

Sunday 26th Oct 2025

NEWSLETTER

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Dear brothers and sisters,

When St Paul looked back at his life, he did not speak of his journeys, his sufferings, or his achievements. He simply said, "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith." Those words carry the peace of a person who lived sincerely before God. In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us about two men who went to pray - one full of pride, and another full of humility. The Pharisee spoke about himself; the tax collector spoke to God. True prayer rises from humility - from knowing that all we are, and all we have, comes from God.

As we move towards the end of October, let us carry this spirit of humble gratitude into our lives. **Next week we celebrate our Saints Parade**, a joyful day when our children come dressed as their favourite saints. In their innocence and simplicity, we glimpse the beauty of holiness - not in power or position, but in pure hearts that trust in God. I also want to thank each one of you who has joined and supported our Yoga sessions and the 60+ Club. These gatherings have become more than activities.

As we approach November - the month of the Holy Souls, envelopes are available at the porch for you to write the names of your departed loved ones. These names will be placed on the altar and remembered in our daily prayers throughout the month. Let us continue to live our days with grace and humility - not comparing, not boasting, but quietly finishing our race in faith and love.

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 | Communion | 72 - Be Still 478 - Make Me a Channel | | | | |
| Santus | 439 - Holy Holy Holy | Recessional | 263 - Holy Virgin, by God's | | | | |

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Liturgical Colour: Green

Entrance Antiphon: Ps 104: 3-4: Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First reading

Sirach 35:15b-17, 20-22b

The Lord is the judge, and with him is no partiality. He will not show partiality in the case of a poor man; and he will listen to the prayer of one who is wronged. He will not ignore the supplication of the orphan or the widow when she pours out her story. He whose service is pleasing to the Lord will be accepted, and his prayer will reach to the clouds. The prayer of the humble pierces the clouds, and he will not be consoled until it reaches the Lord; he will not desist until the Most High visits him and does justice for the righteous and executes judgement. And the Lord will not delay.

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

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 34(33):2-3. 17-18. 19, 23. R7a

Response: The lowly one called, and the LORD heard him.

I will bless the LORD at all times, praise of him is always in my mouth. In the LORD my soul shall make its boast; the humble shall hear and be glad. R.

The LORD turns his face against the wicked to cut off their remembrance from the earth.

When the just one cries out, the LORD hears, and rescues him in all his distress. **R**.

The LORD is close to the broken-hearted; those whose spirit is crushed he will save.

The LORD ransoms the souls of his servants. All who trust in him shall not be condemned. **R**.

Second reading

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

Beloved: I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me, but also to all who have loved his appearing. At my first defence no one came to stand by me, but all deserted me. May it not be charged against them! But the Lord stood by me and strengthened me, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil deed and bring me safely into his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory for ever and ever. Amen. The word of the Lord. R. Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation: 2 Corinthians 5:19: Alleluia, alleluia. God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. Alleluia.

Gospel Luke 18:9-14

At that time: Jesus told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and treated others with contempt: 'Two men went up into the Temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: "God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get." But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner!" I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.'

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.

| Dates to Note - September to November | | | | | | |
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| Date | Timing | Event | | | | |
| 19th October | 3.00 pm | 3rd Finance Committee meeting | | | | |
| 2nd November | 10.30 am | Kids Saints Procession/Cemetery Blessing | | | | |
| 2nd November | 2.00 pm | Cemetery Blessing at Putney Vale | | | | |
| 21st November | 7.00 pm | Deanery Deceased clergy Mass (Deanery) | | | | |

Tea and Coffee after Sunday Mass

Everyone is invited to join us for tea and coffee in the church hall near the car park 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.

INAGUARATION OF 60+ CLUB

















November – Month of the Holy Souls

November Envelope: As we approach the month of November, envelopes will be available in the church porch for you to write the names of your deceased family members and loved ones. These envelopes will be placed on the Holy Altar throughout November, the month dedicated to the Holy Souls. It is our long-held tradition to pray for the souls of our departed family and friends, commending them to God's eternal mercy. The names will be remembered and replaced daily during the month, and a special prayer will be offered each day for the repose of their souls.

All Souls' Day – Blessing of the Cemeteries: On Sunday, 2 November, we will gather to pray for our departed loved ones and bless the cemeteries: 2.00 pm – Kingston Cemetery and Putney Vale Cemetery, 3.00 pm – Surbiton Cemetery. These blessings are part of our Church tradition during the Month of the Holy Souls, as we remember and pray for all who have gone before us in faith.



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.

KIDS GARDENING DAY 9TH NOVEMBER 2025, AFTER 10.30 AM MASS

This will be our fifth and final Kids' Gardening Day of 2025 after Sunday mass – the last garden work before the winter break and before we begin again next year.

KIDS' CHRISTMAS PARTY SATURDAY 22 NOVEMBER, 3.00-5.00 PM

Our parish children are invited to an afternoon of Christmas cheer with games, music, crafts, treats, and plenty of surprises! Don't forget your Christmas jumper! Register by 15th

November: kingstonhill@rcaos.org.uk.

Please mention your child(ren)'s names and any special dietary requirements.





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 Walk at Richmond Park

08th November 2025 - Special Rosary Walk with St Pius X Catholic Church, Norbiton

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KINGSTON DEANERY

DEANERY DECEASED CLERGY MASS

"THE SOULS OF THE RIGHTEOUS ARE IN THE HAND OF GOD." WISDOM 3:1



Once each year, our deanery priests and people gather as one pilgrim Church to remember with gratitude the priests who served faithfully among us and now rest in the eternal peace of Christ. We come as pilgrims, journeying together in faith, lifting in prayer those shepherds who guided us on our earthly path, and offering thanksgiving for their ministry and witness.

CELEBRATION DETAILS

Celebrant: Deanery Clergy

Date: 21st November 2025

Time: 7:00 pm (arrival from 6:30 pm)

Venue: St Ann's – The Pilgrims' Church, Kingston Hill, KT2 7LX

Parking: On-site parking available (approx. 60 spaces)

After Mass: Tea and light refreshments in the hall





ST ANN'S CAMPUS WELL-BEING: A SPACE FOR HARMONY OF BODY, MIND, AND SPIRIT

At St Ann's, we believe that faith and wellbeing go hand in hand. It is a new initiative to promote holistic wellbeing - **physical**, **mental**, **emotional**, **and spiritual**. Our church is blessed with a beautiful natural setting - a canvas of peace and light - inviting us to pause, breathe, and find balance.

ST ANN'S 60+ CLUB, REFLEXOLOGY, WHOLENESS EXCERCISE

ST ANN'S 60+ Club: 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. **Wednesdays 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

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

REFLEXOLOGY & HEALING TOUCH - VIBELLE THERAPY

by **Koffi Amani** - Holistic Therapist: Specialist in Reflexology & Healing Touch. Through Reflexology – Energy Healing – Stretching, Koffi offers restorative sessions designed to bring calm, comfort, and inner harmony. "Bringing a smile to your health." **_07365 387 299 at St Ann's House, Kingston Hill, KT2 7LX** (through appointments)

WHOLENESS EXERCISE - BREATH, MEDITATION, AND YOGA MOVEMENTS

Led by Fr James Raj, Yoga Acharya Wednesdays, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. Meditation and mindfulness inspired by Christian contemplative traditions, Breathwork for focus and renewal. Guided yoga movements to support mobility and wellbeing. Quiet relaxation to bring peace to the mind and body. These sessions invite everyone - of all ages and abilities - to rediscover stillness in motion and peace in presence. Those who wish to join may email jamesraj@rcaos.org.uk

| ST ANN'S READING ROTA FOR SUNDAYS | | | | | | |
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| Role | 26 th October | 02 nd November | 09 nd November | | | |
| 1st Reading | Jose Diaz | Shamintha Jayatilaka | Ana V Gonzalez | | | |
| Psalm | Yasmin D'Souza | Duncan Katungu | Gisela B Lewis | | | |
| 2nd Reading | Augustin Shaju | Brendan | Benita Rajmohan | | | |
| Bidding Prayer | Martin Gilhooky | Lithin Zacharias | Christiane Beim | | | |

| ST ANN'S LITURGICAL CALENDAR WITH MASS INTENTIONS | | | | | | |
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| Date | Time | Intention | Celebration | | | |
| Sunday 26/10 | 10.30 am | Bernard Pagan RIP | 30th Sunday | | | |
| Monday 27/10 | 10 am | Pauline Woods RIP | Ordinary Time | | | |
| Tuesday 28/10 | 7.00 pm | Victor Ramanan Int. | St Jude & St Simon | | | |
| Wednesday 29/10 | 10 am | Martin Mellett RIP | Ordinary Time | | | |
| Thursday 30/10 | Day Off | | | | | |
| Friday 31/10 | 7.00 pm | Mohan Perera RIP | Ordinary Time | | | |
| S - L | 12 Noon | Anney & Ugine Holly RIP | Pilgrims Mass | | | |
| Saturday 01/11 | 6 pm | Jill Mitchell RIP | Vigil Mass | | | |
| Sunday 02/11 | 10.30 am | Grace O'Shea RIP | All Saints | | | |



Loose Collection: £ 136.65

FOR ST ANN'S CHURCH OFFERING

Account Name: RCAS Kingston Hill Account Number: 79124429

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