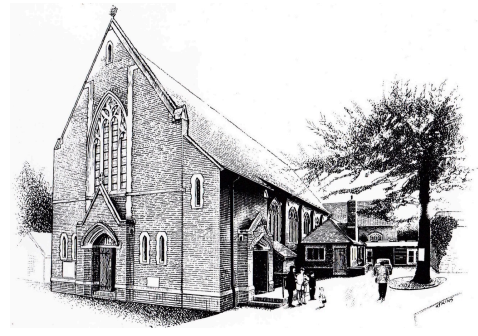


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7TH JANUARY 2024

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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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 below.

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 below.

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, and for those whose anniversaries are at this time: Julia Maurer, Michael O'Shea, Kathleen Letts, Catherine Hearne, Dorothy Stuart Taylor, Ethlyn Sinclair, Hanora Rabbitte, Mary O'Connell, Helen Acaa, Mary Woodgate, Elsa Turner, Lady Nancy Ingham, Terence Garner, Geoffrey Dodwell, Kamal Padmasiri, Beryl Stracey, Joseph O'Donovan, Brian Hollis, and Muriel Burtles

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 CONFESION & 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.

CONFIRMATIONS 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 a Tuesday evening 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: 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 7th January

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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*

Monday 8th January

The Baptism of the Lord

07:30 Norman Luck RIP

10.00 Dec'd family & friends of
Stanes/Perkins families RIP

FIRST WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

Tuesday 9th January

10:00 Anne Brownsell RIP

Wed. 10th January

07:30 Rena Brodley RIP

10:00 Roy Pearson RIP

Thursday 11th January

10:00 Fr Bernard Sparks RIP
(Salford Diocese)

Friday 12th January

St Aelred of Rievaulx, Abbot

07:30 Lily & Patrick Ryan RIP

10:00 Private intention
(In Thanksgiving)

Saturday 13th January

The Blessed Virgin Mary

10:00 Dec'd members of the
Keehan family RIP

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*

*=NOT LIVESTREAMED

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.

SUNDAY COFFEE: Served after the 10:00 Mass in the Parish Hall; hosted by the HCPT. They will also be selling tickets for their forthcoming Quiz Night on 27th January. Please lend your support - all proceeds go towards taking disabled and disadvantaged children to Lourdes.

PURLEY FOOD HUB: Next week is our monthly Food Hub collection. Please leave your donations in the church porch or the John Fisher chapel. There is a list on the church notice board of the most needed items.

SVP: The members of the SVP are extremely grateful for the very generous response which you made to the SVP Appeal. It is humbling to realise how much our parish cares for the lonely, the troubled, and the poor.

CWG AGM: Reminder that the CWG AGM will take place on **Wednesday 10th January**. Registration and chat from 14:00 in the Parish Hall. Meeting begins at 14:30.

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 or text 07788713919.

YOUTH CLUB: The Youth Club resumes next **Sunday 14th January** at 16:15 in the parish hall.

HCPT GROUP 14 QUIZ NIGHT: Saturday 27th January 19:00 (bar open at 18:30). Tickets £15 - include delicious platters of food and are available from Jane by emailing group14@hcpt.org.uk.

PURLEY FOOD HUB CAN YOU HELP? Volunteer drivers are needed to make deliveries to clients on Wednesday or Saturday mornings between 10:00 and 12:00. The deliveries are to clients in CR2 (South Croydon and Sanderstead), CR5 (Coulsdon), CR8 (Purley and Kenley), and CR4 (Waddon) post codes. Drivers are not committed to deliveries every week. On Monday an email is sent to all volunteer drivers asking for their availability over the coming week. If you confirm that you are available, you are sent the addresses of 2 (occasionally 3) clients the afternoon before the delivery. The pick up location is the URC Church adjacent to the Purley Hospital. Walking, carrying shopping bags, and using stairs involved. Recommended that you have one other person with you. If interested in helping please send an email to the Parish Office.

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