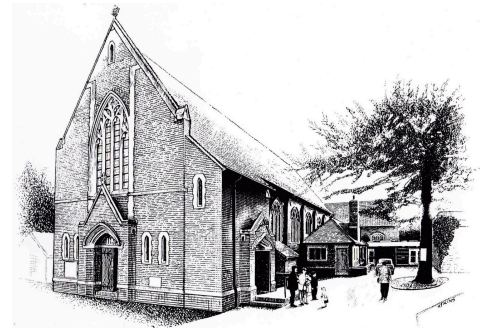


# ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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17TH MARCH 2024

5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

PSALTER WEEK I

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**Office hours: Mon-Fri, 09:00-13:00.**

## 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

**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.

**YOUTH CLUB:** Sundays in term-time, Parish Hall 16:15-17:45.

## SOCIAL EVENTS

**PARISH AFTERNOON TEA:** Wednesday 24 April at 14:00. Full details overleaf; tickets on sale from Easter onwards.

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

**ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CELEBRATIONS:** By permission of Archbishop John Wilson, we will keep the Feast of the Nativity of St John the Baptist - usually 24 June - on Sun. 23rd June. Parish celebrations on the Vigil, Saturday 22nd June; details to follow.

**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:** Patrick Shepherd, Ian Randolph, Isobel Lawson, Mary Pini, Tony Leftwich, Kathleen Holmberg, Rory Callanan, Michael Walsh, Patrick Coyne, Thomas Ahern, Palmira de Jesus, Margaret Brookes, Esther Rasmussen, and Sergio Costa;

**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, Freya Durrant, Nick Phillips, Anne Mawer, Margaret Swadling, Ian Stewart, Neville Dourado, and Mary Marshall.

## EASTER OFFERINGS TO PARISH CLERGY

In the Archdiocese of Southwark, priests are not salaried. Their income comes mainly from Mass stipends (donations tied to Mass intentions), stole fees (offerings for funerals/weddings/baptisms etc.), and the Christmas and Easter offerings. **The Christmas and Easter offerings constitute the largest sources of the clergy's annual income.**

You can contribute by using the [DONATE](#) page on the parish website, making a bank transfer direct to our parish bank account (mark **EASTER**), using one of the contactless machines in the entrance area of the church (select "Easter offering"), or by using a marked envelope (which can be given during the collection or via the presbytery letterbox). Please Gift Aid if you can. *Thank you for anything you feel able to give!*

You can **donate** to the parish [via our website](#), via the collection at Mass, by making a direct bank transfer to the parish bank account, or by **scanning our QR code with your mobile** →



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**Second Collection: Poor Parishes**



## NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

**1st:** Isaiah 50:4-7  
**Psalms:** 21(22):8-9,17-20,23-24  
**2nd:** Philippians 2:6-11  
**Gospel:** Mark 14:1-15:47

**MASS INTENTIONS**  
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\*

**Monday 18th March**

**07:30** Giovanni Mosconi RIP  
**10:00** Clare Ellis RIP

**Tuesday 19th March**

*St Joseph, Husband of the  
BVM, Solemnity*

**10:00** Harold Emery RIP

**Wednesday 20th March**

**07:30** George & Rani Nevins  
RIP  
**10:00** Int. Edward Robinson

**Thursday 21st March**

**10:00 Funeral**  
Catherine Henry RIP

**Friday 22nd March**

**07:30** Welfare of S,D & M  
Woodman - Stanes  
**10:00** Mary & Thomas  
Fennelly & family RIP

**Saturday 23rd March**

**10:00** Bhavna Emery Jones  
RIP

**Sunday 24th March**

**PALM SUNDAY**

**18:00 (Sat)** Margaret & Les  
Cameron RIP

**08:30 JFS** All parishioners  
**08:30** Teresa Loughnane RIP  
**10:00** John & Anne Parsons  
RIP  
**12:00** Joseph Candido De  
Souza RIP  
**18:00** Laura Bortoletto  
Severino RIP\*

\* = NOT LIVESTREAMED



**FUNERAL MASSES**  
**AT ST JOHN THE BAPTIST**

**Thursday 21st March - 10:00**  
Catherine Henry RIP

**Friday 12th April - 12:00**  
Desmond Sheriff RIP

**- HOLY WEEK & EASTER TRIDUUM TIMETABLE -**  
**Paper copies in church - [available online here](#)**

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** Friday 22nd March at 19:30 - led this week by the CWG.

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

**SAFEGUARDING OUR CHURCH:** We are able to announce the wonderful news that, thanks to your splendid support **we have now hit our target for phase 2** (CCTV) of our parish security appeal. The alarm system will be renewed and the CCTV installed in the coming weeks, and we will then be able to **open our church for prayer during the day**. Details to follow in a future edition of the newsletter; thank you for responding to the appeal so readily and generously!

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY:** Sunday at the 08:30 Mass.

**SUNDAY COFFEE:** After the 10:00 Mass hosted by the CWG.

**NEXT WEEK JFS CHAPEL SUNDAY COFFEE:** Join us next Sunday after the 08:30 Mass, for tea, coffee, and a variety of savoury & sweet treats. Served in Sixth Form block.

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

**YOUTH CLUB:** Sunday 16:15-17:45 for usual games and activities.

**THE SOLEMNITY OF ST JOSEPH:** On Tuesday we honour St Joseph, husband of the Blessed Virgin and foster-father of Our Lord. St Joseph is also patron of the Catholic Church, and so we should ask St Joseph to pray for our holy Church, that she may be protected from persecution and division, and granted increase throughout the world.

**MOTHER TERESA GROUP:** Next meeting is on Wednesday 20th March (14:00-16:00) in the small Parish Hall. All welcome. Thank you for the donations of knitting.

**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. Thank you to those that have already donated! Ideally we need a few more!

**PARISH AFTERNOON TEA:** Wednesday 24th April at 14:00 in the Parish Hall. Ladies & gentlemen are invited to bring friends and family for a traditional *sparkling* afternoon tea. A variety of sandwiches, scones with clotted cream & jam, cakes, tea, coffee, gin cocktail/mocktail, plus music and good company. All served on vintage china. Tickets on sale after Easter - priced at £10pp. E-mail Jan: [jan\\_czezowski@hotmail.com](mailto:jan_czezowski@hotmail.com) or call 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!

**GOOD FRIDAY ECUMENICAL ACT OF WITNESS:** Churches Together (Beddington and Wallington) invites you to join a Good Friday Act of Witness (12:15 - 13:00) at Wallington Old Town Hall on Good Friday. Singing and Bible reading by way of affirming those things held in common by different Christians. Refreshments afterwards. Venue: Wallington Methodist Church. E-mail [alice\\_m-gem@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:alice_m-gem@yahoo.co.uk).