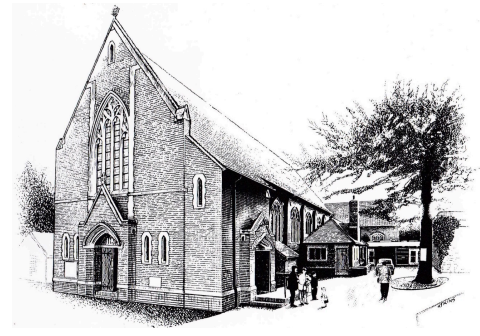


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17TH DECEMBER 2023

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT - "GAUDETE"

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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.

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: Daphne Lee, Patrick White, Pathrose Spencer, Patrick Sullivan, Stavis Law Filipinski, Margaret Mc Swiggan, Margaret Zampi, Veronica Farrell, Stan Morrell, Canon Frank O'Sullivan, Patricia Atkins, Thomas O'Donohue, and Jeane Tomaszewski;

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 our last guest speaker for our final Advent talk, 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 22 December

"O Virgo Virginum: Our Lady's Fruitful Virginity"

by Fr Pius Collins o.praem.

– The talk will 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.
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NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

First: 2 Samuel 7:1-5,8-12,14,16
Psalm: Psalm 88(89):2-5,27,29
Second: Romans 16:25-27
Gospel: Luke 1:26-38

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday 17th December

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
("GAUDETE")

18:00 (Sat) Mary Cheung
RIP

08:30JFS Stan Liddiard
RIP

08:30 Int. Sonaram Family

10:00 Mr Pathrose Spencer
RIP

12:00 In Thanksgiving
(Charles & Joy Nwufoh)

18:00 All parishioners*

***=NOT LIVESTREAMED**

Monday 18th December

07:30 Ena Barrie RIP

10:00 Janice Balderson &
deceased members of the
Balderson family RIP

Tuesday 19th December

10:00 Richard Woods RIP

Wed. 20th December

07:30 Andrew Rodecki RIP

10:00 Canon Frank
O'Sullivan RIP

Thursday 21st December

10:00 David Cook RIP

Friday 22nd December

07:30 John Barrie RIP

10:00 Dorothy Emery RIP

Saturday 23rd December

10:00 Desolina Feci RIP

Sunday 24th December

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

18:00 (Sat) Int. Catherine
Taylor & family

08:30 JFS All parishioners

08:30 Anne Brownsell RIP

10:00 Mrs Stanley Nelson
RIP

12:00 Lance & May Niblett
RIP

THE SEASON OF CHRISTMAS
CHRISTMAS EVE

17:00 1st Mass of Christmas
(Children's Mass)

Richard Bass RIP

21.00 John Cook RIP

00.00 Midnight Mass

Ivan Brian Cassidy RIP

CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS TO THE PARISH CLERGY

Your Christmas offering is one of the parish clergy's principal sources of income during the calendar year. Thank you for your generosity!

*Post your offering through the presbytery letterbox or drop it in the basket in church

*Online via the [DONATE](#) page on the parish website;

*Bank transfer direct to our parish bank account (mark "Christmas");

*Using the contactless machine in the entrance area of the church (select "Christmas Offering.")

Gift Aid envelopes now available in the church. Please Gift Aid if you can.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES: Sheets with Mass times for the Fourth Sunday of Advent and Christmas Eve/Day available in church and [ONLINE](#).

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: This Sunday at the 08:30 Mass.

SUNDAY COFFEE: This Sunday after the 10:00 Mass hosted by the CWG. All proceeds will be donated to "NIGHTWATCH", the organisation that serves hot soup in Queens Gardens Croydon every night to the homeless. Please do attend and support this worthy cause with a donation, thank you!

THIRD ADVENT TALK: The third of our Advent talks will take place on Friday 22 December at 19:30, in the Parish Hall. The speaker this week is **Fr Pius Collins o.praem.**, a Norbertine priest and member of the Canonry of Our Lady of Sorrows, Peckham. Some parishioners may recall that Fr Pius last visited Purley and gave a talk in 2019, when he spoke on the Eucharist in the light of Advent.

JOHN FISHER SCHOOL CHRISTMAS CAROL CONCERT: The JFS Carol Concert is on Wednesday 20th December at 19:00 in the chapel. Attendance is **free**.

MOTHER TERESA GROUP: Thanks to everyone for their generous donations over the year. We delivered 87 Christmas parcels for the homeless to the Mother Teresa Sisters for Christmas Day. Also: 19 knitted blankets (Ukraine), 18 baby blankets (trafficked women's babies), 79 pairs of canula covers (premature babies), 3 bags of bandages (Ukraine), 26 knitted baby hats and vests (north of England or Africa) and 6 dressed dolls (deprived children). Our last meeting of the year will be on Wednesday 20th December from 14:00-16:00 in the small Parish Hall. All welcome.

CRIB OFFERING: Supporting the Catholic Children's Society's Southwark crisis fund giving emergency support. Use Gift Aid envelopes, or online: www.cathchild.org.uk/crib (QR available).

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. **Rehearsal on Friday 22nd December at 16:00** in Parish Hall. Flyers with full details available from the church porch.

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.