



Sunday 21st Sept 2025

NEWSLETTER

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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"You cannot serve both God and money"

Dear brothers and sisters,

This Sunday we hear the striking words of Jesus: "You cannot serve both God and money". Our Lord is not condemning wealth itself, but the danger of allowing it to take hold of our hearts. Money and possessions can easily dominate our decisions, our relationships, and even our values. Yet Jesus calls us to live with a better perspective - to use material things wisely, without letting them become our master. We are invited to live faithfully in small matters, so that our lives may reflect trust, generosity, and integrity. Our journey is not only about surviving or succeeding in this world; it is also about preparing for eternity. Death is not the end of our story, we are created for life everlasting. This should shape the way we live each day: to see beyond what is passing, but at the same time to live responsibly and lovingly here and now.

I wish to thank the family of **Mary Philippa Carter RIP** for the beautiful flowers placed in her memory. We also extend a warm welcome to **Santiago and Leonardo**, who were baptised last Saturday. May the Lord bless them, and may their parents be strengthened in guiding them along the way of faith. Finally, a gentle reminder of our **Pets' Blessing on Sunday, 5th October at 10:30 a.m.** in the parish garden. This joyful event reminds us of the goodness of God's creation and the bond we share with all living creatures.

With every blessing, Fr James Raj, St Ann's Catholic Church, Kingston Hill

HYMNS FOR THE MASS

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	285 - Here I am, Lord
Santus	439 - Holy Holy Holy	Recessional	275 - Lord of the dance

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Liturgical Colour: Green**Entrance Antiphon**

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress,
I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**First reading****Amos 8:4-7**

Hear this, you who trample on the needy and bring the poor of the land to an end, saying, 'When will the new moon be over, that we may sell grain? And the Sabbath, that we may offer wheat for sale, that we may make the ephah small and the shekel great and deal deceitfully with false balances, that we may buy the poor for silver, and the needy for a pair of sandals, and sell the chaff of the wheat?' The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob: 'Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.'

The word of the Lord. R. Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm**Ps 113(112):1-2. 4-6. 7-8. R. cf. 1a, 7b**

Response: Praise the LORD, who raises the poor.

Praise, O servants of the LORD, praise the name of the LORD!

May the name of the LORD be blest both now and for evermore! **R.**

High above all nations is the LORD, above the heavens his glory. Who is like the LORD, our God, who dwells on high, who lowers himself to look down upon heaven and earth? **R.**

From the dust he lifts up the lowly, from the ash heap he raises the poor, to set them in the company of princes, yes, with the princes of his people. **R.**

Second reading**1 Timothy 2:1-8**

Beloved: First of all, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Saviour, who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time. For this I was appointed a preacher and an Apostle — I am telling the truth, I am not lying — a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth. I desire then that in every place the men should pray, lifting holy hands without anger or quarrelling.

The word of the Lord. R. Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation: 2 Corinthians 8:9:

Alleluia, alleluia. **Jesus Christ, though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.** Alleluia.

Gospel

Luke 16:10-13

At that time: Jesus said to the disciples, 'One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much. If then you have not been faithful with the unrighteous wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with that which is another's, who will give you that which is your own? No servant can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.'

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.



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 parshioners 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.)**

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.



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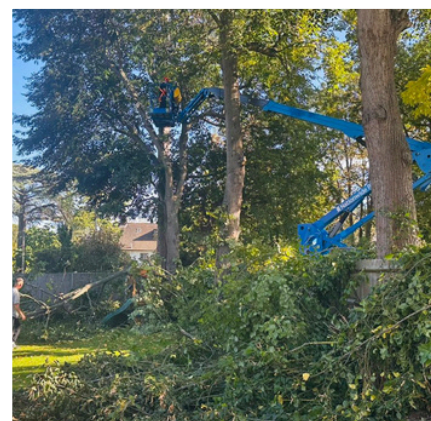
ARCHBISHOP'S VISIT

We warmly welcome Archbishop Emeritus Robert Rivas, O.P., formerly Archbishop of Castries in the Caribbean. Archbishop Rivas has served the Church with great distinction, first as Bishop of Kingstown and later as Archbishop of Castries, where his pastoral care, wisdom, and guidance have been a blessing to many. We are privileged to receive him among us this week. We thank him for his prayers and presence with our parish family, and we ask the Lord to continue to bless his ministry in retirement.



TREE SURVEY AND PRUNING

The Diocese has guided us to carry out a tree survey and pruning for insurance purposes of our church buildings and campus. As part of this, there may be some branches and waste collected in a few places. Everything will be cleared by next week. Thank you for your kind cooperation.



ST ANN'S PARISH NEWS AND UPDATES

Dates to Note - September to November

Date	Timing	Event
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

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.

ST ANN'S 60+ CLUB – GAMES, LAUGHTER, AND A GOOD CUPPA

Through visiting many in our parish, I have seen **the need for a place of support, joy, and companionship for our seniors**. From this need, the 60+ Club is born. Beginning on **Wednesday 22nd October, and meeting weekly from 10.45 am – 12.15 pm in the parish hall**, the club will include:

- Gentle chair exercises & Yoga
- Bingo and creative games
- A raffle with small prizes
- Tea, coffee, and sandwiches
- Monthly useful inputs from invited resource persons



Places: hall limit 30. We warmly welcome those who may be alone or less mobile – even wheelchair users, if someone can bring them along. A small committee is preparing this initiative by learning from parishes that run similar groups, beginning with a visit to Catford next week.

To join or refer someone: **kingstonhill@rcaos.org.uk / 020 8546 8732.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR KIDS

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

Thank you so much for planting the flowering plants last Sunday.

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, 04 October 2025 – 9:45 AM**
- **Saturday, 18 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

ST ANN'S READING ROTA FOR SUNDAYS

Role	21 st September	28 th September	05 th October
1st Reading	Sr Ursula Eberhardt	Chris Flint	Nolyne Kipya
Psalm	Caterina Keyrouz	Samantha Keegan	Koffi Rodrigue
2nd Reading	Mathew Athakattu	Aaron Yusuf	Alin
Bidding Prayer	Romola Cardoza	Jonathan Al Hachache	Joseph Rajmohan

ST ANN'S LITURGICAL CALENDAR WITH MASS INTENTIONS

Date	Time	Intention	Celebration
Sunday 21/09	10.30 am	Berta Castellol RIP anniversary	25th Sunday
Monday 22/09	10 am	Victor Ramanan Int.	Ordinary Time
Tuesday 23/09	7.00 pm	Immacula & Canute & family	St Pius
Wednesday 24/09	10 am	Andy Huang (W/B)	Our Lady
Thursday 25/09	Day Off		
Friday 26/09	7.00 pm	Evangeline Villaver RIP	Ordinary Time
Saturday 27/09	12 Noon	Jill Mitchell RIP	Pilgrims Mass
	6 pm	Brian Cockings RIP	Vigil Mass
Sunday 28/09	10.30 am	Molly O'Mahony RIP	26th Sunday



Donate - St Ann's

Loose Collection: £ 225.86

FOR ST ANN'S CHURCH OFFERING

Account Name: RCAS Kingston Hill

Account Number: 79124429

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

Contactless Collection: £ 155.00

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.