
Offertory	678 - Take our bread	Communion	Be still for the presence - 72
Santus	439 - Holy Holy Holy	Recessional	300 - Immaculate Mary (1,2,10)

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Liturgical Colour: Green**Entrance Antiphon**

Ps 118: 137, 124: You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right;
treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**First reading****Wisdom 9:13-18b**

What human being can learn the counsel of God? Or who can discern what the Lord wills? For the reasoning of mortals is worthless, and our designs are likely to fail, for a perishable body weighs down the soul, and this earthy tent burdens the mind full of thoughts. We can hardly guess at what is on earth, and what is at hand we find with labour; but who has traced out what is in the heavens? Who has learned your counsel, unless you have given wisdom and sent your holy spirit from on high? And thus the paths of those on earth were set right, and people were taught what pleases you.. **The word of the Lord. R. Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm**Ps 90(89):3-4. 5-6. 12-13. 14, 17. R1**

O Lord, you have been our refuge, from generation to generation.

You turn man back to dust, and say, 'Return, O children of Adam.' To your eyes a thousand years are like yesterday, come and gone, or like a watch in the night. R.

You sweep them away like a dream, like grass which is fresh in the morning. In the morning it sprouts and is fresh; by evening it withers and fades. R.

Then teach us to number our days, that we may gain wisdom of heart. Turn back, O LORD! How long? Show pity to your servants. R.

At dawn, fill us with your merciful love; we shall exult and rejoice all our days. Let the favour of the LORD our God be upon us; give success to the work of our hands. O give success to the work of our hands. R.

Second reading**Philemon 9b-10, 12-17**

Beloved: I, Paul, an old man and now a prisoner also for Christ Jesus — I appeal to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I became in my imprisonment. I am sending him back to you, sending my very heart. I would have been glad to keep him with me, in order that he might serve me on your behalf during my imprisonment for the gospel, but I preferred to do nothing without your consent in order that your goodness might not be by compulsion but of your own accord. For this perhaps is why he was parted from you for a while, that you might have him back for ever, no longer as a bondservant but more than a bondservant, as a beloved brother —

especially to me, but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord. So if you consider me your partner, receive him as you would receive me. **The word of the Lord. R. Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation: **Psalm 119(118):135 Alleluia, alleluia. Let your face shine forth on your servant, and teach me your decrees. Alleluia.**

Gospel

Luke 14:1, 7-14

At that time: Great crowds accompanied Jesus, and he turned and said to them, 'If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother, and wife and children, and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, saying, "This man began to build and was not able to finish." Or what king, going out to encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and deliberate whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? And if not, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace. So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple.' **'The Gospel of the Lord. All reply: 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.

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:

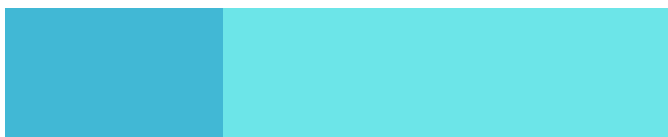
Bank Transfer (preferred method):

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.



32.7% Received
£ 9325.00



Please mark your calendars for a special Pets' Blessing Mass in honour of St Francis of Assisi in the side garden at St Ann's. All pets - and their owners - and the parishioners are warmly welcome on 5th October. After Mass, every pet will receive a small gift and a medal. **(Please ensure pets are on leads or in carriers.)**

Marymount International School +2 students

On Monday we welcomed the Year 12 students of Marymount International School for their pilgrimage to St Ann's. Around thirty students and five staff joined us in prayer as they begin their final year. Please keep them in your prayers during this important time.



Holy Cross Preparatory School Staff

On Tuesday, more than fifty staff from Holy Cross Preparatory School gathered at St Ann's for Holy Mass, followed by tea and coffee. It was a wonderful start to their new academic year, and we thank the school management for organising such a meaningful gathering.



ST ANN'S PARISH NEWS AND UPDATES

Dates to Note - September to November

Date	Timing	Event
14th Sept.	After Mass	Kids Gardening 4/5
5th October	10.30 am	Pets' Blessing Mass
5th October	3.00 pm	2nd Church Maintenance Team Meeting
12th October	3.00 pm	3rd Synodal Team Meeting
19th October	3.00 pm	3rd Finance Committee meeting
2nd November	10.30 am	All Saints Procession

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.

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.



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.



ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR KIDS

KIDS GARDENING 4/5 14TH SEPTEMBER 2025, AFTER 10.30 AM MASS

All children are warmly invited to join our Kids' Gardening Time on the church campus after the Sunday Mass. We look forward to seeing you all there!

NEW ALTAR SERVERS 28TH 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 28TH 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. **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, 20 September 2025 - 9.45 AM**
- **Saturday, 04 October 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 Fathers ₇

ST ANN'S READING ROTA FOR SUNDAYS

Role	7 th September	14 th September	21 st September
1st Reading	Bernard Brenninkmeijer	Disona Dominic	Sr Ursula Eberhardt
Psalm	Nimasha Yusuf	Alin	Caterina Keyrouz
2nd Reading	Daniel Mokwena	Lourdes Fuentes	Mathew Athakattu
Bidding Prayer	Christobel Al Hachache	Chidinma Igwilo	Romola Cardoza

ST ANN'S LITURGICAL CALENDAR WITH MASS INTENTIONS

Date	Time	Intention	Celebration
Sunday 07/09	10.30 am	Charmaine Evans Int.	23rd Sunday
Monday 08/09	10 am	Victor Ramanan Int.	Our Lady
Tuesday 09/09	7.00 pm	Ithikodiyil Sajan Benjamin & family	Ordinary Time
Wednesday 10/09	10 am	Michael & Georgine Lively (W/B)	St George
Thursday 11/09	No Mass		
Friday 12/09	7.00 pm	Padraig, Maria O'Donnell & family	Ordinary Time
Saturday 13/09	12 Noon	Anna Megan Ferncombe	Pilgrims Mass
	6 pm	Max Cockings RIP	Vigil Mass
Sunday 14/09	10.30 am	Craig Angove RIP	23rd Sunday



Donate - St Ann's

Loose Collection: £ 218.30

FOR ST ANN'S CHURCH OFFERING

Account Name: RCAS Kingston Hill

Account Number: 79124429

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

Contactless Collection: £ 105.00

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.