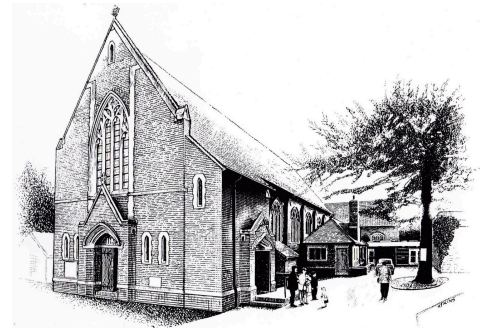


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14TH JANUARY 2024

2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PSALTER WEEK 2

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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 Mark Roffey, and for those whose anniversaries are at this time: Isabel Christofi, Celia Lane, James Atkin, Doris Youll, Michael Ryan, Ashleen Kavanagh, Antoinette Poyladzi, Gordon Vincent, Alma Hopkins, and Anthony Wiggan;

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.

PREPARATION FOR FIRST CONFESSION & FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:

Parents of children in Year 3 or above are now invited to register them for the next course, which begins in February. Please visit the parish website, click on [FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2024](#), read the information about the course and follow the instructions there, as soon as possible.

CONFIRMATION 2024:

The Preparation programme for Year 8s will begin on Tuesday 27th February and will run for eleven weeks (except the Easter holidays) There will also be a mandatory Retreat Day. The sessions will take place weekly on Tuesday evenings from 19:00-20:00 in the parish hall. The Confirmation Mass will be on Sunday 5th May at 15:00. To apply please ask one of the priests after Mass for an application form.

You can **donate** to the parish [via our website](#), 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: Jonah 3:1-5,10

Psalm: Psalm 24(25):4-6,7b-9

Second: I Corinthians 7:29-31

Gospel: Mark 1:14-20

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday 14th January

**2ND SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**

18:00 (Sat) Caroline Adams
RIP

08:30 JFS All parishioners

08:30 Michael Sheriff RIP

10:00 John Murphy RIP

12:00 June Simon RIP

18:00 Helen & George
Parker RIP*

Monday 15th January

07:30 Dominic & Fr Paul Ryan
RIP

10:00 Dec'd relatives & friends
of Annette & Sydney Xavier
RIP

Tuesday 16th January

10:00 John Barrie RIP

Wed. 17th January

St Anthony, Abbot

07:30 Eileen Adams RIP

10:00 Robert & Ethel Russell
RIP

Thursday 18th January

10:00 Dominic Geoghegan
RIP

Friday 19th January

07:30 Winifred & Joseph
Gartland RIP

10:00 Angela Crisell RIP

Saturday 20th January

The Blessed Virgin Mary

10:00 John Barrie RIP

Sunday 21st January

**3RD SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**

18:00 (Sat) Sheila & Paul
Bradshaw RIP

08:30 JFS Thomas Hensler
RIP

08:30 Michael Sheriff RIP

10:00 In Thanksgiving
(Dennis & Jenny Hopkin)

12:00 Int. Rowena Simon

18:00 All parishioners*

**=NOT LIVESTREAMED*

EPIPHANY CHALK: Blessed chalk remains available for collection from the entrance of the sidechapel near our Nativity crib. This chalk, blessed last week during our celebration of the Feast of the Epiphany, may be used to bless homes for 2024 (printed instructions also provided). Don't let Epiphanytide pass without invoking God's blessing on your home and all those who dwell therein.

STEWARDSHIP OF OUR PARISH PROPERTIES: The coming weeks will see the sharing of the results of a survey conducted in October (with report delivered in December) which involved assessment of the condition of the parish hall, church, priests' house, and other properties. Ensuring that what we have received from previous generations is handed on in good condition and "fit for mission" is an exercise in stewardship. If you have **expertise and experience in the maintenance/management of properties**, and would like to be part of a **Property Stewardship Group**, please express interest to francismurphy@rcaos.org.uk, detailing your skills and/or experience.

NEW YEAR RESOLUTION? NEW ALPHA COURSE? FRIDAY LUNCHTIME!

Its not too late to join us! Enjoy a free lunch every Friday on our Alpha Course on Fridays **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 or text 07788713919.

YOUTH CLUB: We look forward to welcoming our fun creative community back to Youth Club this **Sunday 14th January 16:15-17:45 in the Parish Hall**. New and old members and their friends welcome! Activities planned for this term: cinema night, funky crafts, make your own name badge, and the usual sports and games.

MOTHER TERESA GROUP: Next meeting is on **Wednesday 17th January** in the small Parish Hall from 14:00-16:00. Refreshments available and all are welcome.

HCPT GROUP 14 QUIZ NIGHT: Saturday 27th January 19:00 (bar opens at 18:30). Tickets are £15 - includes delicious platters of food - and are available from Jane by emailing group14@hcpt.org.uk. Tickets are selling fast, so please book early.

PURLEY FOOD HUB: This weekend we will collect your donations for the Food Hub. Please leave them in the church porch or at the John Fisher chapel. A food list is displayed on the church notice board of the most needed items. Stocks are currently at an all time low, due to the busiest month ever in December. We are so grateful to every one at St John the Baptist for your continued support. Keep up to date by visiting the food hub here purleyfoodhub.net where you can also view the food list online.

PURLEY JOHN FISHER RFC SEEKING VOLUNTEERS: The STAR programme at John Fisher RFC is designed to help youngsters from social-economically challenged backgrounds to realise their potential, adopting the structured framework used by the Rugby Football Union to coach young people. We need volunteers to help the young people referred to the programme with transport to/from Sunday training sessions at 10:00 at the JFS fields on Plough Lane, Purley. The sessions last for about 1.5 hours so the time commitment will be about 2 hours in total. To learn more, join us at an online meeting on Monday 29th January at 19:00. Please write to niel.kenny@btinternet.com for details; see also: www.starscheme.co.uk.