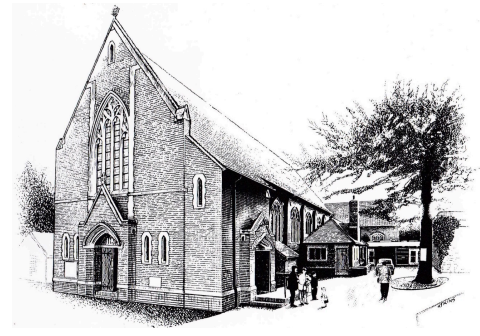


ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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10TH MARCH 2024

4TH SUNDAY OF LENT (LAETARE)

PSALTER WEEK 4

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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.

HOLY COMMUNION VISITS: Holy Communion is taken to the housebound of the parish regularly; please make contact with Parish Office if required.

CONFESSIONS: Saturdays 10:30-11:30 & 17:15-17:50 & at other times when a priest is in the confessional or by appointment.

MARRIAGE: E-mail Parish Office min. 6 months in advance.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK: Contact Parish 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).

Courses for First Holy Communion & Confirmation will be advertised in the newsletter & at Masses when registration is open.

DEVOTIONS & ACTIVITIES

FORTY HOURS: Runs 14-16th March. See notice below.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: Saturdays after 10:00 Mass, concluding with **BENEDICTION** c.11:30.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Fridays in Lent at 19:30.

HOLY ROSARY: First Fridays after the 10:00 Mass.

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

PARISH AFTERNOON TEA: Wednesday 24 April at 14:00.

PARISH MUSIC CONCERT: Saturday 1st June at 19:00.

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CELEBRATIONS: We will keep the Feast of the Nativity of St John the Baptist (our patron) on Sunday 23rd June. Celebrations on the Vigil, Saturday 22nd June.

Please pray for those who have recently died including: Catherine Henry, Desmond Sheriff, Zofia Todryk, Roger Smith, and Lee Bartholomew; and for those whose anniversaries are at this time: Thelma David, Judy Butler, Mary Coyne, Argentine Trusson, John Byrne, Marjorie Mullen, Colin Clark, Henrietta Martin, Anne MacMahon, Reg Langley, Gertrude Samuel, Paul Cornwall, and Benjamin Allet; 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, Neville Dourado, and Mary Marshall.

THIS WEEK - FORTY HOURS WITH OUR LORD

This week we are holding the Forty Hours' Devotion (*Quarant'ore*) at St John the Baptist.

This is an opportunity to come and spend time before Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, day and night.

Devotions will **begin on Thursday 14th March**, with Exposition following **Mass at 18:00**, and **conclude on Saturday 16th March** with **Benediction at 12:00**.

During the period of Exposition, the Blessed Sacrament will be reposed while Mass is celebrated.

Additional confessions on Thursday 14th (19:00-21:00) & on Friday 15th (12:00-14:00 & 21:00-23:00).

Please mark slots you can attend with your initials on sign-up sheets at the back of the church.

You can **donate** to the parish [via our website](http://www.johnthebaptistpurley.org.uk), via the collection at Sunday Mass, by making a direct bank transfer to the parish bank account, or by **scanning our QR code with your mobile** →



Please **Gift Aid** if you pay UK income tax.

Account name: RCAS / Purley
Number: 79116345 - Sort Code: 60-50-01
Second Collection: Easter Flowers



NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

1st: Jeremiah 31:31-34
Psalm: Psalm 50(51):3-4,12-15
2nd: Hebrews 5:7-9
Gospel: John 12:20-33

MASS INTENTIONS
Sunday 10th March
4TH SUNDAY OF LENT
LAETARE SUNDAY

18:00 (Sat) Mark Roffey RIP

08:30 JFS All parishioners
08:30 Patrick Lomasney RIP
10:00 Daphne Elston RIP
12:00 Luigi & Maria Narengi
 & Armando, Giuseppe,
 & Maria Corsini RIP
18:00 Fr Stephen Ortiger RIP*
 (Worth Abbey)

Monday 11th March

07:30 George & Rani Nevins
 RIP
10:00 Kamal Padmasiri RIP

Tuesday 12th March

10:00 Mrs Benedicta Henry
 RIP

Wednesday 13th March

07:30 Dec'd relatives & friends
 of the Cassidy & Greenslade
 families RIP
10:00 Harold Emery RIP

Thursday 14th March

10:00 Mark Roffey RIP
18:00 All parishioners

Friday 15th March

07:30 Andrew Baines RIP
10:00 Mrs Mary William RIP

Saturday 16th March

10:00 Kay Robson Brown
 RIP

Sunday 17th March

5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

18:00 (Sat) Leonard & Mary
 Greenslade RIP

08:30 JFS Martin Grant RIP
08:30 Marty Gorman RIP
10:00 Rebecca & Daniel Black
 & Dec'd Family members RIP
12:00 Welfare Dominic
 Mosconi
18:00 All parishioners *
 * = **NOT LIVESTREAMED**

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FUNERAL MASSES
AT ST JOHN THE BAPTIST

Wednesday 21st March - 10:00
 Catherine Henry RIP

Friday 12th April - 12:00
 Desmond Sheriff RIP

May they rest in peace

- HOLY WEEK & EASTER TRIDUUM TIMETABLE -

Paper copies in church - [available online here](#)

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: In place of our usual Stations, and given the ongoing Forty Hours' Devotion (see notice overleaf), the St Gerard's Group will lead prayers before the Blessed Sacrament on 15th March at 19:30.

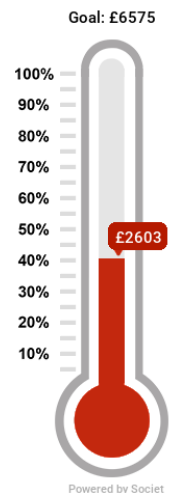
LENTEN MASSES IN C.U.H.: Holy Mass will be celebrated in the chapel at Croydon University Hospital at 12:00 on Monday 11th and 25th March. All welcome.

A happy Mother's Day to all our parish mothers!

SUNDAY COFFEE & MOTHER'S DAY PARISH BREAKFAST: Hosted by the HCPT, who invite you to come and join in the Parish Hall after the **08:30 and 10:00 Masses**. Croissants, sausage in a roll (including vegetarian option), tea, coffee, cakes and gifts. Cash and cards accepted. **Proceeds to take children to Lourdes.**

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEK: Easter flowers for the church & JFS chapel.

SAFEGUARDING OUR CHURCH: After brilliant success in reaching our goal to cover the cost of a new alarm system (**stage 1**), we have now turned to **stage 2 of our security scheme - the installation of a modern CCTV system** to cover sensitive areas. At the time of writing we have raised **£2603.23** towards this goal, but the overall cost (inclusive of VAT) will be **£6574.80**. For those of a more visual bent, our current progress towards that goal is illustrated by our security fundraising thermometer:



Can you help us meet the full amount? Please donate to "**ALARM/CCTV FUND**" online, by bank transfer, or in marked envelopes via the collection. Every donation is helpful; if considering making a donation over £750, please **contact Fr Francis**. If you customarily Gift Aid, please do mark envelopes so that we can claim. Once the alarm system has been renewed and the CCTV is installed, we will be able to **open our church for prayer during the day.**

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK - POOR PARISHES: This collection allows the Archbishop to make grants to some of the smaller parishes in the Diocese.

YOUTH CLUB: Please note there is **NO Youth Club this Sunday**. We return next Sunday 17th March 16:15- 17:45 for our usual games and activities.

SIMNEL CAKE: Home made or shop-bought, can you donate a Simnel cake? We will be serving refreshments, Simnel cake, and wine after the Easter Vigil Mass on Holy Saturday (30th March) in the Parish Hall. Donations will be received at the Parish Office (during office hours) with gratitude.

PARISH AFTERNOON TEA: Wednesday 24th April at 14:00 in the Parish Hall. Ladies & gentlemen are invited to join for a traditional *sparkling* afternoon tea. A variety of sandwiches, scones with clotted cream & jam, cakes, tea, coffee, and an alcoholic/non-alcoholic sparkling cocktail. All served on vintage china. Tickets on sale after Easter - priced at £10pp. Contact Jan: jan_czezowski@hotmail.com or 07836204326.

FAITH SUMMER BREAK FOR 11-15 YEAR OLDS: Set in the beautiful grounds of St Mary's, Ascot, the Faith Summer Break is an exciting four days for 11-15 year olds combining both faith and fun activities in a relaxed holiday setting. Running from **Monday 12th - Thursday 15th August 2024**, the week is structured around getting to know God and each other and includes Holy Mass each day, talks about the Catholic Faith, discussions, prayer, quizzes, art and craft, games, sports and a visit to Thorpe Park. Costs £200 [£50 deposit, full amount due on arrival]; subsidies available where needed. Further details and booking form [here](#). Fr Francis will be helping with the week; let's ensure a good Purley showing!