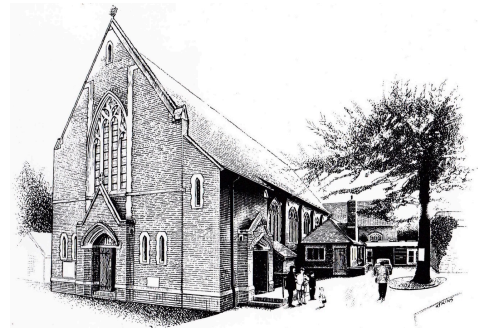


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5TH MAY 2024

6TH 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 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): Launch event 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!*

FAREWELL TO FR DAVID HUNTER

Following three years here at St John the Baptist, Fr David will be moving on to a new appointment at the end of the summer: the Archbishop has asked him to serve as Assistant Priest at Sacred Heart Church in Wimbledon. We thank him for his ministry in Purley, which we will celebrate with a farewell party. Details of this - and how to make a contribution to his leaving gift - will appear in a coming edition of this newsletter.

I am happy to be able to confirm that we will be receiving a priest to take Fr David's place, and I am confident that you will make him very welcome! Further details soon.

FR FRANCIS

Please pray for those who have died recently including: Peggy Doust and Adrian Hoar; **and for those whose anniversaries are at this time:** John Reynolds, Peter Jennings, Robert Burns, Miriam Moran, Mary Comerford, Celine McGill, Ivor Bangs, Audrey Benson, Lora Worth, Mary Hanazlik, Winifred Herring, James Lovell, Maureen Osmond, Patrick Lynch, Joseph McElligott, and Michael Whelan; **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, and Derek Elliott.

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



NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

1st: Acts 1:1-11
Psalm: Psalm 46(47):2-3,6-9
2nd: Ephesians 4:1-13
Gospel: Mark 16:15-20

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday 5th May 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

18.00 (Sat) Susan Dring RIP
08:30 JFS Thomas Hensler RIP
08:30 Welfare Anne Gladding
10:00 Veronica Joseph RIP
12:00 Paolo & Giovanna Mosconi RIP
18.00 All parishioners*

Monday 6th May
07.30 Int Fr Francis & Fr David
10:00 John W Bolton RIP

Tuesday 7th May
10:00 Clifford Brownsell RIP

Wednesday 8th May
07.30 In Thanksgiving (Felix)
10.00 Private Intention

Thursday 9th May
*The Ascension
of the Lord, Solemnity*
07.30 Fr John Hunwicke RIP
10.00 Anne Brownsell RIP
19.30 Holy Souls

Friday 10th May
07.30 Alice Cox RIP
10.00 Kathleen Townshend RIP

Saturday 11th May
10.00 Kamal Padmasiri RIP

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*
* = Not live streamed

THE ASCENSION - A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION: On Thursday we celebrate the Solemnity of the Ascension. This is a **holy day of obligation**, which means that we are required to attend Mass. In addition to Thursday's usual 10:00 Mass there will also be Masses celebrated at 07:30 and 19:30.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR CONFIRMANDI: Many congratulations to the parish young people who are being confirmed this weekend. May the Lord continue to grant them strength and increase in holiness as they witness to Christ in the world.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: At the 08:30 Mass on Sunday.

SUNDAY COFFEE: After the 10:00 Mass - this week hosted by the HCPT.

YOUTH CLUB: This Sunday in the Parish Hall from 16:15-17:45. This week we have a guest self-defence class alongside our usual programme.

PARISH OFFICE: The Parish Office will be closed on Bank Holiday Monday. Office hours next week are Tuesday-Friday 09:00-13:00.

PURLEY FOOD HUB: Monthly collection is **this weekend**. Please leave donations in the church porch or the JFS chapel. Details at purleyfoodhub.net.

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

FRASSATI YOUNG ADULTS' GROUP (18-35): Our new parish group for young adults (18-35) will launch with a get-together at Pentecost (19th May) following Sunday's 18:00 Mass. Named in honour of [Bl. Pier Giorgio Frassati](#), the group will afford an opportunity to meet and socialise with other young Catholic adults and deepen one's Catholic life. Many thanks to Krishan Nadesan and Mary Jeffrey for their efforts to launch this new initiative.

MAY IS THE MONTH OF OUR LADY: Each week this newsletter will contain a suggestion for a place of Marian significance to visit: this week's is the [Shrine of Our Lady of Willesden](#). Pilgrimage was made to the ancient shrine throughout the Middle Ages until its suppression in 1538; devotion was restored in 1892. St Thomas More was a frequent pilgrim in the 1530s and St Josemaría Escrivá in the 1950s.

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.

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. Please e-mail francismurphy@rcaos.org.uk if you would like to assist.

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 for details.

MASS FOR LONDON MIGRANT WORKERS: A celebration of - and for - people who live in, work in, and contribute to life across our city on Monday 6th May 2024 at St George's Cathedral, London SE1 6HR - begins 12:30. All invited; please come early. National dress encouraged; those wishing to take part in the banner procession should note that it begins at 12:15. Hosted by the three London Catholic dioceses, supported by the Justice and Peace Commissions, Ethnic Chaplaincies, Caritas Brentwood, and London Citizens UK.

CATHOLIC BISHOPS ON GENDER: The Catholic Bishops of England and Wales have issued a pastoral reflection on gender titled *Intricately Woven by the Lord*. While emphasising that the Church is a place of welcome, it notes that the sexual identity of an individual is not a purely "cultural or social construction" and refutes the idea, proposed by Gender Identity Theory, that everyone has an 'inner' gender identity, which sometimes fails to match the biological sex of the individual. It upholds the value of the body and importance of sexual differentiation. The full document can be read here: <https://tinyurl.com/woven-full> (summary: <https://tinyurl.com/woven-sum>).