



Sunday 22nd March 2026
NEWSLETTER

5th Sunday of Lent

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My dear brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus,

As we journey towards Holy Week, today's Gospel of Lazarus invites us into a deeper reflection on life. A man who had already entered the tomb is called back, "Come out." It is not only a miracle, but a powerful reminder that life is fragile, time is limited, and what truly remains **is not what we possess, but how we have lived**. Like Lazarus, we too are **given moments to rise again, to renew our path, and to live more meaningfully before the Lord**.

I warmly invite you all to **join us for Palm Sunday**. The procession will begin at **10:30 am from the garden**, followed by the regular Mass in the church. Let us come together in prayer as we enter into these sacred days.

I would also like to express **my sincere appreciation to the Hall Core Committee for their dedicated effort and commitment in reaching an important milestone** - the selection of the right architect for our parish hall project. We are grateful for their hard work. Further details will be shared by Chris next week.

As we prepare for Holy Week, I encourage each one of you to enter into this time prayerfully. If you have anyone in mind **to represent one of the twelve disciples for the Washing of the Feet on Maundy Thursday**, please do let me know.

Let us journey together in faith during these holy days.

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

HYMNS FOR THE MASS			
Entrance	80 – Bind us together Lord	Mem. Acclamation	440c - Save us Saviour
Offertory	678 – Take our bread, we ask you	Communion	706 - The Lord's my She 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 42: 1-2: **Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First reading

Ezekiel 37:12-14

Thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the LORD. **The word of the Lord. R. Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 130(129):1-2. 3-4. 5-6b. 6c-8. R7bc

Response: With the LORD there is mercy, in him is plentiful redemption.

Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD; Lord, hear my voice! O let your ears be attentive to the sound of my pleadings. **R.**

If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But with you is found forgiveness, that you may be revered. **R.**

I long for you, O LORD, my soul longs for his word. My soul awaits the Lord more than watchmen for daybreak. **R.**

More than watchmen for daybreak, let Israel hope for the LORD. For with the LORD there is mercy, in him is plentiful redemption. It is he who will redeem Israel from all its iniquities. **R.**

Second reading

Romans 8:8-11

Brothers and Sisters: Those who are in the flesh cannot please God. You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

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

Gospel Acclamation **John 11:25a, 26:** **Glory to you, O Christ, Son of the living God. I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord. Everyone who believes in me shall never die. Glory to you, O Christ, Son of the living God.**

Gospel

John 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

At that time: The sisters of Lazarus sent to Jesus, saying, 'Lord, he whom you love is ill.' But when Jesus heard it he said, 'This illness does not lead to death. It is for the glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.' Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. So, when he heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. Then after this he said to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judea again.' Now when Jesus came, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. So when Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, but Mary remained seated in the house. Martha said to Jesus, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you.' Jesus said to her, 'Your brother will rise again.' Martha said to him, 'I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?' She said to him, 'Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world.' Jesus was deeply moved in his spirit and greatly troubled. And he said, 'Where have you laid him?' They said to him, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus wept. So the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!' But some of them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man also have kept this man from dying?' Then Jesus, deeply moved again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it. Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.' Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, 'Lord, by this time there will be a smell, for he has been dead four days.' Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, 'Father, I thank you that you have heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I said this on account of the people standing around, that they may believe that you sent me.' When he had said these things, he cried out with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out.' The man who had died came out, his hands and feet bound with linen strips, and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, and let him go.' Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what he did, believed in him.

The Gospel of the Lord. All reply: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

"Human looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart." 1 Samuel 16:7

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.

KEY DATES FOR LENT, HOLY WEEK, AND EASTER 2026

LENT 2026

- **Stations of the Cross** – Every Friday at 7:20 PM (after 7:00 PM Mass)

HOLY WEEK 2026

- **Palm Sunday** – 29th March (10:30 AM Procession & Mass)
- **Lenten Reconciliation Service** – 31st March at 6.00 pm
- **Maundy Thursday** – 2nd April (7:00 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper & Washing of the Feet)
- **Good Friday- 3rd April**
 - **2:15 PM** – Outdoor Way of the Cross
 - **3:00 PM** – Solemn Passion Liturgy
- **Holy Saturday** – Morning Prayer at 10 am



EASTER 2026

- **Easter Vigil** – 4th April (8:00 PM followed by refreshments)
- **Easter Sunday** – 5th April (10:30 AM Mass followed by refreshments)



Way of the Cross at St Ann's



Every Friday Mass will be followed by the Way of the Cross. We invite you to join as a family, **especially young families**, to bring children and help them grow in the Lenten journey. You can collect the lenten booklet as well the way of the cross booklet for your personal use. Let us walk together in this Lenten season with prayer, sacrifice, and service!

“Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me.” Psalm 23:4

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.

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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



Journeying in Faith Through Scripture, Tradition, and Story



Our parish invites everyone to take part in a gentle journey of faith this year. Inspired by Mary who “sat at the Lord’s feet and listened to his teaching” (Luke 10:39), these gatherings offer time to reflect on Sacred Scripture, the living Tradition of the Church, and the stories that shape our faith. Through Bible study, film reflections, shared conversation, and prayer, we hope to move from simply learning about God to encountering Him more deeply in everyday life. Tea, coffee, and light refreshments will be available.

Third Fridays - Bible Study (7:30 pm – 8:30 pm) Led by Fr James – **17th April 2026**

Second Tuesdays - Spiritual Evenings (7:30 pm) – **12th May – Biblical Women: Their lives and lessons (2)**

“I am the resurrection and the life.” (John 11:25)



FAMILY MASS

22ND MARCH AT 10.30 AM

We will have our Family Mass on Sunday, 22nd March 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.

YOUTH MEETING

11TH APRIL AT 4.30 PM

The next Youth Group meeting will take place on Saturday, 11th April 2026 at 4.30 pm. The meeting will be held in the priest's house meeting room and will be headed by Celia. This is a valuable opportunity, and all young people are warmly encouraged to attend, as it will support their personal and spiritual development.

ST ANN'S PARISH NEWS AND UPDATES

Easter Offering Envelopes for Priests



Easter envelopes are now available at the back of the church. Your offering is a personal gift to the priest, as priests do not receive a regular salary but have a basic monthly stipend (£152). In addition, priests may receive: Mass stipends (£10 per intentioned Mass), Stole fees for sacraments such as baptisms or funerals, when offered. Thank you for your continued kindness and care.

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.



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.

ST ANN'S ACTIVITIES FEB & APR 2026

DATE	TIME	EVENT
23/03/2026	5.30 pm Mon	First Communion season
27/03/2026	7.00 PM Fri	Way of the Cross after Mass
29/03/2026	10.30 AM Sun	Palm Sunday Mass
31/03/2026	6.00 pm Tue	Lenten Reconciliation Service
02/04/2026	7.00 pm Thur	Maundy Thursday Mass
03/04/2026	2.15 pm	Outdoor Way of the Cross
03/04/2026	3.00 pm	Good Friday Liturgy
04/04/2026	10.00 am	Holy Saturday Morning Prayer
04/04/2026	8.00 pm	Easter Vigil Mass
05/04/2026	10.30 am	Easter Mass
11/04/2026	4.30 pm	Youth Meeting
12/04/2026	10.30 am	Divine Mercy Sunday
<i>Wednesdays</i>	<i>10.45 am/6 pm</i>	<i>60+ Club / Yoga & Meditation</i>
<i>Second Tuesday</i>	<i>7.30 pm</i>	<i>Spiritual Evening</i>
<i>Second Saturday</i>	<i>4.30 pm</i>	<i>Youth Group Meeting (11-14 yrs)</i>
<i>Third Fridays</i>	<i>7.30 pm</i>	<i>Bible Study</i>
<i>Fourth Sunday</i>	<i>10.30 am</i>	<i>Family Mass (No Catechism)</i>

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.



"The Lord heard my voice when I cried to Him." Psalm 91:15

ST ANN'S READING ROTA FOR SUNDAYS

Role	22nd March	29 th March	5 th April
1st Reading	Sr Ursula Eberhardt	Chris Flint	Volunteer
Psalm	Caterina Keyrouz	Samantha Keegan	Volunteer
2nd Reading	Alice	Aaron Yusuf	Volunteer
Bidding Prayer	Romola Cardoza	Jonathan Al Hachache	Volunteer

ST ANN'S LITURGICAL CALENDAR WITH MASS INTENTIONS

Date	Time	Intention	Celebration
Sunday 22/03	10.30 am	Mary MacCormack RIP	5th Sunday of Lent
Monday 23/03	10 am	Fr Tim King W/B	5th Week of Lent
Tuesday 24/03	7.00 pm	Victor Ramanan Int.	5th Week of Lent
Wednesday 25/03	10 am	Intention Available	Annunciation of the Lord
Thursday 26/03	No Mass		
Friday 27/03	7.00 pm	Bridie Collins int.	5th Week of Lent
Saturday 28/03	12 noon	Intention Available	Pilgrims Mass
	6 pm	Max Cockings RIP	Vigil Mass
Sunday 29/03	10.30 am	Paul De Mello RIP	Palm Sunday

Loose Collection: £ 391.03



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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

Contactless Collection: £ 420.00

& Standing Order

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.