



Sunday 21st December 2025

NEWSLETTER

4th Sunday of Advent

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Dear brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus,

Christmas is a season that brings us closer — closer to our families, closer to our neighbours, and closer to God. In the midst of busy lives, this is a time to slow down, to smile, to hold one another in prayer, and to share joy. I warmly invite you and your families, and encourage you to bring your neighbours and friends, to celebrate Christmas with us as one welcoming parish family at St Ann's Catholic Church, Kingston Hill.

Christmas Eve – Wednesday, 24th December 2025

- 5.00 pm – Children's Mass, with a simple Gospel Nativity Play
- 7.00 pm – Carol Service & Christmas Vigil Mass (7.30 pm)

Christmas Day – Thursday, 25th December 2025

- 10.30 am – Christmas Day Mass (During this Mass, toys will be blessed.)

Feast of the Holy Family – Sunday, 28th December 2025: We will celebrate the **Feast of the Holy Family**. St Ann is the patron saint of families, and on this feast we will **offer special prayers and blessings for all families**. I invite you to come together as families and place your relationships, and loved ones into God's gentle care.

In the spirit of Christian unity, we are also pleased to extend an invitation from **St John the Baptist Anglican Church, Kingston Vale**, to attend their **Nine Lessons and Carols**, a beautiful community candlelit service on 21st December at 6.30 pm.

With prayers and blessings,

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

HYMNS FOR THE MASS

Entrance	Christ, be our light	Mem. Acclamation	440c - Save us Saviour
Offertory	In Bread ... You Lord - 302	Communion	Soul of My Saviour – 663 Make me a Channel of Your Peace
Santus	439 - Holy Holy Holy	Recessional	As I kneel before you

CHRISTMAS AT ST ANN'S PILGRIMS CHURCH



Kingston Hill KT2 7LX, Surrey



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



CHRISTMAS OFFERING - ENVELOPES AVAILABLE

Christmas offering envelopes are now available at the back of the church. As you know, priests in the Southwark Archdiocese do not receive a salary. We are given a monthly remuneration of £148, along with Mass stipends and stole fees (from Baptisms and funerals) along with **Christmas and Easter offerings - both the collections at those Masses and the envelopes - are for the priest.**

Every year, a portion of these collections I channelise towards a noble cause. This year, I am planning to send most of my Christmas offering to my village primary school. The school building has remained unfinished for a long time, and I have already begun the work to complete it. Your generosity will help us bring it to completion sooner. This is not an appeal - only to let you know how my Christmas gifts will be used.

You are most welcome to take an **envelope**, or you may make your offering using the **QR code** or **directly to the church account with the reference "Christmas Offering."**

Bank Details: Account Name: RCAS Kingston Hill, Account Number: 79124429, Sort Code: 60-50-01, Bank: NatWest. Thank you for your generosity.



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.

Entrance Antiphon: Is 45: 8: Drop down dew from above, you heavens, and let the clouds rain down the Just One; let the earth be opened and bring forth a Saviour.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First reading

Isaiah 7:10-14

In those days: The LORD spoke to Ahaz: 'Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven.' But Ahaz said, 'I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test.' And Isaiah said, 'Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary men, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Emmanuel.' **The word of the Lord. R. Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 146(145):6c-7. 8-9a. 9b-10. R Matthew 5:3

Response: Let the LORD enter; he is the king of glory.

The LORD'S is the earth and its fullness, the world, and those who dwell in it.

It is he who set it on the seas; on the rivers he made it firm. **R.**

Who shall climb the mountain of the LORD? Who shall stand in his holy place?

The clean of hands and pure of heart, whose soul is not set on vain things. **R.**

Blessings from the LORD shall he receive, and right reward from the God who saves him. Such are the people who seek him, who seek the face of the God of Jacob. **R.**

Second reading

Romans 1:1-7

Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an Apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy Scriptures, concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be the Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by his resurrection from the dead: Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith for the sake of his name among all the nations, including you who are called to belong to Jesus Christ. To all those in Rome who are loved by God and called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. **The word of the Lord. R. Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation: Matthew 1:23

Alleluia, alleluia. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel — which means, God with us. Alleluia..

Gospel**Matthew 1:18-24**

Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to send her away quietly. But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, 'Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.' All this took place to fulfil what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: 'Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel' which means, God with us. When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife. **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.

New Year Celebration at St Ann's

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

01.01.2025 at 10.00 am: New Year Mass

GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY – CONGRATULATIONS

We warmly congratulate Yasmin and Flavian as they celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary. Fifty years of married life is a beautiful witness of faith, commitment, patience, and love. We thank God for their journey together and pray that the Lord continues to bless them with peace, good health, and joy in the years ahead. With our prayers and best wishes from the parish family of St Ann's.

ST ANN'S – ADVENT CALENDAR 2025

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

Day	Theme/Reflection/Scripture/Action
21/12/ 2025 Day 21	Theme: Visiting Scripture: “Mary went with haste.” Reflection: Make a phone call, card, or drawing for someone elderly.
22/12/ 2025 Day 22	Theme: Believe Bible Thought: “Blessed are you who believed.” Action: “Jesus, I believe You love me.”
23/12/ 2025 Day 23	Theme: Almost There! Bible Thought: “Emmanuel.” Action: Place Baby Jesus (or draw Him) near your Christmas crib.
24/12/ 2025 Day 24	Theme: Welcome Jesus Bible Thought: “There was no room for them.” Action: Before coming to Mass, say: “Jesus, my heart has room for You.”
25/12/ 2025 Day 25	Theme: Jesus Is Born! Bible Thought: “Today a Saviour has been born to you.” (Lk 2:11) Reflection: Today is a very special day. Jesus is born! God loved us so much that He came as a little baby. Jesus did not come to a palace but to a manger. He came quietly, gently, and with great love. When we welcome Jesus, our hearts become warm and happy. When we love like Jesus, Christmas lives in us every day. Action: Smile at everyone today. Say “Happy Christmas” with joy. Before opening your gifts, say: “Thank you, Jesus, for coming into my life.”



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.

Well-being

ST ANN'S CAMPUS

A SPACE FOR HARMONY OF
BODY, MIND, AND SPIRIT



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

OUR HOLISTIC APPROACH



60+ Club

A place of support, fun, joy, and companionship.

Wednesdays
10:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.
Parish Hall

Reflexology & Healing Touch

Koffi offers restorative sessions designed to bring calm, comfort, and inner harmony to your body.
📞 07365 387 299

Meditation, Breath & Yoga Exercise

Christian meditation, breath work for focus and renewal, & guided movements to support mobility and well-being.

Wednesdays 6 pm - 7 pm

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	21st December	28th December	4th January
1st Reading	Sr Ursula Eberhardt	Chris Flint	Nolyne Kipya
Psalm	Caterina Keyrouz	Samantha Keegan	Koffi Rodrigue
2nd Reading	Mathew Athakattu	Aaron Yusuf	Nicci Brenninkmeijer
Bidding Prayer	Romola Cardoza	Jonathan Al Hachache	Joseph Rajmohan

ST ANN'S LITURGICAL CALENDAR WITH MASS INTENTIONS

Date	Time	Intention	Celebration
Sunday 21/12	10.30 am	Mary McCormack RIP	4th Sunday of Advent
Monday 22/12	10 am	Intention Available	Advent week
Tuesday 23/12	7.00 pm	Victor Ramanan Int.	Advent week
Wednesday 24/12	7 pm	Max Cockings RIP	Christmas Eve
Thursday 25/12	10 am	Thomas Ferncombe RIP	Christmas Day
Friday 26/12	7.00 pm	Intention Available	St Stephan
Saturday 27/12	12 Noon	Intention Available	Pilgrims Mass
	6 pm	Max Cockings RIP	Vigil Mass
Sunday 28/12	10.30 am	Patrick Agyemang RIP	The Holy Family



Donate - St Ann's

Loose Collection: £

FOR ST ANN'S CHURCH OFFERING

Account Name: RCAS Kingston Hill

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& 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.