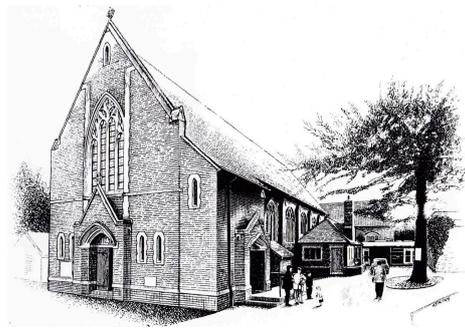


St John the Baptist Catholic Church

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SUNDAY 29TH MARCH 2020

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

PSALTER WEEK 1

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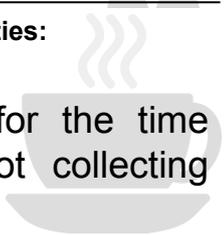
Sacraments & Devotions:

SEE NOTE OVERLEAF

Regular Events and Activities:

The Purley Food Hub

has suspended operations for the time being. We are therefore not collecting items at this time.



Please pray for those who have recently died including: Archbishop Emeritus Peter Smith, Charmian Wicken, David Warren, Janet Barber, Alex Holmes and Margaret Brookes, **also for those whose anniversaries are at this time:** Anne Austin, Richard Mulcahy, Chris Mc Donnell, Pauline Cove, Mary Pratley, Julia Heffernan, Lilian Hill, Mary Chaperlin, Peter Waller, William Bookle, Margaret Gilman, Bryan Sherry, **also for those unwell,** Margaret Edwards, David Coates, Toni Kowal, Theodora-Angelica Acha, Joanne Walker, Celine McGill, Anne Brownsell, Patrick Sullivan, Jane Pollon, Alan Griffifths, Eileen Delaney, John Stradling, Douglas Johnston, Ethan and Paddy Doherty.

In 1381, England was dedicated to Mary by King Richard II and was 'set apart for her among the nations'. This Sunday, the Christians of England are called to make a personal dedication to Mary, taking up her example as Christ's first disciple. Due to present circumstances, a very small group will join together in Walsingham to make the rededication of England and it will be live-streamed for all who wish to join.

**The rededication is on 29th March 2020 at 12 noon.
See www.behold2020.com for details.**



IF YOU YOURSELF NEED HELP OR YOU KNOW OF ANYBODY WHO DOES

PLEASE TELEPHONE US AT THE PRESBYTERY or USE THE DEDICATED email ADDRESS: catholicpurleyassist@gmail.com

*To help us cover our fixed costs, if you wish you can make a direct bank transfer to the parish bank account:
St. John the Baptist, Purley
Account No. 79116345 (60-50-01)*



Next Sunday's Readings

First: Isaiah 50: 4-7
Psalm: 21: 8-9, 17-20, 23-24
Second: Philippians 2: 6-11
Gospel: Matthew 27: 11-54



| MASS INTENTIONS | PARISH NEWS |
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| <p>Sunday 29th March <i>5th Sunday of Lent</i> Jakub Konarski RIP (Sat.)</p> <p>George Vassalle RIP</p> <p>All parishioners</p> | <p>As the public celebration of Mass is currently not possible, THE OBLIGATION TO ATTEND MASS EACH SUNDAY AND ON HOLYDAYS OF OBLIGATION IS SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. Some parishes are streaming their privately celebrated Masses; these can be found on churchservices.tv or mcnmedia.tv.</p> |
| <p>Monday 30th March Caroline Adams RIP Claude Novat RIP</p> | <p>FOLLOWING LATEST GOVERNMENT INSTRUCTIONS THE ARCHBISHOP HAS DECREED THAT THE CHURCH, SADLY, CAN NO LONGER REMAIN OPEN FOR PRAYER DURING THE DAY.</p> |
| <p>Tuesday 31st March Pauline Cove RIP Patricia Cunningham RIP</p> | <p>Canon John and Father Francis celebrate a private Mass every day and your Mass intentions will be offered. Mass intentions can be requested by email to the parish office. You are encouraged to unite yourselves with these Masses in Spiritual Communion, expressing your faith in Christ's presence in the Eucharist and desiring to be with Him in that way. Mass prayers and readings are currently available free of charge at www.magnificat.com/free.</p> |
| <p>Wednesday 1st April Private Int. (Phillips) Jack Donegan RIP</p> | <p>The parish clergy will also continue their normal pattern of praying the Divine Office (Prayer of the Church) each day, holding you particularly in their prayer.</p> |
| <p>Thursday 2nd April Norman Luck RIP Rudy Agacy RIP</p> | <p><u>Baptisms:</u> Baptisms cannot currently be celebrated.</p> |
| <p>Friday 3rd April Int Stephen & Elisabeth Lambert David & Bridget Pebble RIP</p> | <p><u>Anointing of the Sick</u> in cases of emergency will be conducted by the parish clergy, observing all infection control guidelines.</p> |
| <p>Saturday 4th April Int. Vassalle family</p> <p>Graham Barrow RIP</p> | <p><u>The Sacrament of Reconciliation.</u> A Service of Reconciliation with individual Confessions will take place when we can gather again as a community. Please see the accompanying note and extract from Pope Francis' homily on contrition and forgiveness for when no Priest is accessible to you and therefore sacramental Confession is not available. Perfect contrition remits venial sins; it also obtains forgiveness of mortal sins, if it includes the firm resolution to have recourse to sacramental Confession as soon as possible (<i>Catechism of the Catholic Church 1452</i>).</p> |
| <p>Sunday 5th April <i>PALM SUNDAY</i></p> <p>All parishioners</p> <p>Helen Gallacher RIP</p> | <p>Special arrangements will need to be made for small and simple <u>funeral services</u> at the graveside or crematorium, with Mass at a later date.</p> |
| | <p>IF YOU YOURSELF NEED HELP OR KNOW OF ANYBODY WHO DOES PLEASE LET US KNOW AT THE PARISH OFFICE.</p> <p><i>"A quick Journey through the Bible"</i> In the coming week we read from 2 Kings 1 to 2 Kings 25 (Divided Kingdom & Exile); Ezra 1-10, Nehemiah 1-13 (Return) and 1 Maccabees 1-16 (Maccabean Revolt).</p> |

HOW TO MAKE AN ACT OF PERFECT CONTRITION

When it arises from a love by which God is loved above all else, contrition is called "perfect" (contrition of charity). Such contrition remits venial sins; it also obtains forgiveness of mortal sins if it includes the firm resolution to have recourse to sacramental confession as soon as possible.

CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH ([§1452](#))

If you need to isolate or quarantine yourself because of COVID-19, you are unlikely to be able to receive the sacraments normally. In these circumstances there is a form of prayer that, under certain conditions, allows you to receive absolution for your sins. This is encouraged by the Church.

Contrition is sincere sorrow for one's sins. "Imperfect contrition" would be saying sorry to God because of fear of his punishment, whereas **"perfect contrition" is being sorry because, above all, we love God and we know that our sins offend Him who loves us so much.** When it is not possible to make a sacramental confession, then through an Act of Perfect Contrition you can receive the forgiveness of your sins outside of confession - even mortal sins - provided that you determine to correct your life and you **make a firm resolution to go to sacramental confession (i.e. with a priest)** as soon as possible.

STEPS TO FOLLOW:

1. In reality or in your mind kneel at the foot of a crucifix and mentally repeat: *"Jesus, my God and my Saviour, in the midst of your agony you remembered me, you suffered for me, you wanted to purify me from my sins."*
2. Acknowledge in your heart the sins you have committed. In order to do this you may find it helpful to consult a written examination of conscience from a Catholic source - e.g. https://www.ncregister.com/info/confession_guide_for_adults
3. Contrition is "perfect" if you repent of your sins because you love God and you sincerely regret having offended Him and having contributed to Christ's sufferings on the Cross. Recite, slowly and sincerely, an Act of Contrition, focusing on the goodness of God and your love for Jesus - e.g. *"O my God, because you are so good, I am very sorry for having sinned against you, and with the help of your grace I will not sin again. Amen."*
4. Make a firm resolution to go to sacramental confession as soon as possible.

[M]any of you go to confession before Easter... Many will say to me: 'But Father...I can't leave the house and I want to make my peace with the Lord. I want Him to embrace me... How can I do that unless I find a priest?'. Do what the Catechism says. It's very clear. If you don't find a priest to go to confession, speak to God. He's your Father. Tell Him the truth: 'Lord. I did this and this and this. Pardon me.' Ask His forgiveness with all your heart with an act of contrition, and promise Him, 'afterward I will go to confession.'

POPE FRANCIS, [HOMILY AT MASS AT CASA SANTA MARTA](#) (20TH MARCH 2020)