



Sunday 18th January 2026

# NEWSLETTER

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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My dear brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus,

As we begin, let us hold the words of John the Baptist in our hearts:

“He must increase, and I must decrease.” (John 3:30)

May all that we do as a parish make space for Christ to grow among us.

- **Winter Celebration – 1st February:** On Sunday, 1st February, we will celebrate our Binders Celebration. This is a joyful moment of parish togetherness and shared responsibility. Those who would like to contribute in any way, the sign-up sheets are available at the back of the church. Please be generous not only with your gifts, but also with your time and presence. If you would like to volunteer, please speak to me, Sister, or a member of the Tea & Welcome Team..
- **Condolence – Nan Brenninkmeyer:** As a parish family of St Ann's Catholic Church, we remember with sadness the sudden passing of Nan Brenninkmeyer. We hold her family and loved ones in our prayers and commend Nan to God's loving mercy. “The Lord is close to the broken-hearted.” (Psalm 34:18)
- **Bible Study:** Our first Bible Study will take place on the 23rd at 7:30 pm.
- **Next Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> Jan – Family Mass:** Next Sunday will be our Family Mass. **All altar servers are requested to come to the Sacristy at 10.15 am.** Thank you for your commitment and dedication.

Thank you for your generosity and support. May the Lord bless our parish and guide us in His love.

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

HYMNS FOR THE MASS			
Entrance	891 – Christ be our Light	Mem. Acclamation	440c - Save us Saviour
Gloria	1011 - Glory Glory	Agnus Dei	466 - Lamb of God
Offertory	678 – Take our bread, we	Communion	285 – Here I am, Lord 663 – Soul of my Saviour
Santus	439 - Holy Holy Holy	Recessional	859 – As I kneel before you

## 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: Ps 65: 4:** All the earth shall bow down before you, O God,  
and shall sing to you, shall sing to your name, O Most High!

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### First reading

Isaiah 49:3, 5-6

The Lord said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified.' And now the LORD says, he who formed me from the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him - for I am honoured in the eyes of the LORD, and my God has become my strength - he says: 'It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to bring back the preserved of Israel; I will make you as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.' **The word of the Lord. R. Thanks be to God.**

### Responsorial Psalm

Ps 40(39):2, 4ab. 7-8a. 8b-9. 10. R8a, 9a

**Response: Behold, I have come, Lord, to do your will.**

I waited, I waited for the LORD, and he stooped down to me; he heard my cry. He put a new song into my mouth, praise of our God. R.

You delight not in sacrifice and offering, but in an open ear. You do not ask for holocaust and sin offering. Then I said, 'Behold, I have come.' R.

In the scroll of the book it stands written of me: 'I delight to do your will, O my God; your instruction lies deep within me.' R.

Your uprightness I have proclaimed in the great assembly. My lips I have not sealed; you know it, O LORD. R.

### Second reading

1 Corinthians 1:1-3

Paul, called by the will of God to be an Apostle of Christ Jesus, and our brother Sosthenes, To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: 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: John 1:14a, 12a

**Alleluia, alleluia. The Word became flesh and dwelt among us; to all who did receive him, he gave the authority to become children of God. Alleluia..**

**Gospel****John 1:29-34**

At that time: John saw Jesus coming towards him, and said, 'Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, "After me comes a man who ranks before me, because he was before me." I myself did not know him, but for this purpose I came baptising with water, that he might be revealed to Israel.' And John bore witness: 'I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but he who sent me to baptise with water said to me, "He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptises with the Holy Spirit." And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God.' **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.

Renewal of Religious vows on 11<sup>th</sup> Jan 2026**THANK YOU BY SR URSULA**

Dear St. Ann's Community,

I want to thank each one of you for making last Sunday's Mass so very special for me. To have renewed my religious vows with you there was indeed an honour and I felt very humbled. The flowers have a very special place in our chapel! Thank you Father James for making all this possible. Let us pray for each other, and may God bless and watch over our Parish family. Sr. Ursula



**IN LOVING MEMORY OF NAN BRENNINKMEYER**

As a parish family of St Ann's, we extend our heartfelt condolences to the family of Nan Brenninkmeyer. Nan was **a remarkable and much-loved presence** in our parish and in the wider community. She was a great source of encouragement and support to St Ann's, always generous with her time, kindness, and spirit. **Her joy, warmth, and positive presence** were evident at every parish gathering and moment of service.

Nan was one of the pioneers who helped nurture and support our parish community. Our parish remains deeply indebted to **her charity, commitment, and faithful support** over the years. We remember Nan with gratitude and affection, and we hold her family and her grandchildren especially in our prayers. May the Lord reward her goodness and welcome her into the peace and joy of eternal life.

**RCIA (RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS)**

We are blessed to have eight RCIA candidates in our parish this year. RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is the journey through which adults come to know Christ, deepen their faith, and are prepared to be received fully into the Catholic Church.

During the Easter Vigil, our candidates will receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and First Holy Communion - the sacraments that welcome them fully into the life of the Church. RCIA is a sacred journey of faith, prayer, learning, and conversion.



As a parish family, we kindly ask you to keep our RCIA candidates in your prayers, that they may grow in faith, trust, and openness to the work of the Holy Spirit as they journey towards Easter. Our meeting will **take place on 23 January 2026 at 5:30 p.m. with the topic 'The Sacraments – Meeting Christ in Our Lives'**

**READERS & EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION – RETREAT AT ST ANN'S**

We will be hosting a Readers and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Retreat on Friday, 31st January, from 10:00 am, followed by Holy Mass at 12:00 noon. The morning will include two reflective sessions, helping readers to deepen their experience of proclaiming the Word and Eucharistic Ministers to renew their understanding of their sacred ministry. All readers and Eucharistic Ministers are warmly encouraged to attend.





## Journeying in Faith Through Scripture, Tradition, and Story



This year, our parish formation team invites us into a deeper journey of faith - not only **learning about the Church, but listening, reflecting, and growing together.** Inspired by Mary who sat at the feet of Jesus and listened (Luke 10:39), we will explore our faith through Sacred Scripture, the living Tradition of the Church, films, shared dialogue, and prayerful conversation.

Through **Bible study, movie evenings, faith conversations, and reflections on Church traditions**, we hope to move from information to formation - **from knowing about God to encountering Him more deeply in daily life.** All are warmly welcome to take part in this journey throughout the year. Tea, coffee, and light refreshments will be available.

### SECOND TUESDAYS' SPIRITUAL EVENING

As part of our Journeying in Faith – **through Scripture, Tradition, and Story**, we will hold Spiritual Evenings **on the second Tuesday of the month at 7.30 p.m., except April and August.** These evenings are open to everyone and offer a **gentle space for Scripture, Church teaching, reflection, dialogue, and occasionally film.** The evenings will be led by **Celia, Fr James, and Sr Ursula.**

Confirmed Dates

- **Tuesday, 10th February – Biblical Women: Their lives and lessons**
- Tuesday, 10th March – Spiritual Evening
- Tuesday, 12th May – Movie Evening Film



Across the year, **three films** are included as part of the reflection.

Some examples of films that may be used include:

- Jesus of Nazareth – reflecting on the words and silence of Jesus
- The Mission – mercy, conversion, and discipleship
- Of Gods and Men – vocation, courage, and faithful witness

Details of themes and films will be shared closer to each date.



### THIRD FRIDAYS' BIBLE STUDY

Following many requests and deep reflections, we will begin a Bible Study Session held on the **3rd Fridays of each month, from 7:30 pm to 8:30 pm. led by Fr James**. All are most welcome to join as we grow together in Scripture and faith.

**The first Bible Study will take place on 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2026 at 7.30 pm to 8.30 pm.**

# 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**



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

**Wednesdays 6 pm - 7 pm**



## Winter Celebration at Holy Cross Prep School Campus

📍 **Address: Holy Cross Preparatory School, George Rd,  
Kingston upon Thames KT2 7NU**

As mentioned in our Annual Planner, we are excited to host a  
Winter Celebration and Mass at Holy Cross Preparatory  
School on Sunday, **1st February 2026**.

🕒 **10:30 AM** – Fun games for kids, couples, seniors, **followed by Holy Mass**.

🍽 **Shared Meal** – Bring a dish to share and enjoy fellowship.

📌 **Please note:** **There will be no Sunday Mass at St. Ann's Church on Feb 1st**

We encourage all to join us at Holy Cross Prep School campus for this joyful  
celebration. This event is a wonderful opportunity to connect as a community before  
the start of the Lenten season, similar to our summer outdoor days.

◆ Sign-up forms are available at the back of the church and in the hall.

◆ **If you would like to bring a dish, contribute food items, or volunteer, please  
provide your details on the sign-up sheet available at the back  
of the church or in the tea area at the hall.**



## SUNDAY CATECHISM

## TWO GROUPS

Due to the growing number of children and varying age groups, Sunday. Catechism will now be divided into two groups:

- **Youth Catechism (< 10 – held in the Parish meeting room**
- **Children's Catechism (>10) – held as usual in the hall**



We are blessed with more catechists and joyful participation. Thank you to all catechists and parents for your dedication. This growth truly reflects God's blessing upon St Ann's, as we continue to be instruments of joy, peace, and love in our parish.

## FAMILY MASS

**25TH JANUARY AT 10.30 AM**

We will have our Family Mass on Sunday, 25th January at 10.30 am. 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.

St Ann's Activities Jan & Feb 2026		
Date	Time	Event
23/01/2026	5.30 PM Fri	RCIA session
23/01/2026	7.30 PM Fri	Bible Study
25/01/2026	10.30 am Sun	Family Mass
26/01/2026	5.30 pm Mon	First Communion
01/02/2026	10.30 am Sun	Winter Celebration and Mass at Holy Cross Prep School campus
09/02/2026	5.30 pm Mon	First Communion - Reconciliation
10/02/2026	7.30 pm Tue	Biblical Women: Their lives and lessons
Wednesdays	10.45 am/6 pm	60+ Club / Yoga & Meditation

**ST ANN'S READING ROTA FOR SUNDAYS**

Role	18th January	25th January	1st February
1st Reading	Immacula Benedict	Alin	Shamintha Jayatilaka
Psalm	Joseph Beim	Yasmin D'Souza	Duncan Katungu
2nd Reading	Ann Titus	Augustin Shaju	Lithin Zacharias
Bidding Prayer	Adriana Jimenez	Martin Gilhooky	Christo

**ST ANN'S LITURGICAL CALENDAR WITH MASS INTENTIONS**

Date	Time	Intention	Celebration
Sunday 18/12	10.30 am	Rebecca Pinghe W/B Nan Brenninkmeyer RIP	2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday 19/01	10 am	Sandra Sullivan RIP	St Wulstan
Tuesday 20/01	7.00 pm	Victor Ramanan Int.	St Fabian
Wednesday 21/01	10 am	Intention Available	St Agnes
Thursday 22/01	No Mass		
Friday 23/01	7.00 pm	Intention Available	Ordinary Time
Saturday 24/01	12 Noon	Intention Available	Pilgrims Mass
	6 pm	Max Cockings RIP	Vigil Mass
Sunday 25/01	10.30 am	Rita and Angela W/B	3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Loose Collection: £ 324.65



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**FOR ST ANN'S CHURCH OFFERING**

Account Name: RCAS Kingston Hill

Account Number: 79124429

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

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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.