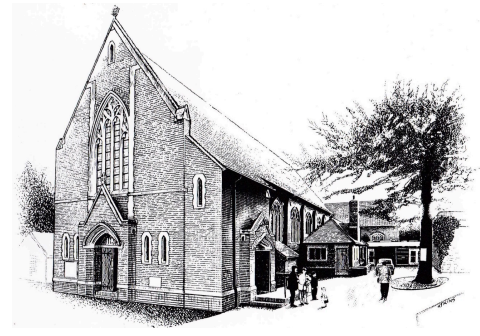


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26TH JANUARY 2025

3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PSALTER WEEK 3

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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: Sat. post-10:00 Mass; **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.

PARISH CONFIRMATIONS

The Most Rev. Kevin McDonald (Archbishop Emeritus of Southwark) will confer the Sacrament of Confirmation at St John the Baptist, Purley on **Saturday 14th June**.

Forms and course details for those seeking confirmation will be available beginning next weekend; applications open to those in Year 8 and above (including adults*).

**=Applicants over 18 will be given separate instruction.*

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:** William Lawlor, Shirley McFeeely, Stephen Freeman, Catherine Henry, Villa Bennett, Vic Cole, Berta Wlaszyn, Ellie Law, Felix Corteling, Edith Clough, Sheila Blackwell, Edward Comerford;

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: The Shehata family
Risen Lord: JFS students & staff
Our Lady: Private intention
St Joseph: Canon R. Hearn RIP
St Thérèse: RW

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

MASS INTENTIONS

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

Monday 27th January

07:30 Michael Thelwell RIP

10:00 Joyce Codallo RIP

Tuesday 28th January

*St Thomas Aquinas, Priest &
Doctor of the Church*

10:00 Int Sheehan & Blaney
families

Wednesday 29th January

07:30 Holy Souls

10:00 Welfare Peter Noakes

Thursday 30th January

10:00 Kathleen Townshend RIP

Friday 31st January

St John Bosco, Priest

07:30 Norman Luck RIP

10:00 Nora Peck RIP

Saturday 1st February

The Blessed Virgin Mary

10:00 Ambrose & Veronica
Joseph RIP

Sunday 2nd February

**THE PRESENTATION
OF THE LORD**

18:00 (Sat) Sheila & Paul
Bradshaw RIP

08:30 JFS Edward Alexander
Comerford RIP

08:30 Joseph Candido De
Souza RIP

10:00 Rosaline & Victor Patricks
RIP

12:00 Int Rowena Simon

18:00 All parishioners

***Congratulations & welcome to
Tomás Mariá Vandaele-Gonzalez
baptised at St John the Baptist this weekend***

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

JFS CHAPEL SUNDAY COFFEE: This Sunday 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: Our 12:00 Sunday Mass is accompanied by a clear, concise commentary prepared with our First Holy Communion children and their families in mind. (Cf. provisions of the *General Instruction on the Roman Missal*, [no.105](#)). All parishioners are welcome to attend.

PURLEY FOOD HUB: Next weekend is our monthly collection for the Purley Food Hub. Donations can be left in the Church Porch or at the JFS Chapel. The food list can be found here purleyfoodhub.net

CWG: Monthly meeting on February 5th 14:00 in the small Parish Hall. The speaker is Fr Roshy Robert, who will address the topic, *"Life and Travels as a Priest"*. A warm welcome to all visitors. Tea-makers: Veronica Cassidy & Annette Xavier.

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.

HELP DEFEAT THE ASSISTED SUICIDE BILL: On Wednesday 29th January at 19:30 in the Parish Hall there will be a meeting of the Croydon South SPUC group to discuss action on Kim Leadbeater's assisted suicide bill. MPs will vote again on this bill on 25th April 2025. We have a chance to defeat this. Please join us if you can.

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).

WORLD LEPROSY DAY falls on this 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 \(SFLG\)](http://StFrancisLeprosyGuild.org) invites the Catholic community to support its mission

DECLARATION OF THE CATHOLIC ORDINARIES OF THE HOLY LAND: The Catholic Ordinaries of the Holy Land have issued a declaration on the cessation of hostilities in Gaza: they describe how they *"welcome the announcement of the ceasefire in Gaza, which aims to end the hostilities in Gaza, return the Israeli hostages and release the Palestinian prisoners [and] hope that this ceasefire will mark an important end to the violence that has caused immeasurable suffering. It is a necessary step to halt the destruction and meet the urgent humanitarian needs of countless families affected by the conflict."* The full declaration can be [read at the website](#) of Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. Please continue to pray for peace in the land of Our Lord.

THIS SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD we recall [Vatican II's message](#) that the Church *"earnestly and especially urges all the Christian faithful... to learn by frequent reading of the divine Scriptures the 'excellent knowledge of Jesus Christ'... 'For ignorance of the Scriptures is ignorance of Christ.'"*