



Sunday 28th Sept 2025

NEWSLETTER

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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*"The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom;
the rich man also died and was buried." (Luke 16:22)*

The Gospel this Sunday presents Lazarus and the rich man — one lifted up, the other weighed down. The question it leaves us with is simple but profound: what makes a soul light? Lazarus, though poor and forgotten, had nothing to weigh him down — no pride, no clinging, no false security. The rich man, though honoured on earth, was bound by possessions and indifference. The mystics remind us: the more we cling, the heavier we become; the freer we are, the more God can lift us. As incense rises only when consumed, so too the soul rises when it lets go into God. Let us walk this week with that freedom of heart, travelling light, ready to be lifted.

I would like to express my gratitude to **the Cappagh Group of Companies** for their generous help in clearing the pruned branches from our campus. Their support keeps our grounds safe and beautiful for all. A word of appreciation also to **the Marymount Grade 9 students** and their 5 staff members - over thirty young people - who joined us for the Rosary Walk from the church to Richmond Park on Thursday. It was a moment of prayer, mindfulness, and communion with creation. We were also delighted to welcome the New Malden Youth Group - 15 of them - who came to us as pilgrims. Your presence added joy and vitality to our parish family.

Finally, a reminder that next week we will celebrate the **Garden Pet Blessing on 5th Oct 2025 at 10.30 am. Mass will be held outside, followed by the blessing.** Please do come warmly dressed, as the forecast temperature will be between 8–16°C. Let us gather together in faith, care for creation, and gratitude for the gift of our companion animals.

With every blessing, Fr James Raj

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

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Liturgical Colour: Green**Entrance Antiphon**

Dn 3: 31, 29, 30, 43, 42: All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**First reading****Amos 6:1a, 4-7**

Thus says the LORD, the God of hosts: 'Woe to those who are at ease in Sion, and to those who feel secure on the mountain of Samaria. 'Woe to those who lie on beds of ivory and stretch themselves out on their couches, and eat lambs from the flock and calves from the midst of the stall, who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp and like David invent for themselves instruments of music, who drink wine in bowls and anoint themselves with the finest oils, but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph! Therefore they shall now be the first of those who go into exile, and the revelry of those who stretch themselves out shall pass away.'

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

Responsorial Psalm**Ps 146(145): 7. 8-9a. 9b-10. R5a**

Response: My soul, give praise to the LORD.

It is the LORD who does justice to those who are oppressed. It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the LORD who sets prisoners free. R.

It is the LORD who opens the eyes of the blind, the LORD who raises up those who are bowed down. It is the LORD who loves the just, the LORD who protects the stranger. R. The LORD upholds the orphan and the widow, but thwarts the path of the wicked. The LORD will reign for ever, your God, O Sion, from age to age. R.

Second reading**1 Timothy 6:11-16**

O man of God, pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and about which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. I charge you in the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, to keep the commandment unstained and free from reproach until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will display at the proper time — he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords, who alone has immortality, who dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see. To him be honour and eternal dominion. Amen. **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 16:19-31**

At that time: Jesus said to the Pharisees, 'There was a rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate was laid a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table. Moreover, even the dogs came and licked his sores.

The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried, and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side. And he called out, "Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in anguish in this flame." But Abraham said, "Child, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner bad things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not do so, and none may cross from there to us." And he said, "Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house - for I have five brothers - so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment." But Abraham said, "They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them." And he said, "No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent." He said to him, "If they do not hear Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead." '

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

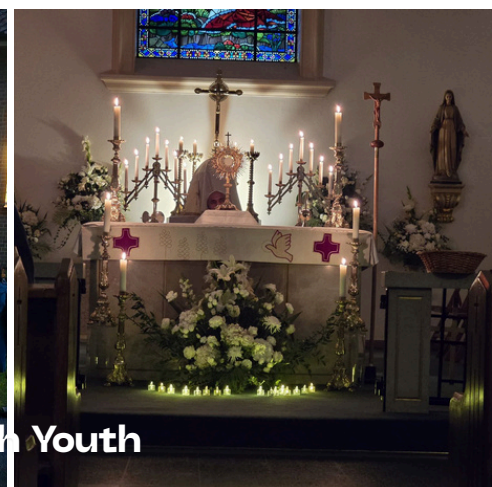
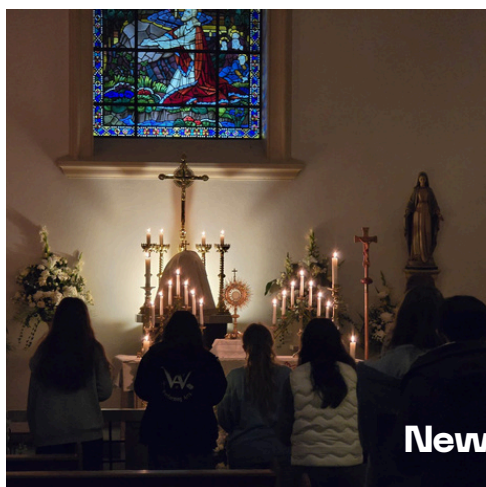
Everyone is invited to join us for tea and coffee at our Garden after Sunday Mass. This is a wonderful chance to connect, share, and get to know one another better.

Kids can enjoy the Kids' Corner, a fun space to make new friends.

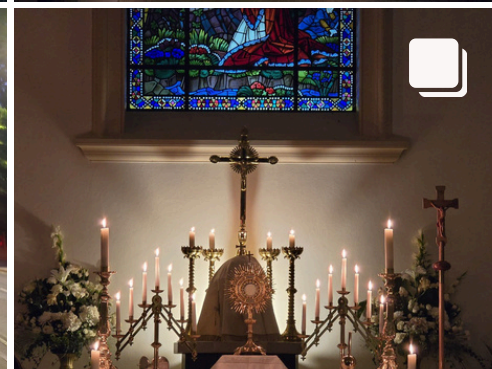
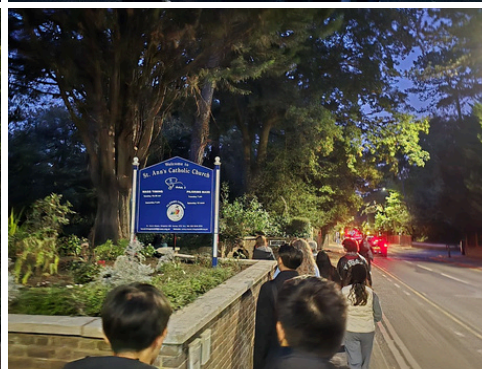


Please mark your calendars for a special Pets' Blessing Mass in honour of St Francis of Assisi in the side garden at St Ann's. All pets – and their owners – and the parshioners are warmly welcome on 5th October. After Mass, every pet will receive a small gift and a medal. **(Please ensure pets are on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

Double Glazing Appeal: Dear all, We are delighted to share that we have received the amount just above our estimated target of £28,500 for the Priest House Double Glazing Project. Thanks to your generous support, the work will begin very soon. A full account of the income and expenses for this project will be submitted to the congregation by Sunday, 16th November, at the Mass. Thank you so much for your generosity, kindness, and commitment to the life of our parish.



New Malden St Joseph Church Youth



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.



**Thank you Cappagh
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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

PETS' BLESSING MASS

5TH OCTOBER 2025, 10.30 AM MASS

Next Sunday we will have a very special Mass in the Garden followed by the Blessing of Pets. Bring your dogs, cats, rabbits, birds — all the pets you love!

🐾 The Mass will be outside, so please wear warm clothes.

🐾 The weather will be cool (between 8–16°C).

FAMILY MASS

25TH OCTOBER 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.

SAINTS PARADE

2ND NOVEMBER 2025, 10.30 AM MASS

2nd November at the 10:30 am Mass, we will have our Saints Parade! Children are invited to dress up as their favourite saint. Chrisse will be looking after all the logistics and helping you on the day.



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	28 th September	05 th October	12 th October
1st Reading	Chris Flint	Nolyne Kipya	Volunteers
Psalm	Samantha Keegan	Koffi Rodrigue	Volunteers
2nd Reading	Aaron Yusuf	Alin	Volunteers
Bidding Prayer	Jonathan Al Hachache	Joseph Rajmohan	Volunteers

ST ANN'S LITURGICAL CALENDAR WITH MASS INTENTIONS

Date	Time	Intention	Celebration
Sunday 28/09	10.30 am	Molly O'Mahony RIP	26th Sunday
Monday 29/09	10 am	Monica Agyemang (Marriage)	Archangels
Tuesday 30/09	7.00 pm	Victor Ramanan Int.	St Jerome
Wednesday 01/10	10 am	Andy Huang RIP	St Teresa of C Jesus
Thursday 02/10	Day Off		
Friday 03/10	7.00 pm	John & Clare McEvoy (W/B)	Ordinary Time
Saturday 04/10	12 Noon	Sheila Muir RIP	Pilgrims Mass
	6 pm	Max Cockings RIP	Vigil Mass
Sunday 05/10	10.30 am	Angel Babu (B/D)	27th Sunday

Loose Collection: £ 332.19



Donate - St Ann's

FOR ST ANN'S CHURCH OFFERING

Account Name: RCAS Kingston Hill

Account Number: 79124429

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

Contactless Collection: £ 320.00

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.