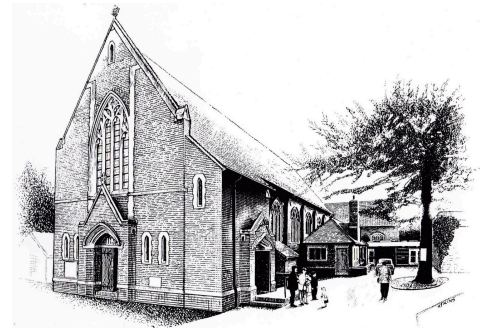


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14TH APRIL 2024

3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

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

BIBLE TIMELINE: Please see notice overleaf. **Starts this week.**

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. Tickets on sale after all Masses this weekend.

PARISH CONCERT/QUIZ NIGHT: 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.

PARISH AFTERNOON TEA:

On **Wednesday 24th April at 14:00**, ladies and gentlemen are invited to bring friends and family for a post-St George's Day traditional *sparkling* afternoon tea in the Parish Hall. A variety of sandwiches, scones with clotted cream & jam, cakes, tea, coffee, and gin cocktail/mocktail, plus music and good company. All served on vintage china.

Tickets (£10) on sale after all Masses this weekend

or contact Jan (e-mail: jan_czezowski@hotmail.com, tel: 07836204326).

Please pray for those who have died recently including: Peggy Doust and Adrian Hoar; **and for those whose anniversaries are at this time:** Terence Donnelly, Anthony Falzon, Janet Halton, Santiago Theodosio, Mary Barrett, Natalina Nicolotti, Elizabeth Willis, Michael Duke, Josephine Shuttler, Hugh Jones, Sylvia Barrie, Mary Druce, David Coates, Ken Simmonds, Marie Gardener, and Ellen Goodwin; **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** →



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

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Number: 79116345 - Sort Code: 60-50-01
2nd collection next week: Priest Training Fund



NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

1st: Acts 4:8-12
Psalm: 117:1,8-9,21-23,26,28-29
2nd: 1 John 3:1-2
Gospel: John 10:11-18

MASS INTENTIONS

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 Sheila Corcoran RIP *

Monday 15th April

07.30 Michel Lamparelli Pino
RIP

10:00 James Mc Crindle RIP

Tuesday 16th April

10:00 Fr Andrew Fernandes
RIP

Wednesday 17th April

07.30 Gladis Wright RIP

10.00 Welfare Conor Egan &
family

Thursday 18th April

10.00 Winifred Kelly RIP

Friday 19th April

**St Alphege, Archbishop of
Canterbury, Martyr**

07.30 Luis Eduardo Carbo RIP

10.00 Ken Simmonds RIP

Saturday 20th April

10.00 John Hempsey RIP

Sunday 21st April

4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

18.00 (Sat) Geoffrey &
Marguerite Sturdy RIP

08:30 JFS All parishioners

08:30 Jimmy Smith RIP

10:00 Ken Simmonds RIP

12:00 Mrs Ivy Charles RIP

18.00 Veronica Joseph RIP *

* = *Not live streamed*

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

****FIRST SESSION IS THIS WEDNESDAY (17th April) at 19:00 in the Parish Hall****

NEXT WEEK'S SECOND COLLECTION - PRIEST TRAINING FUND: This collection helps to meet the cost of training students preparing to become priests. It also supports certain forms of ongoing formation of the clergy. Donate via the Gift Aid envelope, by telephone (020 7960 2504), or online at www.rcaos.org.uk/donate/PTF.

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).

YOUTH CLUB: Youth Club returns next Sunday 21st April (16:15-17:45).

MOTHER TERESA GROUP: The next meeting is on **Wednesday 17th April 14:00-16:00** in the small Parish Hall. All welcome. The group now has a contact who works with prisoners and who has encouraged a knitting group, knitting squares for knitted blankets for Ukraine. Any donations of double knitting wool to support this project welcome. These can be left in the box at the back of the church. Thank you for your support.

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."*

PARISH QUIZ NIGHT: Do you have a particular skill or offer a service (cleaning, gardening, cooking etc.) - and might you be willing to provide your service as an "Auction Gift" for our forthcoming parish quiz evening on Saturday 1st June? All proceeds from the evening are being donated to support parish costs. Please support if you can. Contact Sophia Wilson at sophia.wilson121@gmail.com or 07814135191. Tickets will be on sale from next weekend with full details of a fabulous evening promising to be even better than the last!

WEEKLY CATHOLIC MASS IN CROYDON UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL: Mass every Wednesday at 12:00 in the Chapel at Croydon University Hospital. All are welcome.

LOVED ONE IN HOSPITAL? Croydon University Hospital (as well as other local hospitals) have rotas of "on duty" Catholic chaplains who can visit you/your loved one when in hospital. In the case of CUH, please ensure that ward staff are asked to contact the CUH Chaplaincy to request a visit from a **Roman Catholic chaplain**, signalling clearly whether it is a case of emergency (i.e. danger of death) or desire for a routine visit.

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.

SOUTHWARK 2024 PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES: The Archdiocese of Southwark, led by Archbishop John Wilson, will be going on pilgrimage to Lourdes from 23-30 August 2024. Pilgrimages to Lourdes are a wonderful opportunity to pray and journey together as you seek a deeper relationship with the Lord Jesus. Lourdes provides healing and peace, strengthened by the prayers of Our Lady and St Bernadette as pilgrims seek comfort in Christ our Lord. More details, including how to book, available [online](#).