



Sunday 4th January 2025  
**NEWSLETTER**

2nd Sunday of Christmas

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As we begin a new year – a new gift from God – I warmly welcome you all back after the Christmas break. I hope you were able to rest well, celebrate with your families, and begin the year renewed in body, mind, and spirit. Our parish life resumes fully in the coming days.

**Monday, 12 January 2026:** Our First Holy Communion sessions will resume from 5:30 pm to 6:15 pm, and the RCIA programme will also recommence.

**Wednesday, 14 January 2026:** We will be recommencing the 60 Plus Club and our yoga sessions.

**Sunday, 1 February 2026:** We are excited to host St Ann's Second Winter Celebration and Mass at the Holy Cross Preparatory School Campus.

As we return to our parish rhythm, I want to say a heartfelt thank you for the past year. It has been a truly meaningful journey for our St Ann's community – we walked together, worked together, celebrated together, and supported one another through challenging moments.

My sincere gratitude to all our volunteers, catechists, well-wishers, and parish supporters. To our elders, thank you for your wisdom and quiet strength. To our children and young people, thank you for bringing life and joy to our parish. From next week onwards, our parish life begins again in full measure. Let us continue this journey together – as one parish family – trusting that God, who has guided us so faithfully, will continue to lead us in the year ahead.

With every blessing, Fr James Raj

HYMNS FOR THE MASS			
Entrance	285 - Here I am, Lord	Mem. Acclamation	440c - Save us Saviour
Gloria	1011 - Glory Glory	Agnus Dei	466 - Lamb of God
Offertory	23 - All that I am	Communion	72 - Be Still 478 - Make Me a Channel
Santus	439 - Holy Holy Holy	Recessional	300 - Immaculate Mary

## 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: Wis 18: 14-15:** When a profound silence covered all things and night was in the middle of its course, your all-powerful Word, O Lord, bounded from heaven's royal throne.

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### First reading

**Sirach 24:1-2, 8-12**

Wisdom will praise herself and will boast in the midst of her people. In the assembly of the Most High she will open her mouth, and in the presence of his forces she will boast: 'Then the Creator of all things commanded me, and the one who created me gave my tent a resting place. And he said, "Make your dwelling in Jacob and in Israel receive your inheritance." From eternity, in the beginning, he created me, and for eternity I shall not cease to exist. In the holy tabernacle I ministered before him, and so I was established in Sion. In the beloved city likewise he gave me a resting place, and in Jerusalem was my dominion. So I took root in an honoured people, in the portion of the Lord, his inheritance.' **The word of the Lord. R. Thanks be to God.**

### Responsorial Psalm

**Ps 147: 12-13. 14-15. 19-20. R12a**

**Response: The Word became flesh and dwelt among us.**

O Jerusalem, glorify the LORD! O Sion, praise your God! He has strengthened the bars of your gates; he has blessed your children within you. **R.**

He established peace on your borders; he gives you your fill of finest wheat.

He sends out his word to the earth, and swiftly runs his command. **R.**

He reveals his word to Jacob; to Israel, his decrees and judgements.

He has not dealt thus with other nations; he has not taught them his judgements. **R.**

### Second reading

**Ephesians 1:3-6, 15-18**

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit

of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints.

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

Gospel Acclamation: 1 Timothy 3:16

**Alleluia, alleluia. Glory to you, O Christ, proclaimed among the nations.**

**Glory to you, O Christ, believed in throughout the world. Alleluia..**

## **Gospel**

**John 1:1-5, 9-14**

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the Only Begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth. **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.

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

Role	4th January	11th January	18th January
1st Reading	Nolyne Kipyra	Volunteer	Immacula Benedict
Psalm	Koffi Rodrigue	Volunteer	Joseph Beim
2nd Reading	Nicci Brenninkmeijer	Volunteer	Ann Titus
Bidding Prayer	Joseph Rajmohan	Volunteer	Adriana Jimenez

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

Date	Time	Intention	Celebration
Sunday 04/12	10.30 am	Intention Available	2nd Sun of Christmas
Monday 05/01	10 am	Intention Available	Christmas Season
Tuesday 06/01	7.00 pm	Victor Ramanan Int.	Epiphany
Wednesday 07/01	10 am	Intention Available	Christmas Season
Thursday 08/01	10 am	Intention Available	Christmas Season
Friday 09/01	7.00 pm	Victor and Ester Randolfi Int.	Christmas Season
Saturday 10/01	12 Noon	Orla Lewis Int.	Pilgrims Mass
	6 pm	Max Cockings RIP	Vigil Mass
Sunday 11/12	10.30 am	Ellen Ward B/D	Baptism of the Lord

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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.