

Mass Intentions for week commencing 22nd November 2020

From Thursday, 5th November to Wednesday, 2nd December, Catholic churches will only be permitted to allow people to enter for private individual prayer and funerals. Streaming of daily weekday Masses and weekend Masses will continue to be available via Facebook and YouTube, and all previous Masses are archived in these channels: YouTube: St Ann's RC Church Kingston Hill: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCkyb_uFvSdr2Q9ElvGJONQ>. Facebook: St Ann's RC Church Kingston Hill: <<https://www.facebook.com/St-Anns-RC-Church-Kingston-Hill-100834058346038>>.

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| Sat 21 st | 9:30am 10-11am 6:00pm | The Presentation of the Bld. Virgin Mary Private Prayer Vigil of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (A) | Private Intention Private Prayer People of the Parish |
| Sun 22 nd | 10:00am 10:30- 11:30am | Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (A) St Cecilia 10:30-11:30am Private Prayer | Artur, Sarah & Bill Private Prayer |
| Mon 23 rd | 9:30am 10-11am | Sts Clement I & Columban <i>Private Prayer</i> | Clergy & Religious RIP <i>Private Prayer</i> |
| Tue 24 th | 9:30am 10-11am | Sts Andrew Dunc-Lac <i>Private Prayer</i> | Rosa's Intention <i>Private Prayer</i> |
| Wed 25 th | 9:30am 10-11am | St Catherine of Alexandria <i>Private Prayer</i> | Gloriana Murphy <i>Private Prayer</i> |
| Thu 26 th | 9:30am 10-11am | Feria <i>Private Prayer</i> | Sr. Catherine & Emmanuel Yacubu |
| Fri 27 th | 9:30am 10-11am | Feria <i>Private Prayer</i> | George & M. J. <i>Private Prayer</i> |
| Sat 28 th | 9:30am 10-11am 6:00pm | St Catherine Laboure <i>Private Prayer</i> Vigil of First Sunday of Advent (B) | Private Intention <i>Private Prayer</i> People of the Parish |

Reflection – In the First Reading from Ezekiel 34:11-12,15-17 we read that God Himself will shepherd the people of Israel. The Responsorial Psalm echoes the same message. Psalm 23:1-2,2-3,5-6 - The Lord is our shepherd. The Second Reading from Corinthians 15:20-26,28 teaches us that because Christ has been raised from the dead, all those who have died will also be raised. Today's Gospel passage is the conclusion of Jesus' discourse with his disciples. It is about the end of time, the coming of the Son of Man, and the final judgment. We hear this description of the final judgment at the conclusion of our liturgical year, the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ the King. In the context of Matthew's Gospel, this passage might also be read as a conclusion to Matthew's report on Jesus' life and ministry; the remaining chapters report the events of Jesus' Passion and Resurrection. In today's Gospel, Jesus describes to his disciples the scene of the judgment by the Son of Man. All the nations will be assembled before him, and he will separate them as a shepherd separates sheep and goats upon their return from the pasture. The judgments made by the Son of Man will be based upon the acts of mercy shown to the least among us—the hungry, the thirsty, the naked, the ill, and the imprisoned. Indeed, Jesus, who suffered on the Cross, identifies himself with them. Recall that last week's parable of the talents taught us that the gifts that we have been given are intended to be used for the service of others, especially the least among us. Our judgment before God will be based not only on how we have used our gifts and talents, but also on how we have extended ourselves in service to the least among us. Indeed, Jesus tells us that whenever we have served these least ones, we have served Christ himself. When we read today's Gospel in the context of the chapters that follow in Matthew's Gospel, we learn the extent to which Jesus identifies with them. In accepting death on the cross, Jesus shows himself to be one of the hungry, the naked, the ill, and the imprisoned and to accept Jesus is to accept him who suffered and died on the Cross as such.

New Parishioners: Welcome to St. Ann's Parish! Please take a Parish Registration Form from the website and kindly fill it in and return it to the parish office as it is important to do this.

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National Youth Sunday took place on Tuesday, November 17th, 2020 at 4:27 pm. National Youth Sunday is always celebrated on the Solemnity of Christ the King. On this feast, we celebrate Christ's kingship in our hearts and especially in the hearts of our young people. NYS is a unique opportunity to celebrate the role and significance of young people in the Catholic Church in England and Wales today. NY Sunday is an opportunity to recognise young people as a gift in the Church, to enable the youth ministry and parish community to celebrate young people and affirm the contribution of young people in the Church and those who work with them. This year the theme is Together. The COVID-19 pandemic has affected every part of life. The way we live, work, study, play and pray has all changed. The most significant change has been that we have not been able to do many of those things together. This year's theme recognises what it means to be 'together'; with ourselves, with others and with God. Pope Francis said: **"To come out of this crisis better than before, we have to do so together; together, not alone. Together. Alone no, because it cannot be done. Either it is done together, or it is not done. We must do it together, all of us, in solidarity"**. The Bishops Conference of England and Wales on National Youth Sunday: <<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/home/events/national-youth-sunday-2020/>>.

Please find the QR Code Poster of the Test and Trace App for St. Ann's RC Parish in the Porch: The government introduced a new Test and Trace App on 24th September. Parishioners who downloaded this App on their mobile phone registered their QR code and CAN register their attendance at a particular place. Should a person receive a positive Covid test the App will be used to contact other attendees and provide them with necessary instructions. The use of this system is not compulsory for churches; however, it is strongly recommended.

In the month of November, the Church offers special prayers for the Holy Souls. Please write the names of your deceased loved ones on the sheet provided, complete the Mass request envelope and put it into the Box at the back of the church. The month of November is a time when people particularly remember to have Masses offered for the dead, especially for family and friends.

GIFT AID ENVELOPES FOR THE COMING YEAR: If you are not in the Gift Aid scheme, and if you are paying Income Tax please fill in a form available from the website and kindly complete and return it to the Parish Office. Please kindly consider changing to a monthly standing order. This saves you having to worry about cash on Sundays in the church and also assists the Parish as the money does not have to be counted and banked weekly. All information is Private and Confidential. **A big thank you** to those who have already changed to monthly standing order as well as joined the Gift Aid Scheme.

Humour: As soon as the dentist asked the patient to sit down, he pulled out his wallet. Seeing this the dentist said, "Please don't, you don't need to pay me now." The patient answered: "Pay you! I just want to count my money before I'm unconscious!"