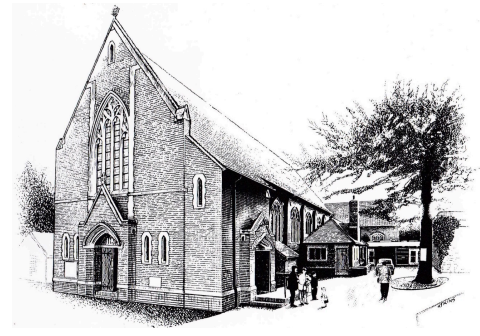


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1ST DECEMBER 2024

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

PSALTER WEEK I

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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 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).

Advent Parish Mission

"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, and for those whose anniversaries are at this time: Ruth Horat, Bridget Prebble, Stuart Johncock, Kathleen Heath, Michael Long, Trevor Thompson, Mana Soos, Winifred Jones, Doris Knight, Helena Garner, June Tester, Kathleen Chin, Mary Mark, George David and Marion Bailey.

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, Derek Elliott, Maureen O'Rourke, Elzbieta Cedro, Maureen Roffey, 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. next week: Christmas Flowers



LAMP INTENTIONS

Sanctuary: Elderly, sick, vulnerable
Risen Lord: Private Intention
Our Lady: Brunni family
St Joseph: New fathers
St Thérèse: Religious vocations

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday 1st December

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

18:00 (Sat) Margaret Mackay
RIP

08:30 JFS Roger Axe RIP
(Mc Donough family)

08:30 Deceased relatives &
friends of the Macorini &
Lo Bello families

10:00 Mrs P L Sixtus RIP

12:00 Int Dominic Mosconi

18:00 All parishioners

Monday 2nd December

07:30 Marion Corps RIP

10:00 John W Bolton RIP

Tuesday 3rd December

*St Francis Xavier,
Priest*

10:00 Deceased relatives &
friends of the Xavier family RIP

Wednesday 4th December

*St John Damascene,
Priest & Doctor of the Church*

07:30 Deceased relatives &
beneficiaries of St John the
Baptist SVP RIP

10:00 Ambrose & Veronica
Joseph RIP

Thursday 5th December

10:00 Peter Cronin RIP

Friday 6th December

*St Nicholas,
Bishop*

07:30 Welfare Derek Elliott

10:00 Int Toni & Anna Kowal

Saturday 7th December

*St Ambrose,
Bishop & Doctor of the Church*

10:00 James & Elizabeth
Denning RIP

Sunday 8th December

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

18:00 (Sat) Edmund Jan
Lewandowski RIP

08:30 JFS All parishioners

08:30 Jody O'Neill RIP

10:00 Mr S M William RIP

12:00 Theresa Hearne RIP

18:00 Andrew & Piero
Delgrosso RIP

CHILDREN'S LITURGY takes place at this Sunday's 08:30 Mass.

SUNDAY COFFEE will take place after 10:00 Mass, hosted by our St Gerard's Group.

NEXT SUNDAY'S COFFEE will be hosted by the SVP after the 10:00 Mass. All proceeds will be used to help those in need in our local community. The Saint Vincent De Paul Society (SVP) aims to seek and find those who are forgotten, and to bring Christ's love to the suffering and deprived. Most of their work in Purley is carried out within the parish and local community.

NEW LECTIONARY & MASS SHEETS: This weekend we begin a new liturgical year, and will start to use [the new Lectionary](#). This provides what are intended to be clearer and more accurate renderings of the biblical texts we hear read during the Liturgy of the Word. As a result of using the new Lectionary, we will no longer be able to use our Parish Mass Books, which have been rendered obsolete. For the time being we will therefore be making use of Mass sheets. At the end of Mass **please help us keep costs down and return your Mass sheet** to where you found it so that parishioners at later Masses can reuse it.

STATEMENT FROM ARCHBISHOP JOHN WILSON RE: ASSISTED SUICIDE VOTE: The Archbishop of Southwark has issued a statement in response to Friday's vote, which brings us closer to the legalisation of assisted suicide in this country. It opens: "*I am deeply saddened and extremely worried by the progress made in the House of Commons towards the legalisation of assisted suicide. While this is not yet the final step in enacting this legislation, it represents a seismic and concerning shift in our nation's approach to caring for the most vulnerable among us.*" Full text at <https://tinyurl.com/abpwilson euthanasia>. Please continue to pray that these proposals do not come to pass.

CHANT SCHOLA: A number of parishioners have expressed an interest in the formation of a chant schola for the parish, in the spirit of Vatican II's instruction that "*the study and practice of Gregorian chant is to be promoted*" and St John Paul II's observation that "*among the musical expressions that correspond best with the qualities demanded by the notion of sacred music, especially liturgical music, Gregorian chant has a special place.*" 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. 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 will be two opportunities to secure a Catholic Certificate of Practice (or in some cases the signing of a school form) during a face-to-face meeting with Fr Francis in the Parish Hall on Friday 13 December or Friday 20 December (beginning 18:30).

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS EVE NATIVITY MASS: If your child would like to participate, please contact Veronica Moulder by Monday 16th December 2024, and give your child's name, age, and the character or role he/she wants to be. Please email: veronica.moulder@gmail.com 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).

CWG ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY on Friday 6th December at 20:00 in the Parish Hall. **Reminder to Members:** those bringing food asked to arrive 20-25 mins before the start, and to remember to take plates home at end of evening.

PURLEY FOOD HUB: December food collection this weekend. List: purleyfoodhub.net.

THE BETHLEHEM NATIVITY GROUP, present at Masses last weekend, sent a note of thanks to the parishioners of St John the Baptist. Sales supporting Palestinian Christians amounted to £3707.92.

SOUTH EAST CANCER HELP CENTRE: Call for volunteers! Two opportunities at SECHC in Purley: 1. Health & Safety/handy-person for safety checks & maintenance; 2. Receptionist for front desk duties - Friday PM. Both roles are for four hours per week. For more information contact via info@sechc.org.uk or on 020 8668 0974.

JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE TO ROME 2025: Details of our parish pilgrimage to Rome in September 2025 can be found at Anthony R. Coles Travel & Conferences.