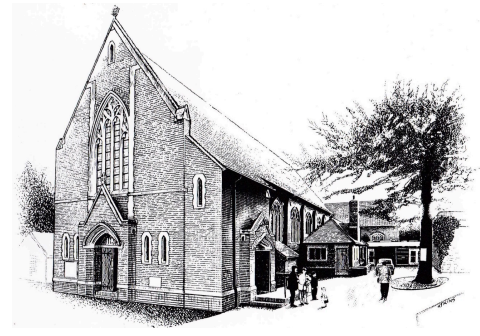


# ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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10TH DECEMBER 2023

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

PSALTER WEEK 4

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## SACRAMENTS

**BECOMING A CATHOLIC:** Want to learn more about becoming a Catholic? Please write/speak to the Parish Priest.

**BAPTISM OF CHILDREN:** Collect form from priest after Mass.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:** See update re: course overleaf.

**HOLY COMMUNION VISITS:** Holy Communion is taken to the housebound regularly; please make contact with Parish Office if required.

**CONFIRMATION:** See update re: 2024 programme overleaf.

**CONFESSIONS:** **SATURDAYS 10:30-11:30 & 17:15-17:50** & at other times when a priest is in the confessional or by appointment.

**MARRIAGE:** Contact Office **min. six months** in advance.

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK:** Contact Office if you or someone for whom you are responsible requires the Anointing of the Sick. In the event of urgent need (danger of death) telephone 020 8660 3815 (& leave a message if necessary).

## DEVOTIONS & ACTIVITIES

**HOLY ROSARY:** First Fridays after the 10:00 Mass.

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:** Saturdays after 10:00 Mass, concluding with **BENEDICTION** c.11:30.

**CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP:** Thursdays after 10am Mass. For further details contact [bridget@bridgetslattery.co.uk](mailto:bridget@bridgetslattery.co.uk).

**YOUTH CLUB:** Sundays in term-time, Parish Hall 16:15-17:45.

## SOCIAL EVENTS

**HCPT QUIZ:** Saturday 27 January 2024 at 19:00.

Please pray for those who have recently died, including Charles Nigel Fleury and Imelda McLoughlin; and for those whose anniversaries are at this time: Matilda Perriera, Reginald Charles Gubby, Kathleen Gallagher, Colin Bailey, Winifred Flynn, Marion Sparling, Florence Corteling, Francis Dock, Les McManus, and Michael McLoughlin;

and also for those unwell: Toni Kowal, Theodora-Angelica Acha, Joanne Walker, Jane Pollon, Alan Griffiths, Douglas Johnston, Teresa Holmes, Ryan Baker, Michael Edwards, Neil Ockenden, Maria Valenti, David Palmer, Paulin Carpenter, Canon David Caine, Dennis Hill, Freya Durrant, Nick Phillips, Anne Mawer, Margaret Swadling, and Ian Stewart.

## ADVENT TALKS

We look forward to welcoming guest speakers for our remaining Advent talks, designed to help us prepare for the celebration of Christmas by meditating on the figure and role of the Blessed Virgin Mary as we travel with her to the Feast of the Nativity.

Fri 15 December - *"Spes Nostra: Mary as the New Eve"*

- Fr Andrew Coy

Fri 22 December - *"O Virgo Virginum: Our Lady's Fruitful Virginity"*

- Fr Pius Collins o.praem.

Talks take place at 19:30 in the Parish Hall.

You can **donate** to the parish [via our website](http://www.johnthebaptistpurley.org.uk), via the collection at Sunday Mass, or by making a direct bank transfer to the parish bank account. Please **Gift Aid** if you pay UK income tax.

**RCAS / Purley**

**Account No. 791 16345 - Sort Code 60-50-01**

**2nd collection this week:**

**Christmas Flowers**



## NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

First: Isaiah 61:1-2, 10-11

Psalm: Luke 1:46-50, 53-54

Second: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

Gospel: John 1:6-8, 19-28

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Sunday 10th December

#### SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

18:00 (Sat) Int Jordan  
Taylor & family

08:30 JFS All parishioners  
08:30 Michael Sheriff RIP  
10:00 Mr S M William RIP  
12:00 Theresa Hearne RIP  
18:00 Fr Stephan & Elena  
Kabacij RIP\*

### Monday 11th December

07:30 Doris & William  
McCarthy RIP  
10:00 Kamal Padmasiri RIP

### Tuesday 12th December

10:00 Morgan James Fahy  
RIP

### Wed. 13th December

#### St Lucy, Virgin & Martyr

07:30 Mary & Joseph  
Slymon RIP  
10:00 Margaret Mullis RIP

### Thursday 14th December

#### St John of the Cross, Priest, Doctor

10:00 Tony Douglas RIP

### Friday 15th December

07:30 Mary & Joseph  
Slymon RIP  
10:00 Harry Watters RIP

### Saturday 16th December

10:00 Agnes Gemmell &  
Family RIP

### Sunday 17th December

#### THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT ("GAUDETE")

18:00 (Sat) Mary Cheung  
RIP

08:30 JFS Stan Liddiard  
RIP

08:30 Int. Sonoram Family  
10:00 Pathrose Spencer  
RIP

12:00 In Thanksgiving  
(Charles & Joy Nwufoh)

18:00 All parishioners\*

\*=NOT LIVESTREAMED

**SVP ANNUAL APPEAL:** This Sunday 10th December, the SVP will make their Annual Appeal for your support of their work in the Parish, speaking after all Masses. Please continue to show them your great generosity.

**SECOND COLLECTION - CHRISTMAS FLOWERS:** Our Second Collection this week is to support the purchase of Christmas flowers. Please help so that we can make our church beautiful for our celebrations of the Lord's Nativity.

**SECOND ADVENT TALK:** The second of our Advent talks will take place on Friday 15 December at 19:30, in the Parish Hall. The speaker this week is **Fr Andrew Coy**, a priest of the Diocese of Northampton currently serving as Private Secretary to the Apostolic Nuncio to Great Britain, Archbishop Miguel Maury Buendía. He will speak on Our Lady's identity as the New Eve. **Fr Andrew will also cover some of our Masses next weekend** while Fr David is away. Please give him a warm welcome.

**JOHN FISHER SCHOOL CHRISTMAS CAROL CONCERT:** The John Fisher School Christmas Carol Concert will take place on Wednesday 20th December at 19:00 in the JFS chapel. Attendance is **free of charge**.

**CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS EVE NATIVITY MASS:** If your child would like to participate, contact Veronica Moulder by Monday 18th December 2023, with your child's name, age, and the character/role they'd prefer: [veronica.moulder@gmail.com](mailto:veronica.moulder@gmail.com). Rehearsal on Friday 22nd December at 16:00 in Parish Hall. Flyers with full details available from the church porch.

**SAVE THE DATE - HCPT QUIZ: Saturday 27th January 2024 at 19:00.**

**CONFIRMATION 2024:** The course for the Sacrament of Confirmation for Y8s starts after February half term. The Confirmation Mass will take place on **Sunday 5th May 2024 at 15:00**. Full details in January.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION - YEAR 3 CHILDREN:** In recent years - as a knock-on effect of the pandemic - we have prepared children in Y4 upwards for First Confession and First Holy Communion. From next year, we will be able to welcome children in **Y3 upwards**. The first course for this age group will begin after February half term and First Holy Communion Masses will take place the first weekend of July 2024. Watch for further announcements.

**ADVENT READING?** It's not too late to take on some spiritual reading for Advent, if you haven't already. Those wanting to delve deeper into the mystery of Christmas might like to try **Pope Benedict XVI's *Jesus of Nazareth: The Infancy Narratives*** or **St Alphonsus Liguori's *The Incarnation, Birth & Infancy of Jesus Christ***, both of which are in print and can be bought easily online (since St Alphonsus' book is out of copyright it can also be downloaded for free in various formats [HERE](#)). For those attending the Advent talks and wanting to spend some time with Marian literature, three excellent books which tie in with some of the talks' themes are **Dom Xavier Perrin OSB's *The Radiance of Her Face: A Triptych in Honour of Mary Immaculate*** (a short work), **Fr Serafino Lanzetta's *Fatima at the Heart of the Church***, and the same author's ***Semper Virgo: Mary's Virginity as the "Form" of Christian Life***.

**ST BERNARD OF CLAIRVAUX ON THE SEASON OF ADVENT:** "It is fitting, my brethren, that we should celebrate this season of Advent with all possible devotion, rejoicing in so great a consolation, marvelling at so great a condescension, inflamed with love by so great a manifestation of charity. But let us not think of that advent only whereby the Son of man has 'come to seek and to save that which was lost,' but also of that other by which He will come again and will take us to Himself. Would to God you kept these two advents constantly in your thoughts, revolving them in assiduous meditation, pondering in your hearts how much we have received by the first, how much we are promised at the second!"