Sunday 1 Nov 2026

NEWSLETTER

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

All Saints' Day **invites us to recognise the quiet holiness around us.** In Lourdes, I saw it in a husband's tender care for his sick wife, and in a volunteer who gently gathered pilgrims' written prayers and placed them in the intention box from the floor. **Through a loving touch, a little patience and simple kindness, God's love reaches another person.** These ordinary moments remind us that we can walk through life's uncertainties together, sustained by faith and love.

Thank you for your prayers during my pilgrimage. I had a peaceful and deeply fulfilling time, attending Masses and visiting the grotto each morning at 6.00 a.m. I carried your intentions with me for two days before placing them in the intention box on the third day, to be entrusted to the Carmelite sisters for continued prayer.

While praying at the grotto, I also prepared **our St Ann's Hall webpage,** now available on our parish website. In that same place, I **entrusted our whole hall project and our parish's hopes to Our Lady's care.** I return grateful and renewed, trusting God to guide the journey ahead.

Today we warmly welcome **our children dressed as saints.** Each will receive a medal I brought from Lourdes from the lived house of St Bernadete and a Mass book. **May these gifts help them grow in faith, kindness and love, carrying the spirit of the saints into everyday life.**

Cemetery blessings - Sunday 1 November: Putney Vale Cemetery at 2.00 p.m. and Kingston Cemetery Chapel at 3.00 p.m. All are welcome to join us in prayer for our departed loved ones.

With every blessing, **Fr James Raj, Parish Priest (jamesraj@rcaos.org.uk)**

HYMNS FOR THE MASS			
Entrance	176 - For all the saints (3vv)	Sanctus	439 - Holy Holy Holy
Gloria	1011 - Glory Glory	Communion	633 - Soul of My Saviour (3vv)
Offertory	23 - All that I am (2vv)	Recessional	263 - Holy Virgin by ... (3vv)

Entrance Antiphon

Let us all rejoice in the Lord, as we celebrate the feast day in honour of all the Saints ,at whose festival the Angels rejoice and praise the Son of God.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First reading **Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14**

I, John, saw another angel ascending from the rising of the sun, with the seal of the living God, and he called with a loud voice to the four angels who had been given power to harm earth and sea, saying, 'Do not harm the earth or the sea or the trees, until we have sealed the servants of our God on their foreheads.' And I heard the number of the sealed, one hundred and forty-four thousand, sealed from every tribe of the sons of Israel. After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, 'Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!' And all the angels were standing round the throne and round the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, saying, 'Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.' Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, 'Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?' I said to him, 'Sir, you know.' And he said to me, ' These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.' **The word of the Lord. R. Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm **Ps 24(23):1-2. 3-4b. 5-6. ℟ cf. 6**

R: Such are the people who seek your face, O Lord.

The LORD'S is the earth and its fullness, the world, and those who dwell in it. It is he who set it on the seas; on the rivers he made it firm. **R**

Who shall climb the mountain of the LORD? Who shall stand in his holy place? The clean of hands and pure of heart, whose soul is not set on vain things. **R**

Blessings from the LORD shall he receive, and right reward from the God who saves him. Such are the people who seek him, who seek the face of the God of Jacob. **R**

Second reading **1 John 3:1-3**

Beloved: See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure. **The word of the Lord. R. Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia Come to me, all who labour and are heavy laden, says the Lord, and I will give you rest. **Alleluia, alleluia**

Gospel **Matthew 5:1-12a**

At that time: Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying: 'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

CONGRATULATIONS 'HONEY' BARRY AND 'HONEY' TOM,

Congratulations, Barry and Tom, on winning seven awards at the National Honey Show! A wonderful recognition of the care and dedication behind your spring and summer honey, beeswax honeycomb and even your honey jar label. We are delighted to celebrate this lovely achievement with you both!

Gospel

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven.'

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.

YOUTH MEETING

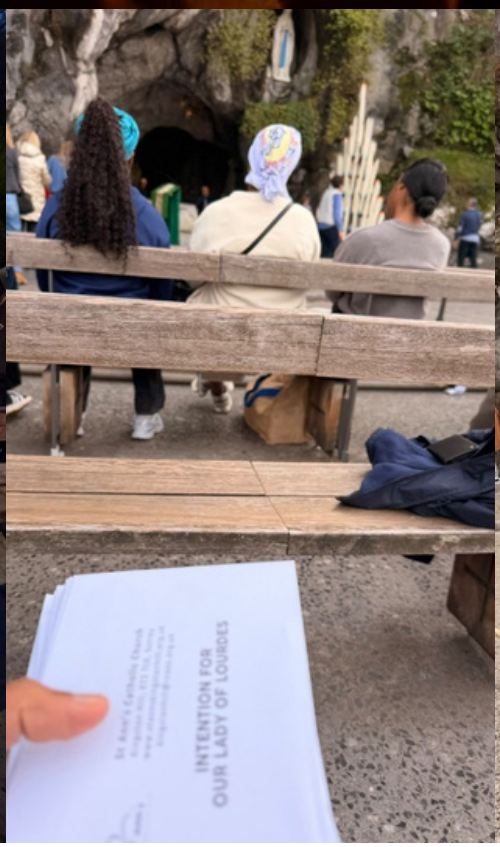
15TH NOVEMBER AFTER 10.30 AM MASS

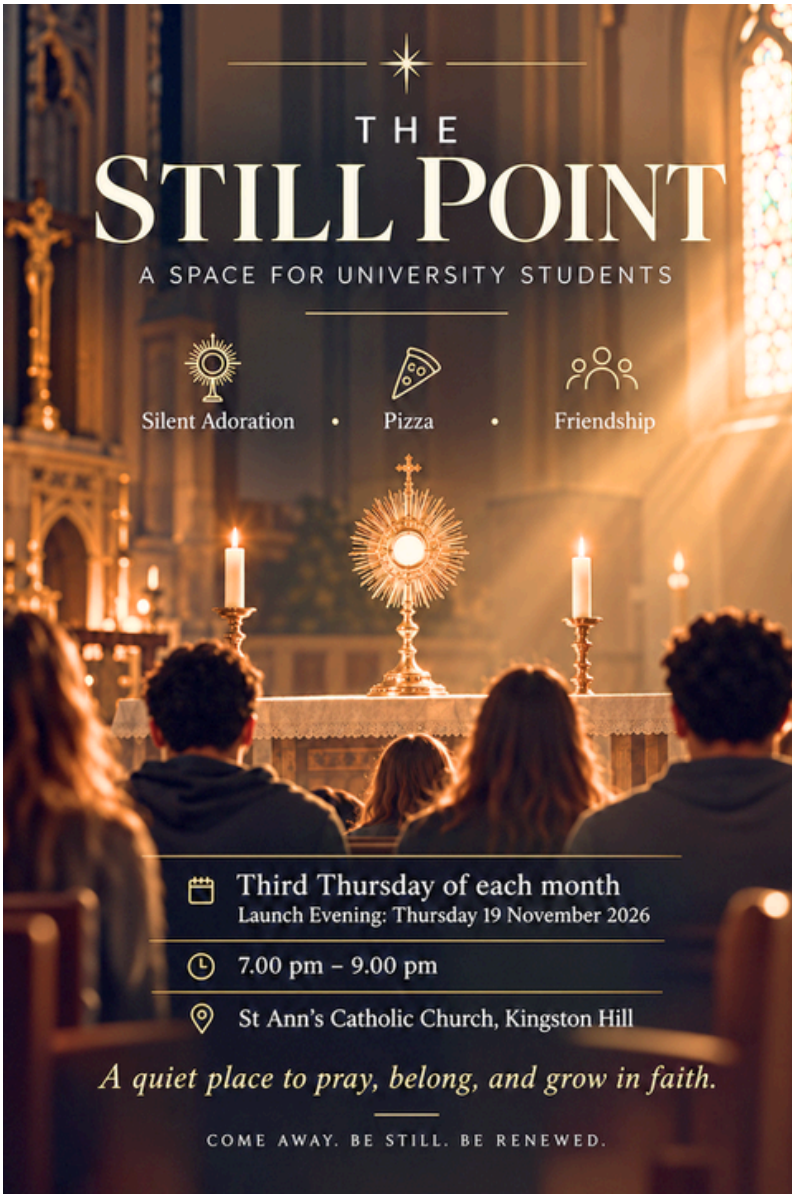
The next Youth Group meeting will take place after the 10.30 am Sunday Mass in the Priest's House Meeting Room, led by Fr James Raj. The meeting will focus on the role of young people in supporting the fundraising activities for our Parish Hall Development Project. All young people are warmly invited to join us, share their ideas and take an active part in building the future of our parish community.

LOURDES - CARRYING OUR PARISH IN PRAYER

Thank you for your prayers during my pilgrimage to Lourdes. Each morning at six, I prayed **at the grotto, carrying your intentions and our hall project before Our Lady.** On the third day, I placed your envelopes in the grotto's prayer box. Masses, candlelight processions, lovely weather, peaceful walks and an occasional draught beer made it a memorable journey. I also **prepared our St Ann's Hall webpage, now online.** I return grateful, trusting God to guide us as we build our parish's future together.

Where St Bernadete kneeled and prayed





THE STILL POINT
A Space for University Students

University life can be demanding, and young people need time to pause, pray, relax and build meaningful friendships. At the invitation of the Diocese, St Ann's is developing a welcoming spiritual space for university students, particularly from Kingston University and other nearby universities.

The Still Point will offer an evening of silent Eucharistic Adoration, followed by pizza and friendship. Catholic and other Christian students are warmly welcome, as is anyone seeking a peaceful space for reflection.

We will begin with monthly gatherings during this academic year, with the hope of gradually expanding to twice a month. Our first gathering is on Thursday 19 November 2026, from 7.00 pm to 9.00 pm, at St Ann's Catholic Church.

We warmly encourage parishioners to share this invitation with university students and young people they know. Let St Ann's become a place where young people can find peace, grow in faith, make new friends and experience a genuine sense of belonging. Come away. Be still. Be renewed.

CEMETERY BLESSINGS - PRAYING FOR OUR DEPARTED LOVED ONES

We warmly invite parishioners to join us in prayer for our departed loved ones at the following cemeteries:

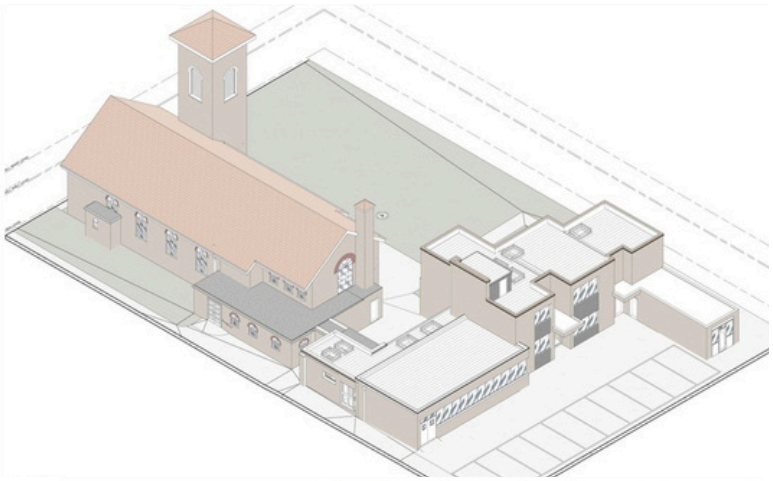
Putney Vale Cemetery - 2.00 pm
Kingston Cemetery Chapel - 3.00 pm

We will gather for prayers and the blessing of graves, remembering our loved ones in faith and gratitude.

FROM OUR PRESENT HALL TO A NEW VISION FOR ST ANN'S

Building More Than a Hall - Building a Community

With planning permission now granted, we are taking an exciting step towards transforming our parish hall into a welcoming, accessible and vibrant space for everyone. Our vision is not simply to build a new hall, but to create a place where faith, friendship, families and community life can flourish. At St Ann's, there is always room for one more.



ST ANN'S READING ROTA FOR SUNDAYS			
Role	**1st Nov**	**8th Nov**	**15th Nov**
1st Reading	Kathy Aceuski	Joseph Rajmohan	Gerard Hasson
Psalm	Sham Jayasri	Jayamol Varghese	Nas Ahmed
2nd Reading	Marie Cottrell	Andre Ramalhino	Jithin Mathew
Bidding Prayer	Judith Benedict	Ellie Blair	Adrian Benedict

ST ANN'S LITURGICAL CALENDAR WITH MASS INTENTIONS			
Date	**Time**	**Intention**	**Celebration**
Sunday 01/11	10.30 am	Grace O'Shea RIP	All Saints
Monday 02/11	10.00 am	Intention Available	All Souls
Tuesday 03/11	7 pm	O'Regan Pinghe RIP	St. Martin
Wednesday 04/11	10.00 am	Rebecca Pinghe RIP	St. Charles
Thursday 05/11	Day Off - No Mass		
Friday 06/11	7.00 pm	Private Intention	Ordinary Time
Saturday 07/11	12 Noon	Jack and Shannon W/D	Ordinary Time
	6 pm	Max Cockings RIP	Vigil Mass
Sunday 08/11	10.30 am	Claudio Magagnoli RIP	32nd Sunday

Donate - St Ann's

Loose Collection: **£ 332.27**

FOR ST ANN'S CHURCH OFFERING

Account Name: RCAS Kingston Hill

Account Number: 79124429

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& 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.