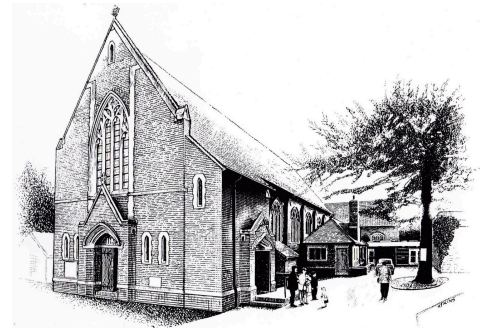


# ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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31ST DECEMBER 2023

THE HOLY FAMILY

PSALTER WEEK 3

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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: Michael O'Shea, Christina de Saram, John Parker, Carmelina & Sebastian Lobo, Rosebud Bruney, Christina Curtis, Mary Connolly, Margaret O'Neil, Kathleen Whyte, Colleen Leitch, Harold Watters, Anna Dart, Doris Youll, Mary Fathing, Tony Ryder, Remi Moses, Joan Ogg and James Russo.

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.

## A MESSAGE OF PROFOUND THANKS

for your many kind gifts and offerings during this Christmas season; we are so grateful for these and for the kindness you show us throughout the year, and hope you had a joyful and peaceful Christmas Day. The world around us may have moved on, but let us continue to celebrate the season of Christmas.

Thank you also to all of those who prepared for the festivities: our parish secretary Rebecca, as well as our sacristans, altar servers, musicians (in the Parish Music Group and Parish Youth Choir), cleaners, flower-arrangers, children's Mass coordinators, and all the others - too many to list - who worked behind the scenes to make the church and liturgies beautiful. **May God bless you all!**

*Fr Francis and Fr David*

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**



## NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

First: Isaiah 60:1-6

Psalm: Psalm 71(72):1-2,7-8,10-13

Second: Ephesians 3:2-3,5-6

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

## MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday 31st December

### THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

18:00 (Sat) Domenico  
Dellapina & Bozena Bryl RIP

08:30 JFS All parishioners

08:30 Michael Sheriff RIP

10:00 Dr Thomas Percy RIP

12:00 Carmelina & Sebastian  
Lobo RIP

18.00 Patrick Sullivan RIP\*

### Monday 1st January

#### MARY THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD, SOLEMNITY

07:30 In Thanksgiving

10.00 Michael O'Shea RIP

### Tuesday 2nd January

#### Ss Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen

10:00 John W Bolton RIP

### Wed. 3rd January

#### The Most Holy Name of Jesus

07:30 Caroline Adams RIP

10:00 Evelina Fonseca RIP

### Thursday 4th January

10:00 Welfare of S, D & M  
Woodman-Stanes

### Friday 5th January

07:30 Remi Anthonia Moses  
RIP

10:00 Int. Toni & Anna Kowal

### Saturday 6th January

10:00 John & Una Sogeler  
RIP

### Sunday 7th January

#### EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

18:00 (Sat) Eileen Adams  
RIP

08:30 JFS Dec'd members of  
the Baskeyfield & Pointer  
families RIP

08:30 Michael Sherrif RIP

10:00 Mrs Lily Sixtus RIP

12:00 Alfred & Luisa Simon  
RIP

18.00 All parishioners\*

\*=NOT LIVESTREAMED

## CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS TO THE PARISH CLERGY

*As we come to the end of the Christmas Octave it is still possible  
to make a Christmas offering to the parish clergy:*

\*Through presbytery letterbox or in the collection (*use envelope*);

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

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

\*Tap'n'pay machine in church porch (select "Christmas Offering")

*Thank you - and please Gift Aid if you can!*

**PARISH OFFICE:** The parish office will be closed for the Christmas period. It reopens **Tuesday 2nd January at 09:00.**

**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](http://www.cathchild.org.uk/crib) (QR available).

**NEW YEAR'S EVE/DAY INDULGENCES:** A **plenary indulgence** (under the usual conditions) is granted when the [Te Deum](#) is recited publicly on the last day of the year. A **plenary indulgence** (under the usual conditions) is granted when the [Veni, Creator Spiritus](#) is recited on New Year's Day. Texts of these prayers can be found at the links above, and will be provided for the faithful. The clergy will lead the recitation after the Masses on Sunday and Monday.

**EPIPHANY CHALK & HOUSE BLESSINGS:** A basketful of chalk will be blessed at the Saturday Vigil Mass of the Solemnity of the Epiphany (18:00 on Saturday 6th January). This may be used to bless homes for the new year (printed instructions will be provided) and will be available in the church until supplies run out. Please only take **one piece** per household.

### NEW YEAR RESOLUTION? NEW ALPHA COURSE? FRIDAY LUNCHTIME!

Come and enjoy a free lunch every Friday on our next Alpha Course beginning on **12th January at 12:30-14:30** in the Parish Hall until mid-March. Each Alpha session will begin with a light lunch hosted in small groups, to be followed by a short film on a different question of our Christian faith. Then you will have a chance to share your thoughts and hear what others think. You can say anything you like, or nothing at all! You'll receive a warm welcome, so do come along and bring your friends, too. To join for lunch, please email [noelbrownsell756@gmail.com](mailto:noelbrownsell756@gmail.com) or text 07788713919.

**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.

**ARCHDIOCESE OF SOUTHWARK CATHOLIC DIRECTORY 2024:** Available to purchase from the Parish Office: plain-bound £6/spiral-bound £6.75

**SOME WORDS FROM ST TERESA OF CALCUTTA FOR 2024:** "We attempt all things, doubting nothing, for with God all things are possible. We will allow the good God to make plans for the future, for yesterday has gone, tomorrow has not yet come, and we have only today to make him known, loved, and served."