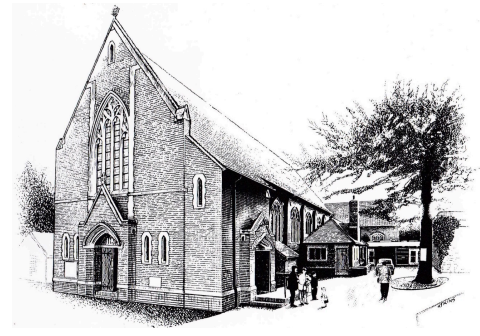


# ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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12TH MAY 2024

7TH 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 STUDY (MATTHEW):** Wednesdays at 19:00, Parish Hall.  
**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.  
**FRASSATI YOUNG ADULTS GROUP (18-35):** Launches on Sunday 19 May after 18:00 Mass.  
**CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION:** After 12:00 Mass - 2nd June.

## SOCIAL EVENTS

**PARISH MUSIC NIGHT:** Saturday 1st June at 19:00.  
**ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CELEBRATIONS:** We will keep the liturgical feast of our parish patron on Sunday 23rd June. Celebrations begin with the Vigil Mass at 18:00 on Saturday 22nd June, followed by a parish party. *Save the date!*

## FRASSATI YOUNG ADULTS' GROUP (18-35)

*Launch event next weekend*

Our new parish group for young adults (18-35) will launch with a relaxed get-together (refreshments included) on **Sunday 19th May after the 18:00 Mass**. This will be a chance to talk about plans and meet one another. The aim of the group is to provide an opportunity to socialise with other young Catholic adults while growing in one's faith. It is named after [Bl. Pier Giorgio Frassati](#), a young Italian layman described by Pope St John Paul II as "a modern witness to the hope which springs from the Gospel and to the grace of salvation which works in human hearts" ([HOMILY OF BEATIFICATION](#), 20-05-90). **18-35? Come and join us next Sunday!**

*Many thanks to Krishan Nadesan and Mary Jeffrey for spearheading this initiative*

**Please pray for those who have died recently including:** Adrian Hoar, Jane d'Souza and Ann Dempsey; **and for those whose anniversaries are at this time:** Florence Little, Elizabeth Kenny, Phyllis Senior, Christopher Coffey, John Fagan, Eunice Bucky, Monica Gannon, Harold Thompson, and Maureen Cornwell; **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, Fontana Maria, Philip Price, Karen Higgins, Derek Elliott, and Maureen O'Rourke.

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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**2nd collection this week:**  
**World Communications Day**



## NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

**1st:** Acts 2:1-11  
**Psalm:** 103(104):1,24,29-31,34  
**2nd:** 1 Corinthians 12:3-7,12-13  
**Gospel:** John 20:19-23

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Sunday 12th May 7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

18:00 (Sat) Maria Konarska RIP  
08:30 JFS All parishioners  
08:30 Sheila Carnetta Opoku RIP  
10:00 Veronica Joseph RIP  
12:00 Giuseppe & Filomena Oddi RIP  
18:00 Sergio Giacometti RIP\*

Monday 13th May  
07:30 Eileen Adams RIP  
10:00 Rita Winterbourne RIP

Tuesday 14th May  
*St Matthias, Apostle, Feast*  
10:00 Michael & Desmond Porter RIP

Wednesday 15th May  
*St John Stone, Priest & Martyr*  
07:30 Welfare Sienna Raithata  
10:00 Welfare Marie O'Neill

Thursday 16th May  
*St Simon Stock, Priest*  
10:00 Tom Slee RIP

Friday 17th May  
07:30 Welfare George Higgins  
10:00 Mary Flynn RIP

Saturday 18th May  
10:00 Tecla De Vivo RIP

Sunday 19th May  
PENTECOST SUNDAY  
18:00 (Sat) Pio Costella RIP  
08:30 JFS Mrs Claire Beecheno RIP  
08:30 All parishioners  
10:00 Veronica Joseph RIP  
12:00 Welfare Dominic Mosconi  
18:00 Welfare Brendan Keating\*  
\* = Not live streamed

**SUNDAY COFFEE:** After the 10:00 Mass the SVP will host a coffee and cake sale for their baby-feeding programme in Sudan.

**YOUTH CLUB:** This Sunday in the Parish Hall from 16:15-17:45. The Youth Club are looking for a laptop to use for administrative tasks as well as activities such as producing our podcast. If you can donate a laptop with a Pentium processor which is not more than 2-3 years old, please get in touch.

**SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEK - WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY:** Supporting the work of the Catholic Communications Network (CCN), the Bishops' media office.

**FRASSATI YOUNG ADULTS' GROUP (18-35):** As detailed overleaf, launching next Sunday evening. If you are between 18 and 35 please do come along.

**CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION:** To honour Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, the parish will have a Corpus Christi procession after the midday Mass on Sunday 2nd June. We need **servers, singers, and volunteer stewards** to help on the day; thanks to those who have already signed up. Please e-mail [francismurphy@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:francismurphy@rcaos.org.uk) if you would like to assist; many thanks to those who have already written, but we need more offers of help!

**MAY IS THE MONTH OF OUR LADY:** Each week this newsletter will contain a suggestion for a place of Marian significance to visit. The last two weeks' suggestions have been in the Diocese of Westminster; this week we move to the Archdiocese of Southwark, with [Our Ladye, Star of the Sea in Greenwich](#). The statue of the Blessed Virgin with the infant Jesus, set diagonally in a tall canopied niche to the left of the chancel, and the church's dedication serve as a reminder of the shrine - and popular place of Marian pilgrimage - that existed on Croom's Hill until its destruction at the time of the Reformation.

**MORNING OF PRAYER FOR PEACE:** On Thursday 30th May the 10:00 Mass will be followed by a morning of prayer for peace, with prayers, hymns, Adoration, and Benediction. All are welcome.

**PARISH MUSIC NIGHT:** A night of musical entertainment led by the Parish Music Group with surprise guests, including an auction with a twist. **Saturday 1st June 19:00-22:00.** Includes dinner and a welcome drink. Tickets on sale after the 10:00 and 12:00 Masses this Sunday. Price £20pp. Proceeds to support the parish.

**REUNION FOR ST ANNE'S COLLEGE AT COLOMA CONVENT GIRLS' SCHOOL:** Reunion for St Anne's College Sanderstead Old Girls at Coloma Convent Girls' School on Saturday 18th May at 12:00. E-mail [sacoga@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:sacoga@hotmail.co.uk) for details.

**DIVINE MERCY RECOLLECTION DAY AT THE SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM:** The Divine Mercy Apostolate is holding a First Saturday Divine Mercy Recollection Day at the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham on Saturday 1st June 2024 from 11:00 to 16:30. The Recollection Day will include teachings on the Message of Mercy, Holy Mass, Stations of the Cross, an Hour of Mercy with Adoration and Benediction, and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus. All are welcome. Please call Millie on 07957594646 for more information. Coaches depart from Ealing Broadway and Victoria.

**CALL TO ACTION FROM THE BISHOPS OF ENGLAND & WALES RE: ABORTION:** The Government's flagship Criminal Justice Bill has four important amendments that will likely be debated and voted on shortly in the House of Commons and that could fundamentally change our laws on abortion. As Catholics we uphold the dignity and value of every human life from conception to natural end, and the Bishops of England and Wales have asked the faithful to take action and make their voices heard to legislators. As the Lead Bishop for Life Issues, Bp John Sherrington, observed: "In England and Wales, both unborn child and pregnant mother deserve full protection under our laws, as some of the most vulnerable in our society." Full details: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/take-action-on-proposed-abortion-law-change/>

**LAST CHANCE - CATHEDRAL MASS CELEBRATING MARRIAGE:** Those celebrating their 1st/10th/25th/40th/50th/60th or any later wedding anniversary this year are invited to renew their marriage vows at a Mass to be celebrated at St George's Cathedral, Southwark, at 15:00 on 13th July. Close family members may also attend. In order to receive a personal invitation from Archbishop John Wilson, please e-mail [mflsw@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:mflsw@rcaos.org.uk) giving the following details: full names, address, phone number, anniversary being celebrated and parish. **Deadline 31st May.**

**TALK ON SAINT PIUS OF PIETRELCINA:** A second talk by Gianpaolo Mosconi on Padre Pio will take place on Tuesday 14th May at 19:00 (Parish Hall).