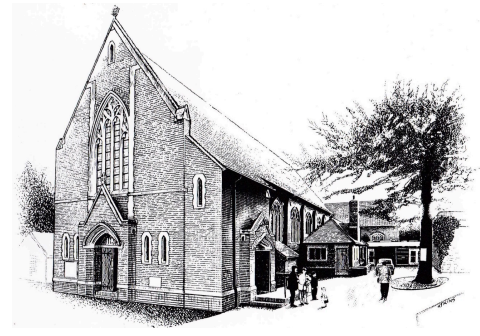


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29TH DECEMBER 2024

THE HOLY FAMILY

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Parish Office reopens 6 January 2025

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; provide name, phone number, and/or e-mail address.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S GROUP: First Wednesdays at 14:00.

SOLEMN MASS OF THE VIGIL OF THE EPIPHANY at 18:00 on Saturday 4th January. Preceded by blessing of chalk at 17:50. Music of Palestrina, Victoria, and Howells sung by the visiting Lay

A MESSAGE OF THANKS

*from your parish clergy for all your kind gifts, offerings, and greetings during this Christmas season.
We are so grateful, and wish you every blessing.*

A special message of thanks is due to all of those who contributed in so many different ways to our parish festivities. These include - but are not limited to - our Parish Secretary (Rebecca), flower arrangers, church cleaners, Christmas tree preparers, readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, the Parish Music Group, the Parish Youth Choir, sacristans, servers, counters and bankers, Children's Vigil organisers, our Gift Aid Coordinator (Phil), and our Hall Manager (Barbara). Thank you!

Fr Francis & Fr Roshy

Please pray for those who have died recently including Brian McGill, and for those whose anniversaries are at this time: Mary Jago, Anne Daly, Gwendoline Carne, Joanna Inman, Renato Corvaglia, Jo Denith, Patricia Parsons, Christina de Saram, John Parker, Carmelina & Sebastian Lobo, Rosebud Bruney, Christina Curtis, Mary Connolly, Margaret O'Neill, Kathleen Whyte, Colleen Leitch, Harold Watters, Anne Dare, Doris Youll, Mary Fathing, Tony Ryder & Eslind Cooper; **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.

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: The Holy Father
Risen Lord: Priestly Vocations
Our Lady: Anna Bau RIP
St Joseph: Sebastian Neely
St Thérèse: Private intention

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday 29th December THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

18:00 (Sat) James & Mary
Macken RIP

08:30 JFS Roger Axe RIP

08:30 All parishioners

10:00 Dr Thomas Percy RIP

12:00 Owen Simon RIP

18:00 Ted, Eileen & Adrian Hoar
RIP

Monday 30th December

07:30 Eddie & Sofie Todryk RIP

10:00 Gerard Glancy RIP

Tuesday 31st December

10:00 Carmelina & Sebastian
Lobo RIP

Wednesday 1st January MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD - SOLEMNITY

07:30 Int Hewitt family

10:00 Michael O' Shea RIP

Thursday 2nd January

Ss Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops & Doctors of the Church

10:00 In Thanksgiving
Special Intention (Cassidy)

Friday 3rd January

The Most Holy Name of Jesus

07:30 Ambrose & Veronica
Joseph RIP

10:00 Int Toni & Anna Kowal

Saturday 4th January

The Beatified Martyrs of the Diocese

10:00 Gianfranco Fontana RIP

Sunday 5th January

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

18:00 (Sat) SOLEMN VIGIL MASS:
Derek Enock RIP

08:30 JFS Thomas Hensler RIP

08:30 All parishioners

10:00 Mrs Lily Sixtus RIP

12:00 Remi Anthonia Moses
RIP

18:00 In Thanksgiving
(Sequeira family)

CHRISTMAS OFFERING: 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).

NEW YEAR'S EVE/DAY INDULGENCES: A **plenary indulgence** (under the usual conditions) is granted when the [Te Deum](#) is recited publicly on the last day of the year. A **plenary indulgence** (under the usual conditions) is granted when the [Veni, Creator Spiritus](#) is recited on New Year's Day. Texts of these prayers can be found at the links above, and will be provided for the faithful. The clergy will lead the recitation after the Masses on Tuesday and Wednesday.

SOLEMN VIGIL OF THE EPIPHANY & BLESSING OF CHALK: This year the Epiphany is kept on Sunday 5th January; the Saturday evening Mass will - as mentioned overleaf - be a **Solemn Vigil Mass**, with music sung by the lay clerks of St George's Cathedral, Southwark. This means that the Saturday evening Mass will be slightly longer than the usual "low" Mass; the celebration begins with the blessing of chalk at 17:50. This chalk may be used to bless homes for the new year (printed instructions will be provided) and will be available in the church until supplies run out. Please only take one piece per household.

HCPT COFFEE MORNING - NEXT WEEKEND: HCPT will be serving teas and coffees alongside cakes, scones, and croissants next Sunday after the 08:30 and 10:00 Masses. Please come along to support them in raising funds to take children to Lourdes this Easter.

CHRISTMAS OFFICE HOURS: The parish office will be closed for the Christmas period. We reopen on Monday 6th January at 09:00.

CRIB OFFERING: Supporting the Catholic Children's Society's Southwark crisis fund giving emergency support. Use Gift Aid envelopes, or online: www.cathchild.org.uk/crib (QR available).

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. Training sessions will begin in 2025. No prior experience necessary.

PARISH NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: Please note the deadline for submitting notices for the parish newsletter is Wednesday at 13:00.

GET INVOLVED IN 2025: We have openings in **3 roles** in the parish. We need:

- a new parish Safeguarding Representative;
- a new coordinator for the Michaelmas Fayre;
- a new director of Children's Liturgy.

We are very grateful to our current postholders, who have done such a wonderful job over the last ten years. Please do consider if you can help the parish community by taking on one of these responsibilities. For further details, contact the Parish Office.