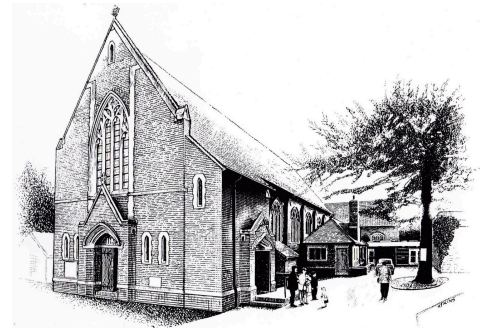


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3RD MARCH 2024

3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

PSALTER WEEK 3

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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

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

Parish Afternoon Tea: Wednesday 24 April at 14:00. Further details to follow soon.

Please pray for those who have recently died including Veronica Joseph, Catherine Henry, Desmond Sheriff, Zofia Todryk, Angela Bowers, Roger Smith, and Lee Bartholomew; and for those whose anniversaries are at this time: Monica Hook, Michael Slanding, Patrick Mc Mahon, Chairman Wicken, Charles Mc Gamble, Margaret Mahoney, David Tilley, Michael Goes, Herta Blackwell, Nora Ross, Jennifer Dodwell, Catherine Aquino, and Anne Brownsell.

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.

FORTY HOURS WITH OUR LORD

As part of our Lenten journey we will be 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 an **additional 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.

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NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

1st: 2 Chron. 36:14-16,19-23
Psalm: Psalm 136(137):1-6
2nd: Ephesians 2:4-10
Gospel: John 3:14-21

MASS INTENTIONS
Sunday 3rd March
3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

18:00 (Sat) Thilaka & Mervyn
Karunaratne RIP

08:30 JFS All parishioners

08:30 Int Helen Elliott

10:00 Mrs Jo Inman RIP

12:00 Adam Van Der Gelderen
RIP

18:00 Sergio Giacometti RIP*

Monday 4th March

07:30 Norman Luck RIP

10:00 Int Jordan Robinson

Tuesday 5th March

10:00 Funeral:

Veronica Joseph RIP

Wednesday 6th March

07:30 Diana Rodriguez RIP

10:00 Mrs Kunjamma Thomas
RIP

Thursday 7th March

10:00 Int Anthony Adedipe

Friday 8th March

07:30 Mary & Joseph Slymon
RIP

10:00 Mrs Pauline Spencer
RIP

Saturday 9th March

10:00 Anne Brownsell RIP

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
Armand Giseppe

& Maria Corsini RIP

18:00 Fr Stephen Ortiger RIP*

* = NOT LIVESTREAMED

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REQUIEM MASSES

AT ST JOHN THE BAPTIST

Tuesday 5th March - 10:00

Veronica Joseph RIP

Wednesday 21st March - 10:00

Catherine Henry RIP

Friday 12th April - 12:00

Desmond Sheriff RIP

May they rest in peace

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Friday 8th March at 19:30 - led this week by Youth Club.

LENTEN MASSES IN C.U.H.: Holy Mass will be celebrated in the chapel at Croydon University Hospital at 12:00 on Monday 4th, 11th and 25th March. All welcome.

SAFEGUARDING OUR CHURCH: Following last week's request for assistance in securing a new alarm and CCTV system, a truly **excellent** response means that we have **met our stage 1 target (£2378)** and can now set about installing a new alarm system that will provide comprehensive coverage. *Thank you!*

We now turn to **stage 2 of our security scheme - the installation of a modern CCTV system** to cover sensitive areas. We have raised £720 towards this goal, but the overall cost will be **£5000+** (precise figure in next week's newsletter). Can you help us meet the costs? 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**.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: This Sunday at 08:30 Mass.

SUNDAY COFFEE: After 10:00 Mass - hosted by St.Gerard's.

YOUTH CLUB: This Sunday marks our last rehearsal for the Stations of the Cross. Games and football will be on in the Parish Hall as usual.

PURLEY FOOD HUB: This weekend is our food hub collection. Donations can be left in the church porch/John Fisher chapel. A food list is available on the church notice board or can be found here: purleyfoodhub.net

CWG RETREAT: "HOPE" - WEDNESDAY 6TH MARCH (LED BY FR FRANCIS)

10:00: Parish Mass

10:30: Parish Hall: Registration (£4). Coffee.

10:45: "Hope" - Fr Francis. Followed by Q&A, discussion.

12:30: Lunch break (bring packed lunch). Tea, coffee, and biscuits provided.

13:30: "A Hopeful Church" - afternoon session with discussion. Time for personal reflection and prayer in church

15:30 - 16:00: Tea & farewell. *All are welcome to attend the whole day, or just part!*

HCPT MOTHER'S DAY PARISH BREAKFAST (10TH MARCH): Join us on Mother's Day to raise money to take disabled and disadvantaged children to Lourdes with HCPT. Croissant £4 or sausage in a roll £5 after 8:30 and 10:00 Mass, both with unlimited tea and coffee. Plus our wonderful craft stall for last-minute gifts and delicious homemade cakes to buy for afternoon tea at home! Please book in advance with Jane on janeonpurley14@hcpt.org.uk *Come and give Mum a treat!*

FAITH SUMMER BREAK FOR 11-15 YEAR OLDS: Set in the beautiful grounds of St Mary's School, 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!

CATENIANS' SCHOOLS PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION: All invited for evening of lively debate on Monday 4th March (7 for 7.30pm) between students of various schools in Surrey/South West London area. Location: St Joseph's Church, Epsom (KT18 7JQ). Admission free; no bookings. Light refreshments. Transport available; if needed, e-mail: purleycatenians@gmail.com or call Richard Waller on 07789 502895.

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.