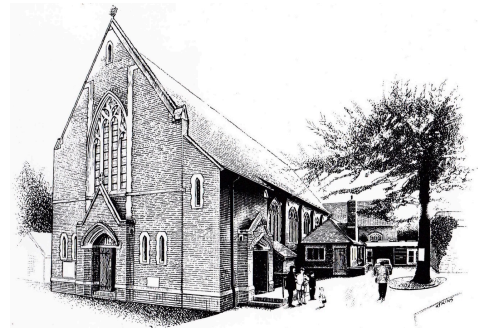


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7TH APRIL 2024

2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER

PSALTER WEEK 2

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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

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.

A message from your priests

Thank you for your generous Easter offerings and kind messages; we are extremely grateful! Thank you also to everyone who made our celebrations such a success: our sacristans, servers, readers, musicians (Parish Music Group & Parish Youth Choir), flower-arrangers, cleaners, and so many more. May the Lord grant us all a blessed Eastertide as we journey towards Pentecost.

Fr Francis and Fr David

Please pray for those who have died recently including: Desmond Sheriff and Peggy Doust; **and for those whose anniversaries are at this time:** Rose Logan, Margaret Smallbone, Dr Caetano Saldanha, Barbel Crump, Maria D'Souza, Aldo Pino, Ins Harrington, Mario Malavasi, Noel Aspill, Bridget Phillips, Patrick Smyth, Mary Stradling, and Michael Duke; **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](http://www.johnthebaptistpurley.org.uk), 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 3:13-15, 17-19
Psalms: Psalm 4:2, 4, 7, 9
2nd: 1 John 2:1-5
Gospel: Luke 24:35-48

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday 7th April

2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER

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 *

Monday 8th April

The Annunciation

of the Lord, Solemnity

07.30 Welfare Caroline White

10:00 Welfare Dominic
Mosconi

Tuesday 9th April

10:00 Anne Brownsell RIP

Wednesday 10th April

07.30 Pat & Rudy Agacy RIP

10.00 John W Bolton RIP

Thursday 11th April

St Stanislaus, Bishop & Martyr

10.00 Kamal Padmasiri RIP

Friday 12th April

07.30 Mary & Joseph Slymon
RIP

10.00 Int Toni & Anna Kowal

Saturday 13th April

10.00 Welfare Neville Dourado

Sunday 14th April

3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

18.00 (Sat) Graham Barrow
RIP

08:30 JFS All parishioners

08:30 Zofia Todryk RIP

10:00 Deceased relatives of

Oliver & O'Shea families RIP

12:00 Michael Duke RIP

18.00 All parishioners *

* = Not live streamed



Funeral Mass

at St John the Baptist

Friday 12th April - 12:00

Desmond Sheriff RIP

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

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.

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).

PURLEY FOOD HUB: Our monthly collection takes place this weekend. Please leave your donations in the Church porch or John Fisher School Chapel. A list of the most needed items can be found on our notice board or here: purleyfoodhub.net

PARISH OFFICE: Please note that the Parish Office **reopens 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.

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.

ASSISTED SUICIDE PRESENTATION: 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 welcome - please do invite friends. Our Archbishop recently issued a pastoral letter on the subject, which can be [read online](#) (paper copies available in church); in it, he reminded the faithful that "as baptised followers of the Lord Jesus we must do all within our power to support the most vulnerable in our society, especially those who have no voice to speak for themselves."

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM: Bishop Philip Moger will be leading the Southwark diocesan pilgrimage to Walsingham on Saturday 27th April. The coach leaves at 7am from outside St George's Cathedral on Lambeth Road, and will return at 9pm. £30 per person. For more information e-mail admin@stgeorges.org.uk.

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.

GOOD SHEPHERD CATHOLIC SCHOOL: GSCS seeks a lunchtime supervisor; the job is from 12:00-1:00 pm Mon-Fri term-time only (closing date: 16/04/2024). It is a very rewarding job as the children of GSCS love coming to school and are well-behaved. For more see: <https://www.goodshepherdprimaryschool.co.uk/about-our-school/vacancies>

EATING/DRINKING IN CHURCH: A reminder that absent medical need, we ask that you 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. As Catholics we are obliged to fast one hour before receiving Holy Communion.