Sunday 15 Nov 2026

NEWSLETTER

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SATURDAY
10.30 am	10.00 am	7.00 pm	10.00 am	No Mass	7.00 pm	12 noon 6.00 pm Vigil Mass

ADORATION & CONFESSION

Tuesday
6.15 – 6.45 pm
Saturday
11.15 – 11.45 am

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

We are entering an exciting new phase of our parish journey. This Sunday's Gospel reminds us to put the gifts God has entrusted to us at the service of others. Our community grows through the generosity, prayer and faithful commitment of so many people, often in quiet and unnoticed ways.

Please keep our young people in your prayers as we look ahead to Confirmation. We are also preparing to welcome university students through **The Still Point, beginning on Thursday 19 November, from 7.00 to 9.00 pm.** Silent Eucharistic Adoration will be followed by pizza and friendship. Please share this invitation with students you know and pray that they will find peace, encouragement and a sense of belonging at St Ann's.

We look forward, too, to our Christmas Lights Celebration. Our growing friendships with our schools, families, other faith friends, Civil and political leaders, neighbours and volunteers as we prepare to celebrate together.

Our hall project is progressing. We are **moving closer to identifying our preferred contractor and are working closely with one of the shortlisted contractors towards a better quotation before making a final decision**. Chris will update us about the project today. Please continue to pray as this work develops.

Thank you for everything you bring to our parish family. Whether through a financial contribution, practical help, encouragement or prayer, each person has something valuable to offer. Together, we can continue building a community where there is always room for one more.
With prayers and blessings,

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

HYMNS FOR THE MASS			
Entrance	37 - Alleluia Sing to Jesus	Sanctus	439 - Holy Holy Holy
Gloria	1011 - Glory Glory	Communion	285 - Here I am, Lord
Offertory	80 - Bind us together	Recessional	300 - Immaculate Mary

Entrance Antiphon: The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First reading **Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31**

An excellent wife who can find? She is far more precious than jewels. The heart of her husband trusts in her, and he will have no lack of gain. She does him good, and not harm, all the days of her life. She seeks wool and flax, and works with willing hands. She puts her hands to the distaff, and her hands hold the spindle. She opens her hand to the poor and reaches out her hands to the needy. Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised. Give her of the fruit of her hands, and let her works praise her in the gates. **The word of the Lord. R. Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm **Ps 128(127):1-2. 3. 4-5. ℟1a**

R: Blessed are all who fear the LORD.

Blessed are all who fear the LORD, and walk in his ways! By the labour of your hands you shall eat. You will be blessed and prosper. ℟

Your wife like a fruitful vine in the heart of your house; your children like shoots of the olive around your table. ℟

Indeed thus shall be blessed the husband who fears the LORD. May the LORD bless you from Sion. May you see Jerusalem prosper all the days of your life! ℟

Second reading **1 Thessalonians 5:1-6**

Concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you have no need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. While people are saying, ‘There is peace and security’, then sudden destruction will come upon them as labour pains come upon

a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. But you are not in darkness, brothers and sisters, for that day to surprise you like a thief. For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober.
The word of the Lord. R. Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, alleluia** Abide in me, and I in you, says the Lord. Whoever abides in me bears much fruit. **Alleluia, alleluia**

Gospel **Matthew 25:14-30**

At that time: Jesus told his disciples this parable, 'The kingdom of heaven will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master's money.

'Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, "Master, you delivered to me five talents; here, I have made five talents more." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master." And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, "Master, you delivered to me two talents; here, I have made two talents more." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master." He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, "Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here, you have what is yours." But his master answered him, "You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I scattered no seed? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." **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.



OUR CHRISTMAS LIGHTS CELEBRATION IS ON SUNDAY 6 DECEMBER!

Outdoor Decorations: We invite our Maintenance Team and volunteers to help decorate the front of the church and prepare the Christmas lights.

We shall invite **local faith communities, our MP, Mayor and councillors.** If you know other religious communities we could welcome, please let us know.

Let St Ann's shine with light, friendship and love!

Note: There will be no Morning mass on 6th Dec '26.

HELP US PREPARE FOR CHRISTMAS AT ST ANN'S

Would you like to help with our Christmas preparations? We would be grateful for contributions towards the following:

Item	Contribution
Christmas tree	Kindly donated
Advent candles	£50
Altar candles	£100
Wine and hosts for three months	£150
Children's gifts	£100

To sponsor an item or contribute any amount, please speak to Fr James. Thank you for your generosity.

KIDS ANNOUNCEMENTS



CHILDREN, COME AND BE PART OF OUR CHRISTMAS NATIVITY PLAY

Children are warmly invited to take part in our Christmas Nativity play during the 5.00 pm Family Mass on **Christmas Eve, Thursday 24 December 2026. Rehearsals will take place after the 10.30 am Mass on Sunday 13 December and Sunday 20 December.** Please add your child's name to the sign-up sheet. Some roles have a few short lines to learn. We look forward to celebrating the Christmas story together!

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.

DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD

SERVING WITH JOY!

We are delighted that three of our young parishioners are already volunteering for their Duke of Edinburgh's Award, giving one hour each week during term time. From **Children's Liturgy to choir, welcoming and parish hospitality,** there are many ways to serve and grow. Our sincere thanks to Chrissie for coordinating this wonderful initiative. More young people are warmly welcome. Please contact Chrissie. **Young hearts, generous hands – the Church is alive through you!**

FAMILY MASS

22ND NOV AT 10.30 AM

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

CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME

28 NOVEMBER 2026

Our Confirmation classes begin on Saturday 28 November 2026. The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on Sunday 12 September 2027 at 10.30 am. If you would like to join the programme, please let Fr James know as soon as possible. We look forward to accompanying our young people on this special journey.



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 .

Second Tuesdays - Spiritual Evenings (7:30 pm) **– Biblical Women**: Their lives and lessons by Celia

OUR HALL · OUR PEOPLE · OUR FUTURE

A hall for everyone.

St Ann's Hall 2027 – a renewed place to gather and belong



PLANNING PERMISSION GRANTED — 15 October 2026

For more than sixty years, our hall has brought people together - **children learning their faith, neighbours sharing tea, the 60+ Club and countless friendships.** With our community growing, we now have an opportunity to make this m**uch-loved place warmer, safer, more accessible and ready for the years ahead.**

WHAT WILL CHANGE - AND WHY IT MATTERS

Connected & accessible

An indoor route from the church through the **overflow chapel, with easy access to an accessible WC and additional toilets.**

Space for every generation

Three flexible rooms for catechism, young people, the 60+ Club, small groups and the wider community.

Hospitality with heart

A better **warming kitchen and welcoming spaces for Sunday tea, shared meals,** conversation and friendship.

Thoughtful & safe

New sacristy and separate altar servers' room, improved roof and rooflights, and better connections to garden and car park.

6 DEC 2026

SUNDAY · CHRISTMAS LIGHTS CELEBRATION

Official launch of our hall fundraising drive

A PLACE TO GATHER · A PLACE TO BELONG

There is always room for one more.

PEOPLE ARE AT THE HEART OF OUR HALL



Picture a child who feels at home, an older neighbour joining the conversation, a new family finding friends, and a volunteer welcoming someone over a cup of tea.

St Ann's Hall 2027





THE STILL POINT: A SPACE FOR UNIVERSITY STUDENTS



At the invitation of the Diocese, St Ann's is creating **a welcoming space for university students to pause, pray and build friendships.** The Still Point offers silent Eucharistic Adoration, followed by pizza and fellowship. Students from Kingston University and neighbouring universities are warmly welcome.

Our first gathering will be on Thursday 19 November 2026, from 7.00 pm to 9.00 pm, with monthly gatherings thereafter.

We encourage parishioners to share this invitation with university students they know. Come away. Be still. Be renewed.

ST ANN'S READING ROTA FOR SUNDAYS			
Role	**15th Nov**	**22nd Nov**	**29th Nov**
1st Reading	Gerard Hasson	Volunteer	Thomas Ferncombe
Psalm	Nas Ahmed	Volunteer	Immacula Benedict
2nd Reading	Jithin Mathew	Volunteer	Martin Agyemang
Bidding Prayer	Adrian Benedict	Volunteer	Sophie Sidney

ST ANN'S LITURGICAL CALENDAR WITH MASS INTENTIONS			
Date	**Time**	**Intention**	**Celebration**
Sunday 15/11	10.30 am	Intention Available	33rd Sunday
Monday 16/11	10.00 am	Private Intention	St Gertrude
Tuesday 17/11	7 pm	Victor Ramanan Int	St Elizabeth
Wednesday 18/11	10.00 am	Intention Available	Sts. Peter and Paul
Thursday 19/11	Day Off - No Mass		
Friday 20/11	7.00 pm	Private Intention	Ordinary Time
Saturday 21/11	12 Noon	Intention Available	Ordinary Time
	6 pm	Phil King RIP	Vigil Mass
Sunday 22/11	10.30 am	Phil King RIP	Christ the King

Donate - St Ann's

Loose Collection: **£ 166.57**

FOR ST ANN'S CHURCH OFFERING

Account Name: RCAS Kingston Hill

Account Number: 79124429

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

Contactless Collection: **£ 278.00**

& 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.