



Sunday 30th November 2025

NEWSLETTER

1st Sunday of Advent

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"Rise, Shine, for Your Light Has Come" (Isaiah 60:1)

My dear brothers and sisters,

As we begin this beautiful season of Advent – a season of hope, a place of solace – I would like to share my heartfelt gratitude to each one of you. Our parish continues to grow in unity, kindness, and generosity, and I truly feel blessed to journey with you.

I am especially grateful for your amazing support towards the double-glazing project at the priest's house. Most of the work has now been completed, and I remain deeply indebted to your generosity. The warmth of the house is a daily reminder of the warmth of your love.

After the 10.30 am Mass on Sunday 30th November, I warmly invite you for a short blessing in front of the priest's house. It will only take a few minutes, and it is my little way of thanking you for your care and support.

Please, please do not miss our Christmas Lights Switching-On Ceremony on Sunday, 7th December 2025 at 5.00 pm. It will be like a mini-Christmas for many who will be travelling early for the holidays. I assure you, it will be a memorable evening of joy and light. Please come, and bring your family and friends with you.

As we begin this journey of Advent together, let us prepare our hearts with love and simplicity to receive the Lord. May Christ, who comes to dwell in our hearts, fill every home and every family with His peace.

With prayers and blessings, **Fr James Raj** (jamesraj@rcaos.org.uk)

CONDOLENCES – PHIL KING



With deep sadness we share the passing of Phil King, a valued member of our Finance Committee and a truly sincere and generous soul. His funeral will take place on 12 December at 11.30 am. As a parish family, let us come together in prayer and support for his loved ones.

HYMNS FOR THE MASS			
Entrance	On Jordan's Bank – 575	Mem. Acclamation	440c - Save us Saviour
Offertory	90 - Blessed be God	Communion	Make me a Channel of Your Peace
Santus	439 - Holy Holy Holy	Recessional	Come, O divine – 129

Entrance Antiphon: Ps 24: 1-3

To you, I lift up my soul, O my God. In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame.
Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First reading

Isaiah 2:1-5

The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be lifted up above the hills; and all the nations shall flow to it, and many peoples shall come, and say: 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.' For out of Sion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall decide disputes for many peoples; and they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD. **The word of the Lord. R. Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 122(121):1-2. 4-5. 6-7. 8-9. **R** cf. 1

Response: Let us go rejoicing to the house of the LORD.

I rejoiced when they said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the LORD.' And now our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem. **R**.

It is there that the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD, as it is decreed for Israel, to give thanks to the name of the LORD. There were set the thrones for judgement, the thrones of the house of David. **R**.

For the peace of Jerusalem pray, 'May they prosper, those who love you.' May peace abide in your walls, and security be in your towers. **R**.

Second reading

Romans 13:11-14a

Brothers and sisters: You know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armour of light. Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarrelling and jealousy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ. **The word of the Lord. R. Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation: Psalm 85(84):8

Alleluia, alleluia. Show us, O LORD, your mercy, and grant us your salvation. Alleluia..

Gospel**Matthew 24:37-44**

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples: 'For as were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, and they were unaware until the flood came and swept them all away, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two men will be in the field; one will be taken and one left. Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken and one left. Therefore, stay awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But know this, that if the master of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

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 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.

60 + CLUB - NEWS AND UPDATES

Nativity Play: We are also delighted to announce that the play "Prickly Hay" will be held at 2:15 p.m. on Monday, 8th December, at Holy Cross Preparatory School, George Road, Kingston Hill. All are warmly welcome to join these joyful events.

Special Visit on Tuesday, 10 December: We are delighted to share that the Mayor of Kingston and the Deputy Mayor will be joining us for the 60+ Club on Tuesday, 10 December.



WE INVITE YOU FOR
A COMMUNITY NIGHT
TO SWITCH ON
**CHRISTMAS
LIGHTS**

**SUNDAY
07 DEC 2025
AFTER 05:00 PM MASS**

**ST ANN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
KINGSTON HILL - KT2 7LX**

ST ANN'S – ADVENT CALENDAR 2026

A simple, prayerful journey of hope – a place of solace – preparing our hearts for the coming of Christ.

Day	Theme/Reflection/Scripture/Action
30/11/ 2025 Day 1	Theme: Wake Up to Grace Scripture: “Stay awake.” (Mark 13:33) Reflection: Begin Advent by making one quiet promise to God: “Lord, help me begin again.”
1/12/ 2025 Day 2	Theme: A New Beginning Scripture: “Now is the moment to wake from sleep.” (Rom 13:11) Reflection: Spend 5 minutes in silence. Breathe and be with God.
2/12/ 2025 Day 3	Theme: Make Space Bible Thought: “Prepare the way.” Action: Clean a small corner of your room for your Advent prayers.
3/12/ 2025 Day 4	Theme: Light Bible Thought: “The light shines.” Action: Light a candle and say a prayer for someone.
4/12/ 2025 Day 5	Theme: Hope Bible Thought: “God gives strength.” Action: Draw a little heart and give it to someone who needs cheering up.
5/12/ 2025 Day 6	Theme: Keep It Simple Bible Thought: “Blessed are the humble.” Action: Share your toy or snack with someone today.
06/12/ 2025 Day 7	Theme: Kindness Bible Thought: “Be kind.” Action: Do a secret good deed at home.
07/12/ 2025 Day 8	Theme: Joy Shared Scripture: “Rejoice in the Lord always.” (Philippians 4:4) Reflection: Christmas Lights Ceremony tonight – bring someone with you; carry joy with you.

ADVENT – A SEASON OF WAITING AND WONDER

Advent is the beautiful four-week journey that prepares our hearts for the coming of Christ. It begins with the quiet call of the prophets: “**The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light**” (Isaiah 9:2). It is a season marked by hope – a place of solace – as we look towards the light that transforms every waiting.

During Advent, we are invited to slow down, to listen, and to make room for the Lord in our daily lives. St Augustine once said, “You have made us for Yourself, O Lord, and our hearts are restless until they rest in You.” Advent helps us make that inner space where Christ can dwell.

Each candle on the Advent wreath carries a message:

Hope – trusting that God walks with us

Peace – allowing Christ to calm our fears

Joy – rejoicing as Mary did in God’s promise

Love – embracing the fullness of God’s gift in Christ



As a parish, we walk this path together through our liturgies, prayers, and acts of kindness. It is a time to remember those who need our presence and compassion, and to prepare our homes and hearts for the birth of the Saviour. Let this Advent be a moment of renewal, expectation, and grace for every family in our parish.

LITURGICAL YEAR 2026

Understanding the Liturgical Year: The Liturgical Year is the Church’s sacred rhythm of worship, guiding us through the life of Christ – His birth, ministry, passion, resurrection, and the gift of the Holy Spirit. **It is not simply a calendar; it is a spiritual journey that shapes our hearts in every season.** The year is divided into key periods, each with its own colour, mood, and invitation:

Advent – Waiting and Expectation (Purple): The year begins with Advent, a quiet season of longing as we prepare for the coming of Christ. The readings and prayers call us to watchfulness and inner renewal.

Christmas Season – Light and Joy (White/Gold): From Christmas Day to the Baptism of the Lord, we celebrate the mystery of God becoming one of us. “The Word became flesh and lived among us” (John 1:14).

Ordinary Time – Growth and Discipleship (Green): This season comes twice in the year. It is the time when Jesus teaches, heals, and walks with His disciples. It is steady, gentle, and meant for spiritual growth. St Francis of Assisi said, “Start by doing what is

LITURGICAL YEAR 2026

necessary, then what is possible; and suddenly you are doing the impossible.” Ordinary Time invites exactly that.

Lent – Repentance and Conversion (Purple): Forty days of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Lent mirrors Jesus’ forty days in the wilderness. It is a call to humility and renewal: “Return to me with all your heart” (Joel 2:12).

Holy Week – The Heart of the Mystery (Red/White): From Palm Sunday to Easter, we walk with Christ through His suffering, death, and glorious resurrection. These days are the centre of our faith.

Easter Season – Resurrection and New Life (White/Gold): For fifty days, we celebrate the victory of Christ over death. The season ends with Pentecost, the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, when the Church receives her mission.

Ordinary Time (Second Part) – Living the Mission (Green): After Pentecost, we enter the longest stretch of the year, marked by the daily living of the Gospel in our families, workplaces, and communities.

Solemnities and Feasts: Throughout the year, the Church honours key moments and saints who reveal God’s grace in history – from the feasts of Our Lady to the apostles and great witnesses of faith.

The Purpose of the Liturgical Year

It helps us:

*Stay close to Christ’s life day by day
Grow as disciples through reflection and worship
Enter deeper into the mysteries of faith
Live our year in God’s time, not just the world’s time*

**In every season, the Lord walks with us.
In every season, grace is offered.
In every season, we are invited to begin again.**





CHRISTMAS AT ST ANN'S 2025



07.12.2025 at 5.00 pm: Mass
and the Switching on of **Christmas Lights**

20.12.2025 - 5.15 pm: Advent Reconciliation Service
(Candlelight Adoration)

★ CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

24.12.2025 - Christmas Eve

5.00 pm: Children Mass (Gospel nativity play)

7.30 pm: Christmas Vigil Mass (7.00 pm: Carol)

25.12.2025 - Christmas Day

10.30 am: Christmas Day mass and Toys Blessings

NEW YEAR CELEBRATION

31.12.2024 at 5.00 pm: New year Vigil mass
(4.15 pm: Thanks-giving Candle Light adoration)

01.01.2026 at 10.00 am: New Year Mass

JOIN US IN CELEBRATING THE JOY AND FAITH OF THE SEASON.



ST ANN'S PARISH NEWS AND UPDATES

CHRISTMAS PREPARATION

As we begin preparing for the Christmas decorations and celebrations, I warmly invite you to take part in this joyful season of giving. You may use the QR code displayed here to contribute towards the preparations. **Christmas decorations and gifts for neighbours and the needy**
Your generosity helps us create a sacred and welcoming space to celebrate the birth of Christ together as one family.



SOUND SYSTEM DONATION



Our organist, Jonathan, has generously donated two speakers for the choir loft. We thank him wholeheartedly for this thoughtful gift which enhances our worship and supports our choir.

We still need a small mixer, two microphones, and two mic stands for the choir loft. If anyone would like to contribute towards these items, please feel free to let me know.

CHRISTMAS INVITATIONS

Printed Christmas Invitations are now available for you, your family, and friends. Please feel free to take a copy. If you wish to post an invite, envelopes are provided for your convenience.



NATIVITY PLAY SIGN-UP



The **sign-in form** for this year's Nativity Play is now available at the porch. We will have two rehearsals, and all children taking part are kindly asked to register.



FAMILY MASS

30TH NOVEMBER AT 10.30 AM

We will have our Family Mass on Sunday, 30th November at 10:30 a.m. All altar servers are requested to come to the sacristy 15 minutes earlier. Let us come together in prayer and thanksgiving as one parish family.

CRIP COMPETITION

22ND DECEMBER 2025

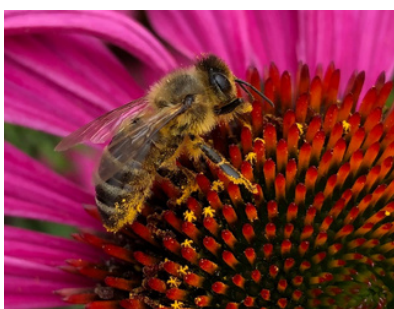
As we are approaching the Christmas season, I am delighted to let you know that, just like last year, we will be holding our Christmas Crib Competition for children. The rolling trophy will be awarded again this year, and the winner's name will be engraved on it. Please send your crib pictures or videos **by 21st December 2025**. Let us prepare our hearts and creativity to welcome the birth of Jesus with joy and love!

NATIVITY PLAY

24TH DECEMBER 2025

Our Nativity Play will take place during the **Children's Mass on 24 December 2025 at 5.00 pm**, where the Gospel will be beautifully enacted by our children. **We will hold two practice sessions, and all children who would like to take part are most welcome. Please leave your name so we can include you in the group.**

CONGRATULATIONS TO BARRY ON NATIONAL HONEY AWARDS



It was a joy to hear from Barry, one of our valued member of our gardening team, about his wonderful achievements in beekeeping. He is an accomplished beekeeper and this year has been a remarkable one. Barry and his son Tom entered both the **Surrey County Honey Show** and the **National Honey Show**, and between them they won an outstanding **13 prizes locally and five awards at the National Honey Show.**

Their award-winning categories includes: Light Honey, Medium Honey, Crystallised Honey, Honeycomb, etc. For those interested in learning more, Barry has kindly shared the link to their website: **www.valebees.com**

Well-being

ST ANN'S CAMPUS

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BODY, MIND, AND SPIRIT



St Ann's Campus Well-being: A space for harmony of body, mind, and spirit

OUR HOLISTIC APPROACH



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guided movements to support
mobility and well-being.

Wednesdays 6 pm - 7 pm

60+ CLUB - STAR MAKING IN CLAY BY SR URSULA



60+ Club

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.



ST ANN'S READING ROTA FOR SUNDAYS

Role	30th November	7th December	14th December
1st Reading	Bernard Brenninkmeijer	Assigned Member	Disona Dominic
Psalm	Nimasha Yusuf	Assigned Member	Vivian Thatcher
2nd Reading	Daniel Mokwena	Assigned Member	Lourdes Fuentes
Bidding Prayer	Christobel Al Hachache	Assigned Member	Chidinma Igwilo

ST ANN'S LITURGICAL CALENDAR WITH MASS INTENTIONS

Date	Time	Intention	Celebration
Sunday 30/11	10.30 am	Benedict & Paulpillari family	1st Sunday of Advent
Monday 01/12	10 am	Intention Available	Advent week
Tuesday 02/12	7.00 pm	Victor Ramanan Int.	Advent week
Wednesday 03/12	10 am	Intention Available	St Francis Xavier
Thursday 04/12	Day Off		
Friday 05/12	7.00 pm	Intention Available	Advent week
Saturday 06/12	12 Noon	Intention Available	Pilgrims Mass
	6 pm	Max Cockings RIP	Vigil Mass
Sunday 07/12	10.30 am	Antonio Giavara RIP	2nd Sunday of Advent

Loose Collection: £ 294.11



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: £ 211

& Standing Order Income

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.