



Sunday 6 Sep 2026

NEWSLETTER

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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This Sunday's Gospel reminds us that Christian life is a life of relationship. **Jesus calls us not to allow hurt or misunderstanding to grow, but to have the courage to speak to one another, listen to one another and seek reconciliation.** We are not meant to live as isolated individuals. We belong to one another. As St Paul reminds us, "Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law" (Rm 13:10). Sometimes the greatest expression of love is taking the first step towards another.

A few parish updates:

- our First Holy Communion preparation begins on **Monday, 21st September at 5.30 pm**. Applications are available online for children aged 7 and above.
- On Sunday, **4th October at 10.30 am, we will once again celebrate our Pets' Blessing Mass in the garden in honour of St Francis of Assisi**. All creatures, great and small, are welcome!
- Our parish development planning application is now with Kingston Council. The statutory notice has been displayed outside the church and neighbouring properties have been notified. We will give you a fuller update next week.
- I am also delighted to **share some photographs from the opening of the new school building in my home village in India**.

Above all, thank you for being who you are
and for making St Ann's such a warm and caring community.

Fr James Raj, Parish Priest (jamesraj@rcaos.org.uk)

HYMNS FOR THE MASS			
Entrance	386- Lord of All Hope	Acclamation	440c - Save us Saviour.
Gloria	1011 - Glory Glory	Agnus Dei	466 - Lamb of God.
Offertory	302-In bread we	Communion	706 - The Lord's my
Sanctus	439 - Holy Holy Holy	Recessional	300- Immaculate Mary

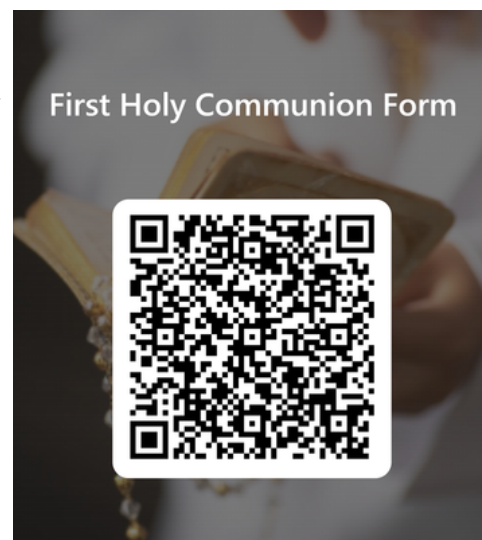
FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION 2026/27

Preparation for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion for children **aged 7 years and over will begin on Monday, 21st September 2026 at 5.30 pm at St Ann's.**

The first session is for parents and children together.

If you would like your child to join the programme, **please scan the QR code to complete the application form.**

Fr James, Nicci and Sr Ursula look forward to welcoming all **our children and families on 21st September.**



Entrance Antiphon: You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right;
treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**First reading****Ezekiel 33:7-9**

‘If you do not speak to warn the wicked, his blood I will require at your hand.’

Thus says the Lord: ‘So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul.’

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

Responsorial Psalm**Ps 95(94):1-2. 6-7b. 7c-9. R7c, 8a.**

Response: O that today you would listen to his voice! ‘Harden not your hearts.’

Come, let us ring out our joy to the LORD; hail the rock who saves us. Let us come into his presence, giving thanks; let us hail him with a song of praise. **R**

O come; let us bow and bend low. Let us kneel before the LORD who made us, for he is our God, and we the people, the people of his pasture, the flock of his hand. **R**

O that today you would listen to his voice! ‘Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert when your forebears put me to the test; when they tried me, though they saw my work.’. **R**

Second reading**Romans 13:8-10****‘Love is the fulfilling of the law.’**

Brothers and Sisters: Owe no one anything, except to love each other. For the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. For the commandments, ‘You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet’, and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: ‘You shall love your neighbour as yourself.’ Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

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

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia, God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. **Alleluia, alleluia**

Gospel**Matthew 18:15-20**

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, ‘If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.’

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.

PETS' BLESSING MASS

IN HONOUR OF ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI

Sunday, 4th October 2026 at 10.30 am

In the side garden at St Ann's

All pets – and their owners – and the parishioners are warmly welcome.

After Mass, every pet will receive a small gift and a medal.


Please ensure pets are on leads or in carriers.



SCHOOL BUILDING OPENING UPDATE

I am delighted to share with you some photographs from the recent opening and blessing of our new primary school building in my home village in India. It was a truly joyful occasion. What **touched me most was seeing the whole village come together as one family. People from all 14 different caste communities, irrespective of their differences, joined together to celebrate something that belongs to everyone - the education and future of our children.** Following the blessing and opening of the school, the children presented a wonderful programme of cultural dances and performances. **Around 1,500 people were provided with a meal as part of the village celebration** after the opening programme.

I particularly want to say thank you to you, the parishioners of St Ann's. **The very generous Christmas offering you gave me last year 2025** was put towards the cost of this school project. With the generous support of **the Sisters of the Holy Cross, we were also able to provide much-needed educational and school equipment, including classroom resources, cupboards, CCTV and other facilities.** Thanks to Sr Ursula and Sr Margaret. One of our own parishioners, through a very generous Good Samaritan donation, helped to provide the children with outdoor play equipment. Together with my own contribution, the support of the Diocese and other benefactors, so much has been achieved.

Seeing the happiness on the faces of the children made everything worthwhile. I am deeply grateful to God and to every person who has helped make this possible. What we have achieved is more than a new school building - **it is an investment in children, education and the future of an entire village. Thank you, St Ann's, for being part of it.**

I am happy to share you the pictures of the same opening ceremony



Let the little children come to me. Mark 10:14
R.C. PRIMARY SCHOOL, DEVIPATTANAM
 5 August 2026
 With Grateful Acknowledgement
Pontificium Opus a Sancta Infantia, Rome
St. Ann's Catholic Church, Kingston Hill, London
Sisters of the Holy Cross, England
Diocese of Palayamkottai
 And All Generous Benefactors
 whose kindness and financial support
 made the construction of this school possible.
Dedicated with Sincere Gratitude
 Correspondent, Headmaster, Teachers and Students
 R.C. Primary School, Devipattanam



R.C. PRIMARY SCHOOL, DEVIPATTANAM
 5 August 2026
 Solemnly Blessed by
Fr. Motcharajan M.
 Administrator, Diocese of Palayamkottai
 Opened by
Fr. James S M K Raj
 Former Student & Parish Priest, Kingston Hill, UK
Fr. Deepak Michael Raja
 Procurator, Diocese of Palayamkottai
 Construction Commenced During the Service of
 Fr. Xavier S. & Fr. Arul Alexander
 Architect & Project Design
 Fr. Robin A., Alpha Omega Construction
 With Prayers and Blessings
Fr. Micheal Mahesh A.
 Correspondent & Parish Priest
 R.C. Schools, Sivagiri Parish
 With Dedication
 Headmaster, Teachers & Students
 R.C. Primary School, Devipattanam



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CONGRATULATIONS TO CAPT. FLAVIAN D'SOUZA

We warmly congratulate Capt. Flavian Kamath D'Souza, a valued member of our St Ann's parish community, on being part of the historic Centenary Celebration of the Honourable Company of Master Mariners at Guildhall, London. Flavian served as Master of the Company in 2016–2017 and joined fellow Past Masters for this very special occasion, alongside HRH The Duke of Edinburgh, the

current Master, and HRH The Princess Royal, a Past Master. It is a wonderful recognition of a lifetime of distinguished service to the maritime profession, and we are very proud to celebrate this special occasion with Flavian. Congratulations, Flavian! May God continue to bless you, your family and your service.

ST ANN'S READING ROTA FOR SUNDAYS

Role	6th Sep	13th Sep	20th Sep
1st Reading	Margaret Aceger	Nimasha Yusuf	Chris Flint
Psalm	Elisa Fuentes	Sruthi Tharakan	Daniel Mokwena
2nd Reading	Nicci Brenninkmeyer	Gervin Hudson	Sr Ursula Eberhardt
Bidding Prayer	Catherine Amuden	Samson P	Caterina Keyrouz

ST ANN'S LITURGICAL CALENDAR WITH MASS INTENTIONS

Date	Time	Intention	Celebration
Sunday 06/09	10.30 am	Mark Tompkins RIP	23rd Sunday
Monday 07/09	10.00 am	Mrs Pereira RIP	Ordinary Time
Tuesday 08/09	7 pm	Jesusa Villamin	Our Lady's Birth Day
Wednesday 09/09	10.00 am	Sr Shiny Jose Int.	Ordinary Time
Thursday 10/09	Day Off - No Mass		
Friday 11/09	7.00 pm	Martino Buurentrawa RIP	Ordinary Time
Saturday 12/09	12 Noon	Camilla Ballinger RIP	Holy name of Mary
	6 pm	Max Cocking RIP	Vigil Mass
Sunday 13/09	10.30 am	Karl Mackie RIP	24th Sunday



Donate - St Ann's

Loose Collection: £ 236.20

FOR ST ANN'S CHURCH OFFERING

Account Name: RCAS Kingston Hill

Account Number: 79124429

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

Contactless Collection: £ 320.00

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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.