

Canon Gerard Bradley Appointed Auxiliary Bishop of Southwark

With great joy, we congratulate Canon Gerard Bradley on his appointment as Auxiliary Bishop of Southwark. Many of us will remember that Canon Gerard was with us at Confirmation 2025, where his prayerful presence and gentle encouragement were deeply appreciated by our young people and families. It is a special joy for our parish to see him now called to this new ministry.

Bishop-elect Gerard has personally asked for our prayers, and as a parish family of St Ann's Catholic Church, Kingston Hill, we gladly commend him to the Lord. We give thanks for his deep spirituality and pastoral wisdom, which will be a great blessing to the Church.

We also thank Pope Leo XIV for this gracious appointment, and we assure Bishop-elect Gerard of our continued prayers. May the Lord bless him and guide him always.

I personally thank you for all your support, generous gifts, cards, and contributions this Christmas. Your kindness and love mean a great deal to me and to our parish family. May God bless you abundantly and reward you for your generosity.



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)

01.01.2026 at 10.00 am: New Year Mass

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: Lk 2: 16: **The shepherds went in haste,
and found Mary and Joseph and the Infant lying in a manger.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First reading

Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14

The Lord honoured the father above the children, and he confirmed the judgement of the mother over her sons. Whoever honours his father atones for sins, and whoever glorifies his mother is like one who lays up treasure. Whoever honours his father will be gladdened by his own children, and when he prays he will be heard. Whoever glorifies his father will have long life, and whoever obeys the Lord will refresh his mother. O son, help your father in his old age and do not grieve him as long as he lives; even if he is lacking in understanding, show indulgence; in all your strength do not despise him. For kindness to a father will not be forgotten, and against your sins it will be credited to you. **The word of the Lord. R. Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 128(127):1-2. 3. 4-5. R1a

Response: Blessed are all who fear the LORD, and walk in his ways.

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By the labour of your hands you shall eat. You will be blessed and prosper. **R.**

Your wife like a fruitful vine in the heart of your house;

your children like shoots of the olive around your table. **R.**

Indeed thus shall be blessed the husband who fears the LORD. May the LORD bless you from Sion. May you see Jerusalem prosper all the days of your life! **R.**

Second reading

Colossians 3:12-21

Brothers and sisters: Put on, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Wives, submit to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives, and do not be harsh with them. Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord. Fathers, do not provoke your children, lest they become discouraged. **The word of the Lord. R. Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation: Col3:15,16

**Alleluia, alleluia. May the peace of Christ reign in your hearts;
let the message of Christ find a home with you. Alleluia..**

Gospel

Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

When the Magi had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, 'Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.' And he rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed to Egypt and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfil what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: 'Out of Egypt I called my son.' But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, saying, 'Rise, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child's life are dead.' And he rose and took the child and his mother and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there, and being warned in a dream he withdrew to the district of Galilee. And he went and lived in a city called Nazareth, so that what was spoken by the prophets might be fulfilled, that he would be called a Nazarene. **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.

60+ Club & Yoga Seasons

Our Wellness initiatives, the 60 Plus Club, along with Yoga and Christian Meditation sessions, will resume beginning from 14 January. All are warmly invited to join us, and we would also welcome volunteers to support this parish programme of care for body, mind, and spirit.



CHRISTMAS AT ST ANN'S

