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NEWSLETTER

Christ the King - Solemnity

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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,

When we lit the first candle on our Advent wreath last year, none of us knew quite what the year ahead would ask of us. Today, on the feast of Christ the King, our liturgical year draws to a close. I think of St Paul looking back over his life and saying, '**I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith' (2 Timothy 4:7).** Perhaps you can remember a day this year when a visit, a prayer or a kind word gave you the strength to keep going. For me, this feast is a chance to thank God for his quiet providence. Even on the hardest days, he was with us, often through the person sitting beside us.

I still remember standing outside St Ann's **last Advent with neighbours of different faiths, counting down together until the Christmas lights came on**. In Lent we prayed the Way of the Cross on Friday evenings, and at the Easter Vigil we sang Alleluia again. In May we **welcomed the pilgrim statue of Our Lady of Fatima**, and in June we shared our families' joy as their children received Jesus in their First Holy Communion. I think, too, of the friendships that grew over Wednesday tea at our 60+ Club. And who could forget the sight of our children dressed as saints this November? What a gift it has been to share this year with you. And of course, our journey to build a new hall, all happened becasue of God's gracious love and care.

This year on Sunday 6 December, let us come together with our neighbours for our Christmas Lights Celebration. **There will be no 10.30 a.m. Mass that day. Mass will be at 5 p.m.,** followed by the outdoor switch-on and refreshments. **If you would like to bring a plate of food, soft drinks or a bottle of wine, please let Anna or Fernanda know.** And if someone comes to mind who would be glad of a little company, why not say to them, 'Come with me'?

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

HYMNS FOR THE MASS			
Entrance	602 Praise My Soul the King	Sanctus	439 - Holy Holy Holy
Gloria	1011 - Glory Glory	Communion	706 The Lord's My Shepherd
Offertory	799 Whatsoever You Do	Recessional	238 Hail, Queen of Heaven

Entrance Antiphon: How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honour. To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First reading **Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17**

Thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord GOD. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice. As for you, my flock, thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and male goats.

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

Responsorial Psalm **Ps 23(22):1-2a. 2b-3. 5. 6. ℟1**

℟: The LORD is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

The LORD is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. ℟

Near restful waters he leads me; he revives my soul.
He guides me along the right path, for the sake of his name. ℟

You have prepared a table before me in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing. ℟

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life.
In the LORD's own house shall I dwell for length of days unending. ℟

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

Brothers and Sisters: Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death. When all things are subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to him who put all things in subjection under him, that God may be all in all. **The word of the Lord. R. Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, alleluia** Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David! **Alleluia, alleluia**

Gospel **Matthew 25:14-30**

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left. Then the King will say to those on his right, "Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me." Then the righteous will answer him, saying, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?" And the King will answer them, "Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you did it to me." 'Then he will say to those on his left, "Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me." Then they also will answer, saying, "Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?" Then he will answer them, saying, "Truly, I say to you, as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me." And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.' **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:

ItemContribution

Christmas tree - Kindly donated
Advent candles - KIndely donated
Altar candles - Kindley donated
Wine and hosts for three months - Kindley donatd
Children's gifts - £100
Chrismas interior decoration - Kindely donated

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



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







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!

ST ANN'S READING ROTA FOR SUNDAYS			
Role	**22nd Nov**	**29th Nov**	**29th Nov**
1st Reading	**Volunteer**	**Thomas Ferncombe**	**Thomas Ferncombe**
Psalm	**Volunteer**	**Immacula Benedict**	**Immacula Benedict**
2nd Reading	**Volunteer**	**Martin Agyemang**	**Martin Agyemang**
Bidding Prayer	**Volunteer**	**Sophie Sidney**	**Sophie Sidney**

ST ANN'S LITURGICAL CALENDAR WITH MASS INTENTIONS			
Date	**Time**	**Intention**	**Celebration**
Sunday 22/11	**10.30 am**	**Phil King RIP**	**Christ the King**
Monday 16/11	**10.00 am**	**Private Intention**	**Ordinary Time**
Tuesday 17/11	**7 pm**	**Victor Ramanan Int**	**St Mathew Dung**
Wednesday 18/11	**10.00 am**	**Nicola Sephenso B/D 90th**	**St Catherine**
Thursday 19/11	**Day Off - No Mass**		
Friday 20/11	**7.00 pm**	**Anne King Int.**	**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: £

FOR ST ANN'S CHURCH OFFERING

Account Name: RCAS Kingston Hill

Account Number: 79124429

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

Contactless Collection: **£ 392.10**

& 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.