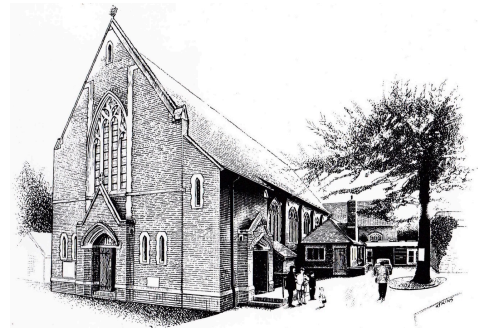


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31ST MARCH 2024

EASTER SUNDAY

PSALTER WEEK I

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Office hours: Closed next week.

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.

BIBLE TIMELINE: Please see notice overleaf. Starts 17th April.

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.

Happy Easter from your priests!

May the joy of the Resurrection fill your hearts and your homes,
and the Lord grant you every blessing this Eastertide.

Please see overleaf for details of Easter home blessings, our Easter Octave timetable, and more.

We congratulate Reece Spearing, received into God's holy Church at our parish Vigil,
and pray for him and for all those around the world being received this weekend.

Do you want to become a Catholic? [Please write to the Parish Priest.](#)

Please pray for those who have died recently including: Desmond Sheriff and Peggy Doust; **and for those whose anniversaries are at this time:** Chris McDonnell, Pauline Cove, Mary Pratley, Julia Heffernan, Lilian Hill, Mary Chaperon, Colville Lobendhan, Peter Waller, William Bookle, Margaret Gilman, Bryan Sherry, Arthur Newton, and Josephine Reynell;
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, Mary Marshall, and Neville Dourado.

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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NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

1st: Acts 4:32-35
Psalm: 117(118):2-4,15-18,22-24
2nd: 1 John 5:1-6
Gospel: John 20:19-31

MASS INTENTIONS

EASTER VIGIL

21.00 (Vigil) John Cook RIP

Sunday 31st March

EASTER SUNDAY

08:30 JFS All parishioners

08:30 John Joe Brice RIP

10:00 Ken Simmonds RIP

12:00 Welfare Dominic
Mosconi

No Evening Mass

Monday 1st April

MONDAY WITHIN

THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

10:00 Norman Luck RIP

Tuesday 2nd April

TUESDAY WITHIN

THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

10:00 Lesley Fonseca RIP

Wednesday 3rd April

WEDNESDAY WITHIN

THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

10.00 Frederic Vilain RIP

Thursday 4th April

THURSDAY WITHIN

THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

10.00 Helen Gallacher & dec'd
family members RIP

Friday 5th April

FRIDAY WITHIN

THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

10.00 Richard Bass RIP

Saturday 6th April

SATURDAY WITHIN

THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

10.00 Private Intention
(Stanes)

Sunday 7th April

2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Low Sunday (Divine Mercy)

18.00 (Sat) Jakub Konarski
RIP

08:30 JFS Thomas Hensler
RIP

08:30 Desmond Sheriff RIP

10:00 Gill Midmer RIP

12:00 Welfare Francesca

18.00 All parishioners *

* = Not live streamed



**Funeral Mass
at St John the Baptist**

Friday 12th April - 12:00
Desmond Sheriff RIP

EASTER OFFERINGS TO THE 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 church (select "Easter offering"), or by using a marked envelope (can be given during collection or via presbytery letterbox). Please Gift Aid if you can. *Thank you!*

EASTER SUNDAY - JFS CHAPEL COFFEE: This Sunday 31st March in the Sixth Form block after the 08:30 Mass: tea, coffee, and a variety of delicious savouries and cakes.

EASTER DUTIES: A reminder that the law of the Church requires that we - prepared by the sacrament of Confession - receive the Eucharist at least once a year, normally during the Easter season (ends with Pentecost).

EASTER HOUSE BLESSINGS: The clergy will be blessing houses during Eastertide (ends 19th May). If you would like your residence blessed, please write an e-mail titled "Easter house blessing" to purley@rcaos.org.uk; requests will be logged and blessings scheduled from week beginning 15th April. Please be patient as we process requests.

WEEKDAY MASS DURING THE EASTER OCTAVE: Between Monday 1st April and Friday 6th April there will be **one weekday Mass** at 10:00.

PARISH OFFICE: Please note that the Parish Office will be **closed for the Easter Octave** and will reopen on Tuesday 9th April at 09:00.

YOUTH CLUB: No Youth Club during the Easter holidays. Youth Club returns on Sunday 21st April (16:15-17:45) with spring activities.

ASSISTED SUICIDE: Archbishop John Wilson has issued a [pastoral letter](#) on the grave threat posed by proposals to legislate for "assisted dying". Please read it and share with others (copies in church). At **20:00 on 25th April** the parish will host a presentation by **Dr Dominic Whitehouse** titled "'Assisted Dying': Should the law be changed?". Dr Whitehouse is a palliative care consultant working in a hospice, and will explain why changing the law would be harmful to patients, doctors, and society. All are welcome.

BIBLE TIMELINE - MATTHEW'S GOSPEL: After a highly successful Bible Timeline course in the parish, we are continuing with the follow-up programme, *Matthew: the King and His Kingdom*. This programme provides a key to understanding the rest of the New Testament and Christ as the fulfilment of God's plan.

- The 24-session video course consists of study, homework, and discussion;
- It will take place weekly (apart from school holidays);
- The course is free - participants should buy the study book (will be available).
- Any questions, please e-mail: marta.tomsky@gmail.com

1st Session starts Wednesday 17th April at 19:00 in the Parish Hall.

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 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 faith and fun activities in a relaxed holiday setting. Running **Monday 12th - Thursday 15th August 2024**, the week is structured around getting to know God and each other. 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 on arrival]; subsidies available where needed. Further details & booking [online](#); Fr Francis will be assisting with the programme.

PURLEY FOOD HUB: Our monthly collection takes place next weekend. A list of the most needed items can be found on our notice board or here: purleyfoodhub.net

EATING/DRINKING IN CHURCH: Absent medical need, please do **not** bring food/drink/sweets into the church. It is a distraction for others during Mass, and we have had cases of food waste etc. left behind. We are obliged to fast one hour before Holy Communion.