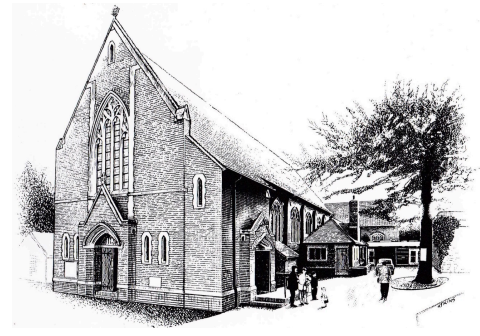


# ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

48 Dale Road  
Purley CR8 2EF  
020 8660 3815

[www.johnthebaptistpurley.org.uk](http://www.johnthebaptistpurley.org.uk)



28TH JANUARY 2024

4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PSALTER WEEK 4

**Parish Priest**

Fr Francis Murphy

[francismurphy@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:francismurphy@rcaos.org.uk)

**Assistant Priest**

Fr David Hunter

[davidhunter@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:davidhunter@rcaos.org.uk)

**Parish Secretary**

Rebecca Roberts

[purley@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:purley@rcaos.org.uk)

Office hours: Monday-Friday, 09:00-13:00.

**Hall Bookings**

Barbara Baster

[bookingsatsjb@gmail.com](mailto:bookingsatsjb@gmail.com)

**Gift Aid Co-ord.**

Phil Strugnell

[purleygac@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:purleygac@rcaos.org.uk)

**Safeguarding Reps**

Milly Sawyer & Margaret Hill

[purleysl@safeguardrcaos.org.uk](mailto:purleysl@safeguardrcaos.org.uk) & [purleysl2@safeguardrcaos.org.uk](mailto:purleysl2@safeguardrcaos.org.uk)

## 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 at 19:00.

**HCPT Parish Breakfast:** Sunday 10 March after 8:30 (SJB) & 10:00 Masses.

Please pray for those who have recently died including Mark Roffey, Renato Corvaglia, Eslind Cooper, and Maureen Mortenson and for those whose anniversaries are at this time: Vilma Bonnett, Vic Cole, Berta Wlaszyn, Ellie Law, Felix Courteling, Edith Clough, Sheila Blackwell, Edward Comerford, Evelyn Collie, Joan Williams, Marie- Therese Pallvel, and David Warren.

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, Ian Stewart, Desmond Sheriff, and Neville Dourado.

## FIRST CONFESSION & FIRST HOLY COMMUNION – REGISTRATION CLOSING –

Parents are reminded that forms must be returned to the Parish Office by **31 January 2024**. If you have not yet put your child's name forward, please visit the parish website ([FIRST HOLY COMMUNION](#)) ASAP.

## CONFIRMATION 2024:

The programme for Year 8s begins on Tuesday 27 February and will run for 11 weeks (exc. Easter holidays). There will also be a mandatory Retreat Day. Sessions weekly on Tuesday evenings (19:00-20:00) in Parish Hall. Confirmation Mass on Sunday 5 May at 15:00. **To apply please ask one of the priests after Mass for an application form.** Completed forms must be returned to the Parish Office by 6 February 2024.

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.

**RCAS / Purley**

**Account No. 79116345 Sort Code 60-50-01**

**This Week 2nd Collection: Racial Justice  
Racial Justice**



## NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

First: Job 7:1-4,6-7

Psalm: Psalm 146(147):1-6

Second: 1 Corinthians 9:16-19,22-23

Gospel: Mark 1:29-39

**MASS INTENTIONS**  
**Sunday 28th January**  
**4TH SUNDAY**  
**IN ORDINARY TIME**

**18:00 (Sat)** Margaret & Paul  
Ryan RIP

**08:30 JFS** Monica Delia  
Hazeldine RIP

**08:30** Michael Sheriff RIP

**10:00** Deceased Catenian  
Brothers RIP

**12:00** June & Owen Simon  
RIP

**18:00** All parishioners\*

**Monday 29th January**

**07:30** Eileen Adams RIP

**10:00** Leo Milroy Collins RIP

**Tuesday 30th January**

**10:00** Int. Cecilia Acocella

**Wednesday 31st January**

*St John Bosco*

**07:30** Norman Luck RIP

**10:00** Int. Therese Gomez

**Thursday 1st February**

**10:00** Int. Jack Murphy

**Friday 2nd February**

*The Presentation of the Lord*  
*(Candlemas)*

**07:30** Mary & Joseph Slymon  
RIP

**10:00** Int. Toni & Anna Kowal

**Saturday 3rd February**

*Ss Laurence, Dunstan, &*  
*Theodore, Archbishops of*  
*Canterbury*

**10:00** Veronica Black RIP

**Sunday 4th February**

**5TH SUNDAY**  
**IN ORDINARY TIME**

**18:00 (Sat)** Sheila & John  
Kennedy RIP

**08:30 JFS** Edward Alexander  
Comerford RIP

**08:30** Michael Anthony Sheriff  
RIP

**10:00** Patricia Atkins RIP

**12:00** Int. Francesca &  
Dominic Mosconi

**18:00** All parishioners\*

\*=**NOT LIVESTREAMED**

†  
**REQUIEM MASSES**  
**AT ST JOHN THE BAPTIST**

**Monday 5th February at 10:00 - Es lind Cooper RIP**  
**Wednesday 7th February at 12:30 - Renato Corvaglia RIP**

*May they rest in peace*

**MANY CONGRATULATIONS** to our former Parish Priest, now styled **Monsignor Canon John Weatherill**, who has been honoured "for service to diocesan finance and administration" by being made a Chaplain of His Holiness (hence the "Monsignor"). Do drop him a note of congratulations: [johnweatherill@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:johnweatherill@rcaos.org.uk).

**WELCOME HOME** to **Karen Higgins**, who is being received into full communion with the Catholic Church at the 18:00 Vigil Mass on Saturday 27 January. We are delighted to welcome Karen into our family of faith; please keep her and her loved ones in your prayers. **If you are interested in becoming a Catholic**, e-mail [francismurphy@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:francismurphy@rcaos.org.uk).

**JOHN FISHER CHAPEL:** Join us this Sunday after the 08:30 Mass in the Sixth Form block for tea, coffee, delicious savouries, and cakes. All welcome.

**THIS WEEK'S SECOND COLLECTION:** This week's collection goes towards supporting the work of the Archdiocese in [promoting racial justice](#).

**BLESSING OF THROATS:** Next Saturday we keep the diocesan feast of Ss Laurence, Dunstan, and Theodore. It is also the feast of St Blaise, and so at the end of the 10:00 Mass (**before Adoration**) there will be the traditional blessing of throats. Learn more about this custom [here](#).

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASS:** Next weekend at the 12:00 Mass we will be celebrating First Holy Communion for a small group of children. Car park may be a little busier than usual but all are very welcome.

**PARISH BREAKFAST - SAVE THE DATE:** HCPT Group 14 Parish Breakfast on **Sunday 10 March** after 8:30 (SJB) & 10:00 Masses. More details to follow.

**YOUTH CLUB:** Youth Club participants are invited to two film afternoons (with popcorn!) over the next two weeks. We will be watching Pixar's *Inside Out* (2015) over two sessions. The first session is this Sunday at the normal time (16:15-17:45 in the Parish Hall). Usual activities, football and games will still be available.

**CWG:** Members reminded that next meeting is on **Wednesday 7 February at 14:00** in the Parish Hall, with screening of *The Miracle Club*. Starts at 14:30. Visitors welcome: admission £4 (at entry).

**CHURCH CLEANING TEAM:** We would like **one more volunteer** to assist with the cleaning of the sacristy. This is a large area and requires another set of hands. Please contact the Parish Office if you can help.

**PURLEY FOOD HUB:** Next weekend is our monthly collection. Please leave your donations in the church porch or at the John Fisher Chapel. The February food list is available to view on the church noticeboard. Keep up to date with the latest news: [www.purleyfoodhub.net](http://www.purleyfoodhub.net)

**NATIONAL MARRIAGE WEEK:** This national event runs from **7-14 February**. For a rich resource of information, prayers and events see the Bishops' Conference website: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/marriage-week-2024/>