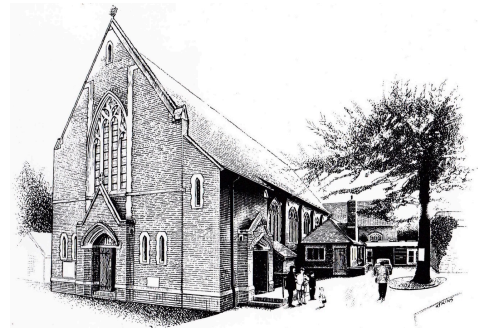


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8TH DECEMBER 2024

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

PSALTER WEEK 2

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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 including Derek Elliott, and for those whose anniversaries are at this time: Patrick Gough, Hilda Giblin, David O'Sullivan, Matilda Perriera, Reginald Gubby, Kathleen Gallagher, Colin Bailey, Winifred Flynn and Marion Sparling.

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
Sort Code: 60-50-01

Second coll. next week: Christmas Flowers



LAMP INTENTIONS

Sanctuary: Peace in Syria
Risen Lord: Fr J. Dicto RIP
Our Lady: Bruni family
St Joseph: Bp J. Hine RIP
St Thérèse: Victims of abuse

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

MASS INTENTIONS

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 Dominic Bernabela RIP

Monday 9th December
THE IMMACULATE
CONCEPTION OF THE
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
07:30 Norman Luck RIP
10:00 Anne Brownsell RIP

Tuesday 10th December
10:00 Annerose Hoppe RIP

Wednesday 11th December
07:30 Ambrose & Veronica
Joseph RIP
10:00 Kamal Padmasiri RIP

Thursday 12th December
10:00 William Webber RIP

Friday 13th December
*St Lucy,
Virgin & Martyr*
07:30 Mark & Joseph Slymon
RIP
10:00 Margaret Mullis RIP

Saturday 14th December
*St John of the Cross,
Priest & Doctor of the Church*
10:00 Morgan James Fahy RIP

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 Gemmill &
deceased family members RIP
18:00 Miles Goodchild RIP

SUNDAY COFFEE will be hosted by the SVP after the 10:00 Mass. The SVP will make their Annual Appeal for your support of their work in the parish briefly speaking after all Masses. Please continue to show them your great generosity. 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.

NEXT SUNDAY JFS CHAPEL COFFEE MORNING: Please join us **next** Sunday, 15th December, at the JFS Chapel for our Christmas-themed coffee morning, when we will be drawing our Christmas Hamper Raffle!

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION is celebrated on Monday, since 8th December coincides with the Second Sunday of Advent. On this great feast the Church celebrates the truth of our Faith that *"the Blessed Virgin Mary, from the first moment of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege of almighty God, and in view of the merits of Jesus Christ, Saviour of the human race, was preserved free from every stain of original sin"* (Bl. Pius IX). N.B. in England this is not a holy day of obligation.

NEXT WEEK SECOND COLLECTION CHRISTMAS FLOWERS: Please note the collection for Christmas flowers will take place **next** weekend, at the Church and the JFS Chapel.

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, and give your child's name, age, and the character or role he/she wants to play. Please contact 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).

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.

ST GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL CAROL SERVICE: Join Archbishop John Wilson and the St George's Cathedral Choir for a Carol Service at St George's Cathedral. The Annual Carol Service, led by the Southwark Cathedral Choirs at St George's is on Thursday 12 December at 19:30. Sung by the combined Cathedral Choirs, with the children from the Southwark Singing Programme. All are welcome.

TAKE ACTION ABOUT THE TWO-CHILD CAP POLICY: The Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales continues to be seriously concerned about the implications of the current two-child cap policy on Universal Credit payments for vulnerable, larger families. The UK Government is reviewing the two-child cap (introduced in 2017) as part of the work of the newly formed Child Poverty Taskforce. The Catholic Bishops of England and Wales invite you to learn more and take action: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/contact-mp-two-child-cap/>

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