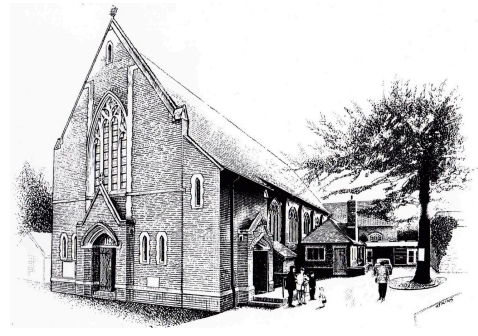


# ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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15TH DECEMBER 2024

THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT (GAUDETE)

PSALTER WK 3

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## SACRAMENTS

**BECOMING A CATHOLIC:** Want to learn more about becoming a Catholic? Please see right re: Enquiry Meeting.  
**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).

*First Holy Communion and Confirmation courses 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.  
**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):** Contact [purley@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:purley@rcaos.org.uk) to be added to WhatsApp group and/or mailing list, providing mobile phone number and/or e-mail.  
**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S GROUP:** First Wednesdays at 14:00.  
**ADVENT PARISH MISSION:** See details below.

## SOCIAL EVENTS

**WEDNESDAY COFFEE:** Parish Hall after 10:00 Mass (weekly).

**THIS WEEK → ADVENT PARISH MISSION ← THIS WEEK**

**"HAIL HOLY QUEEN!"**

Led by Fr Royston Price CSsR

Tuesday 17th - **OUR LIFE** // Wednesday - 18th - **OUR SWEETNESS** // Thursday 19th - **OUR HOPE**  
7PM SERVICE EACH NIGHT, LASTING AN HOUR - CONFESSIONS HEARD FROM 6PM

**PREPARE FOR A HOLY CHRISTMAS WITH OUR LADY**

**Please pray for those who have died recently including** Derek Elliott, **and for those whose anniversaries are at this time:** Florence Corteling, Francis Douch, Les Mc Manus, Michael Mc Loughlin, Daphne Lee, Patrick White, Pathrose Spencer, Patrick Sullivan and Stavislava Filipinski;

**and also for those unwell:** Toni Kowal, Theodora-Angelica Acha, Joanne Walker, Jane Pollon, Alan Griffiths, Douglas Johnston, Teresa Holmes, Ryan Baker, Michael Edwards, Keith Ockenden, Maria Valenti, David Palmer, Paulin Carpenter, Canon David Caine, Nick Phillips, Anne Mawer, Margaret Swadling, Ian Stewart, Mary Marshall, Fontana Maria, Maureen O'Rourke, Elzbieta Cedro, Antonia Smith, and Brian McGill.

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.



**Account name: RCAS / Purley**  
**Number: 79116345**  
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**Second coll. this week: Christmas Flowers**



## LAMP INTENTIONS

**Sanctuary:** Mgr Canon J. Weatherill  
**Risen Lord:** Parish schools  
**Our Lady:** Syrian Christians  
**St Joseph:** A. Waugh RIP  
**St Thérèse:** Private Intention

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

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Sunday 15th December**

**THIRD SUNDAY  
OF ADVENT  
("GAUDETE")**

**18:00 (Sat)** Andrew Delgrosso  
& Piero RIP

**08:30 JFS** All parishioners

**08:30** Welfare Sonaram family

**10:00** Mr Pathrose Spencer  
RIP

**12:00** Agnes Gemmell &  
deceased family members RIP

**18:00** Miles Goodchild RIP

**Monday 16th December**

**07:30** Wellbeing Nicola  
Davies - Grant

**10:00** Harry Watters RIP

**Tuesday 17th December**

**10:00** Irene Renn RIP

**Wednesday 18th December**

**07:30** Stefan Anton Wereszczuk  
RIP

**10:00** Ambrose & Veronica  
Joseph RIP

**Thursday 19th December**

**10:00** Daphne Elston &  
deceased family members RIP

**Friday 20th December**

**07:30** Pauline Royle RIP

**10:00** Dorothy Emery RIP

**Saturday 21st December**

**10:00** David Cook RIP

**Sunday 22nd December**

**FOURTH SUNDAY  
OF ADVENT**

**18:00 (Sat)** Patrick Sullivan RIP

**08:30 JFS** All parishioners

**08:30** Stan Liddiard RIP

**10:00** Mrs Stancy Nelson RIP

**12:00** Mary Cheung RIP

**18:00** Adrian Hoar RIP



**Funeral Mass  
at St John the Baptist**

Wednesday 18th December

12:30

Derek Elliott RIP

*Welcome & congratulations to  
Alicia Ligorowska,  
baptised at St John the Baptist this weekend*

**CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES** may be consulted by viewing our dedicated timetable of liturgies during the Christmas season. Copies are available in the church and [ONLINE](#).

**CHRISTMAS OFFERING TO THE PARISH CLERGY:** Your Christmas offering is one of the parish clergy's principal sources of income during the calendar year. Thank you for your generosity. You can make this offering:

- Online via our secure [DONATION PORTAL](#);
- By bank transfer direct to our parish bank account (mark "Christmas");
- Using the contactless machine in the entrance area or Lady Chapel of the church - select "Christmas Offering";
- By posting it through the presbytery letterbox or dropping it in the basket in church (using a marked envelope).

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY** at this Sunday's 08:30 Mass (at St John the Baptist).

**SUNDAY COFFEE** will be hosted by the CWG after the 10:00 Mass. All funds raised will be donated to "NIGHTWATCH" who provide food to Croydon's homeless.

**SUNDAY JFS CHAPEL COFFEE MORNING:** Please join us in the Sixth Form block after the 08:30 Mass at the JFS Chapel for our Christmas-themed coffee morning; we will be drawing our Christmas Hamper Raffle.

**THIS WEEK'S SECOND COLLECTION** is to cover the cost of our Christmas flowers.

**YOUTH CLUB:** The last session of this term takes place this Sunday 16:15-17:45.

**CHANT SCHOLA:** Thanks to all who have expressed an interest in joining a parish schola singing Gregorian chant; the response has been excellent. We have secured the assistance of a chant tutor; details to follow after Christmas. If you would be interested in becoming involved and thus contributing to the rich diversity of our parish musical offering, please write expressing interest to [purley@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:purley@rcaos.org.uk). Training sessions will begin in the new year; no prior experience necessary.

**PRIMARY SCHOOL ADMISSIONS 2025:** For parents and carers wishing to apply for a Catholic primary school place for their child (admission September 2025), there remains **one opportunity to secure a Catholic Certificate of Practice** (or have school forms signed) during a face-to-face meeting with Fr Francis in the Parish Hall on **Friday 20 December (beginning 18:30)**.

**MOTHER TERESA CHRISTMAS GROUP MEETING** on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December from 14:00-16:00 in the smaller Parish Hall. All welcome. We have given 50 women's and 27 men's Christmas parcels to the Missionaries of Charity for distribution. This year we have sent 23 knitted blankets to Ukraine, 16 hat and vest baby sets to Gambia, 24 pairs of canula covers for premature babies, 36 knitted hats for premature babies and knitted hair bands and dolls and hats for cancer patients. Patterns for these items are on the noticeboard at the back of the church.

**CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS EVE NATIVITY MASS:** If your child would like to participate, please contact Veronica Moulder by **Monday 16th December**, and give your child's name, age, and the character or role he/she wants to play. Please contact [veronicamoulder@gmail.com](mailto:veronicamoulder@gmail.com) or telephone 07803 728868. Rehearsal on Sunday 22nd December at 15:30 in the Parish Hall. Flyers with details available in narthex. Also sought: teenagers for 4-part carol singing at Mass (need experience of singing in parts and ideally the ability to learn from sheet music as rehearsal limited; will be at same time as above).

**NEW YEAR VOLUNTEER ROLES AT ST JOHN THE BAPTIST:** We have openings in **three** roles in our parish. We are seeking a new parish Safeguarding Representative, a new coordinator for the Michaelmas Fayre, and a new director of our Children's Liturgy. We are very grateful to our current postholders, who have done such a wonderful job over the last ten years. *Thank you!* Please do consider if you can help the parish community by taking on one of these responsibilities. For further details, contact the Parish Office.