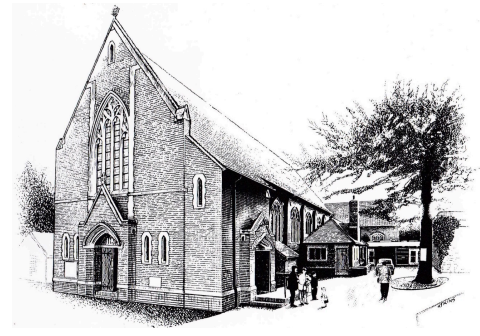


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19TH JANUARY 2025

2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PSALTER WEEK 2

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Office hours: Monday-Friday, 09:00-13:00.

SACRAMENTS

BECOMING A CATHOLIC: Want to learn more about becoming a Catholic? Please 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).

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.

SOCIAL EVENTS

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

PARISH NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: Notices for publication in a weekend's newsletter must be submitted by 13:00 on Wednesday.

CALLED TO BEAR FRUIT

is a process of renewal within the Archdiocese of Southwark. This will include an important opportunity for lay people to contribute to shaping the future of our Archdiocese, so that all our parishes can become more effective as communities of missionary disciples. Please listen to Archbishop John Wilson's pastoral letter this weekend detailing the nature of this consultation, and take a copy of the consultation booklets being distributed at all Masses.



Please pray for those who have died recently, including Brian McGill, Nicolina Corvaglia, Betty Oppong, Xandi Manning, and Sally Callanan; **and for those whose anniversaries are at this time:** Ashleen Kavanagh, Antoinette Poyladzi, Gordon Vincent, Alma Hopkins, Anthony Wiggan, Francisco Bautista, Penny Hanley, Charlotte Green, Louis Baxter, Mary Sherry, Ruby China, Keith Wood, Mary Ockenden, Joseph Bonas, Walter Miner, Fr Andrew Fernandes, Pamela Daly, Ken Poynter, John Edwards; **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, and Norma Stanes.

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: Int. Jane McCrindle
Risen Lord: The Holy Father
Our Lady: Unity of Christians
St Joseph: Private Intention
St Thérèse: In Thanksgiving

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday 19th January SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

18:00 (Sat) Deceased relatives & friends of the Woods & Finn families RIP

08:30 JFS All parishioners

08:30 Ambrose & Veronica Joseph RIP

10:00 Charles Patricks RIP

12:00 Caryl Niblett RIP

18:00 Mr George & Mrs Ellen Parker RIP

Monday 20th January *St Sebastian, Martyr*

07:30 Brian McGill RIP (Jones)

10:00 Eunice Rogers RIP

Tuesday 21st January *St Agnes, Virgin & Martyr*

10:00 In Memory of Mervyn & Thilaka Karunaratne

Wednesday 22nd January *St Vincent, Deacon & Martyr*

07:30 Brian McGill RIP (Jones)

10:00 John W Bolton RIP

Thursday 23rd January
10:00 Private Intention (Stanes)

Friday 24th January *St Francis de Sales, Bishop & Doctor of the Church*

07:30 Pauline Royle RIP

10:00 June Simon RIP

Saturday 25th January *The Conversion of St Paul the Apostle*

10:00 Derek Elliott RIP

Sunday 26th January THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

18:00 (Sat) Gianfranco Fontana RIP

08:30 JFS Monica Delia Hazeldine RIP

08:30 Ambrose & Veronica Joseph RIP

10:00 William Lawlor RIP

12:00 Paola Zanasi RIP

18:00 All parishioners



Funeral Masses at St John the Baptist

Friday 24th January 12:15
Nicolina Corvaglia RIP

Friday 28th February 12:30
Betty Oppong RIP

Congratulations & welcome to Phoebe Hall & Yara Pace baptised at St John the Baptist this weekend

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

SUNDAY COFFEE will take place after 10:00 Mass, hosted by the CWG.

JFS CHAPEL SUNDAY COFFEE: Next Sunday (26th January) after the 08:30 Mass in the Sixth Form block. All are welcome to join for tea, coffee, cakes, and pastries.

COMMENTARY MASS ON SUNDAY 26TH JANUARY: Next week's 12:00 Sunday Mass will be accompanied by a clear, concise commentary, prepared with our First Holy Communion children and their families in mind. (This is in accordance with the provisions of the *General Instruction on the Roman Missal*, [no.105](#)). All parishioners are welcome to attend.

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.

OUR PARISH "LIBRARY" which sees near-zero use and is located in the side-chapel where the organ is presently situated, is being disbanded with a view to clearing the space. Most of the books will be of limited contemporary interest. Where possible they will be donated to charity, or otherwise recycled. Parishioners are welcome to take any volumes or VHS cassettes they would like to keep from the shelves behind the glass panels. (N.B. please do not remove anything from the cupboards below.)

ARCHBISHOP JOHN WILSON has written a new book entitled *The Romero Rosary*. With introductory chapters about St Oscar Romero and the rosary, this beautiful and creative new book contains reflections on the mysteries of the rosary - illumined for reflection and prayer by the words of St Oscar Romero. The book is available from Pauline Bookshops and online at www.paulineuk.org. The Archbishop invites everyone to the book launch on **Wednesday 12 February 2025 (18:00 for 18:30)** at Amigo Hall, adjacent to St George's Cathedral (SE1 7HY).

BUILDING A BETTER MARRIAGE is a one-day marriage-enrichment course aimed at couples with average-to-good marriages who would like to try and make them better. There is no charge and no group sharing. Couples have the opportunity individually to explore their relationship and levels of communication, which is the key to relationship. These BABM days start at 09:30 and finish by 16:30. Dates and venues for 2025 are: March 15, East Sheen; April 12, West Croydon; June 28, Kingston-upon-Thames; and September 13, Amigo Hall, Southwark. For more details - T: 07983 524 727 or E: mflkent@rcaos.org.uk.

BRIAN MCGILL RIP: The late Brian McGill's funeral will take place on Friday 24th January at 11:30 in Craginure, Isle of Mull; he will be buried with Celine's ashes at Kilpatrick cemetery, near Duart Castle.

WORLD LEPROSY DAY falls on Sunday 26 January, and is intended to increase public awareness of leprosy. Leprosy is a disease of the nerves which causes a lack of sensation in peripheral parts of the body such as the hands and feet. This lack of sensation leads to unintentional injury, chronic ulcers and, if left untreated, clawing of hands and feet, amputation, and blindness. While curable, leprosy is found in some of the poorest countries in the world, sometimes those with a troubled or war-torn past. The UK's Catholic Leprosy Charity, [St Francis Leprosy Guild \(SFLG\)](#) invites the Catholic community to support its mission