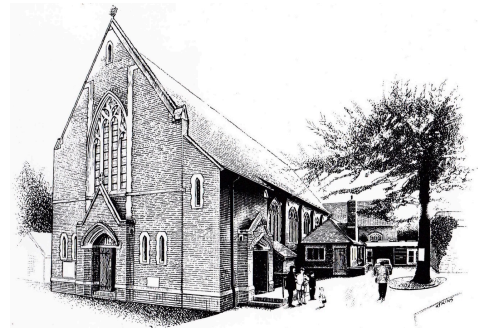


# ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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11TH AUGUST 2024

19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PSALTER WEEK 3

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**Assistant Priest** Fr David Hunter

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**Office closed until 2nd September**

## 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):** Resumes 4th September.

**HOLY ROSARY:** First Fridays after the 10:00 Mass.

**CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP:** Thursdays after 10:00 Mass.

**YOUTH CLUB:** Sundays in term-time, Parish Hall 16:15-17:45.

**FRASSATI YOUNG ADULTS GROUP (18-35):** Write to [purley@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:purley@rcaos.org.uk) to be added to WhatsApp group and/or mailing list.

## SOCIAL EVENTS

**COMING SOON - DETAILS TO FOLLOW...**

**SEPTEMBER:** Dinner & Dance.

**OCTOBER:** Michaelmas Fayre.

**NOVEMBER:** Scouts' Fireworks Night.

# BECOMING A CATHOLIC

The Catholic Church was founded 2000 years ago by Jesus as “the pillar and ground of the truth” (1 Tim. 3:15). In the Church we learn to know, love, and serve God in this life, and be happy with Him forever in the next.

Want to discover God's plan for you, and the key to eternal joy? Join our post-summer programme of instruction by writing to [Fr Francis](mailto:Fr Francis) or speaking to him after Mass.

“The hour cometh, and now is, when the true adorers shall adore the Father in spirit and in truth.” - John 4:24

**Please pray for those who have died recently including:** John Taylor and Margaret Mccauley; **and for those whose anniversaries are at this time:** Andy Albon, William Ridgers, Hubert Winston and Valerie Czezowski; **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, Keith Ockenden, Maria Valenti, David Palmer, Paulin Carpenter, Canon David Caine, Nick Phillips, Anne Mawer, Margaret Swadling, Ian Stewart, Mary Marshall, Fontana Maria, Derek Elliott, Maureen O'Rourke, Elzbieta Cedro, Maria Dellapina, Maureen Roffey, Antonia Smith, and Anthony D'Souza.

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



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## LAMP INTENTIONS

**Sanctuary:** Youth of the parish  
**Risen Lord:** Children of Gaza  
**Our Lady:** Val Czezowski RIP  
**St Joseph:** Private Intention  
**St Thérèse:** Private Intention

Contact Parish Office to book weekly intention. **Suggested offering £10.**

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Sunday 11th August 19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

18:00 (Sat) Welfare Ron  
Verecchia

08:30 JFS Denis Hopkin RIP

08:30 All parishioners  
10:00 Kamal Padmasiri RIP  
12:00 Owen Simon RIP  
18:00 Ambrose & Veronica  
Joseph RIP

### Monday 12th August

07:30 Caroline Adams RIP  
10:00 Deceased members of  
the Grant family RIP

### Tuesday 13th August

*Ss Pontian, Pope, and  
Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs*

10:00 Private intention

### Wednesday 14th August

*Saint Maximilian Mary Kolbe,  
Priest & Martyr*

07:30 Marjorie O'Rourke &  
dec'sed family members RIP  
10:00 Anne Humphreys RIP

### Thursday 15th August

**THE ASSUMPTION OF THE  
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

07.30 Paul Riches RIP  
10:00 Denis Hopkin RIP  
(Cook)  
19.30 Welfare Jerome  
O'Sullivan

### Friday 16th August

*St Stephen of Hungary*

07:30 Rixa Stowell RIP  
10:00 Private Intention

### Saturday 17th August

*The Blessed Virgin Mary*

10:00 Mrs Jeanne Lilian  
Harding RIP

### Sunday 18th August

20TH SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME

18:00 (Sat) Welfare Janet  
Skinner

08:30 JFS Int David &  
Lavinia Baskeyfield  
(Wedding Anniversary 55  
Years)

08:30 Ambrose & Veronica  
Joseph RIP  
10:00 Mr Wilson  
Panickaveetil  
12:00 Val & Samantha  
Czewowski RIP  
18:00 All parishioners

**THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY:** On Thursday we celebrate the Solemnity of the Assumption, commemorating the fact that the Immaculate Mother of God, the ever Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory. This is a **holy day of obligation**; Catholics are required to go to Mass on this day (as on Sundays) hence the provision of **our additional solemn Mass at 19:30**.

**FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION - BLESSING OF HERBS:** It is related in traditional accounts that flowers were growing out of the stone sarcophagus which had been prepared for Our Lady towards the end of her life, and were the source of a sweet odour which accompanied her Assumption. As a result there has been a custom of blessing herbs, flowers, and fruits on this feast. **At the beginning of the 19:30 Mass of the Assumption there will be an opportunity to have garden vegetables, flowers, herbs, and fruits blessed**; please bring them with you.

**SCHOOL APPLICATIONS - CERTIFICATE OF CATHOLIC PRACTICE:** School applications are changing, such that in most cases parents will be expected to supply a Certificate of Catholic Practice rather than school-specific forms monitoring Mass attendance. As the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales has explained in its guidance for clergy, "for the purposes of the Certificate of Catholic Practice, a person is a practising Catholic if they observe the Church's precept of attending Mass on Sundays and holidays of obligation." Where clergy do not have reason to believe that a family is practising the Faith to this standard, the Certificate of Catholic Practice will not be issued. Face-to-face interviews (during evening meetings) for parents wishing to secure certificates will take place in September; please do not submit requests before then.

**MISSIO PROMOTERS:** Missio helps local missionaries to work alongside global communities that are poor or in need; by supporting Missio, you play a vital part in creating a vibrant Catholic Church for the future. **Might you be willing to become a promoter of the Missio box programme?** In doing so you can:

- *Raise Awareness:* Share the mission and vision of Missio's initiative within our Church community;
- *Encourage Participation:* Inspire others to contribute, whether through donations or volunteering;
- *Strengthen Our Efforts:* Help Missio gather more resources through the collection of boxes from supporters' homes, allowing them to extend their reach and support to additional missionaries and communities.

With your help, Missio can continue to provide hope and essential support to those who dedicate their lives to serving others. Please contact the local Secretary, Mrs Nana Ama Agbenu, on [nanaama.agbenu@yahoo.com](mailto:nanaama.agbenu@yahoo.com) if you would like to be a Missio box promoter.

**JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE TO ROME 2025:** Details of the parish pilgrimage to Rome in September 2025, including booking forms, can be found in the narthex (paper copies) or online from [Anthony R. Coles Travel & Conferences](http://Anthony R. Coles Travel & Conferences).

**CHURCH CAR PARK:** Our new car park cameras have been installed. **Regulations will go into force on Monday 9th September.** Please take a copy of our brief Q&A sheet for answers to the most obvious questions about the new scheme, and feel free to raise any further queries/concerns with Fr Francis.

**MOTHER TERESA GROUP:** The next meeting will be on Wednesday 21st August 14:00-16:00 in the small hall. Thanks to donations of knitting wool, prisoner contacts have now returned enough knitted squares to make 3 knitted blankets to send to Ukraine. Please continue to donate wool to our box in the narthex.

**PARISH YOUTH MINISTRY:** Youth Club is now on summer break and will be back on Sunday 15 September (16:15-17:45) in the Hall. This club welcomes children from 10 into the early teens for two years. We are now hoping to expand our provision by setting up a group for those aged 14 to 17. If you are interested in helping please contact Louise on 07947089157 or speak to Fr Francis. If you have an interest/skill you could share with our young people, please also get in touch.