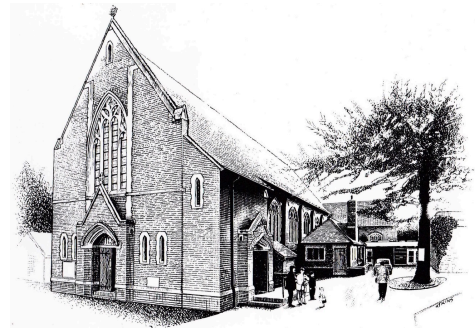


# ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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16TH FEBRUARY 2025

6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PSALTER WEEK 2

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**Assistant Priest**  
**Parish Secretary**  
**Treasurer**  
**Gift Aid**  
**Safeguarding**  
**Hall Bookings**

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**Next week: Tue-Thu 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; contact Parish Office.

**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/EXTREME UNCTION:** Contact Parish Office if you/someone for whom you are responsible requires anointing. In event of urgent need (danger of death) call 020 8660 3815 (leaving a message if necessary).

*First Holy Communion and Confirmation courses are 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 (18-35):** Meets regularly; join WhatsApp group by writing to [purley@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:purley@rcaos.org.uk).

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

## SOCIAL EVENTS

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

**HCPT QUIZ NIGHT:** Sat. 1st March at 19:00. Details overleaf.

**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:** Notices for publication in the parish 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.

**Registration forms now available for collection from the parish clergy after Masses; applications open to those in Year 8 and above. **Deadline: Monday 24th February.****

*Adults wishing to receive the sacrament of Confirmation should write to [francismurphy@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:francismurphy@rcaos.org.uk).*

**Please pray for those who have died recently, including** Sally Callanan, Mary O'Sullivan, and Errol Michael; **and for those whose anniversaries are at this time:** Ann Waller, Veronica Joseph, Matthew de Vivo, Gwendolyn Clarke, Desmond Sheriff, Ernest O'Sullivan, Eileen Connery, Luigi Milano, Antonio Giacobazzi, James Macken, David Wheatley, Olga Walker, Brian Moncton, Martin Grant, Edward Goodfellow, Kenneth Goucher, Mary Keel, George Vassalo, and Jack Youll; **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 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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**2nd Collection next week: Clergy Support Fund**



## LAMP INTENTIONS

**Sanctuary:** Daniel Anthony Black RIP  
**Risen Lord:** Francesca N.  
**Our Lady:** Private intention  
**St Joseph:** JM & GM - welfare  
**St Thérèse:** Parish catechumens

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

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Sunday 16th February SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

18:00 (Sat) Andrew Delgrosso  
RIP

08:30 JFS All parishioners

08:30 Peter Whitfield RIP

10:00 Ann & Peter Waller RIP

12:00 Mrs Kunjamma Thomas  
RIP

18:00 Welfare Aaron Shorter

### Monday 17th February

07:30 Eileen Adams RIP

10:00 Wellbeing Rita Gerrard

### Tuesday 18th February

10:00 Mr Ernest O'Sullivan RIP

### Wednesday 19th February

07:30 Welfare Brandon Caires

10:00 Antonio Giacomazzi RIP

### Thursday 20th February

10:00 Ambrose & Veronica  
Joseph RIP

### Friday 21st February

*St Peter Damian,  
Bishop, Doctor*

07:30 Leonard & Mary  
Greenslade RIP

10:00 Brian Mc Gill RIP  
(Gorman)

### Saturday 22nd February

*The Chair of  
St Peter the Apostle*

10:00 Veronica & Daniel A Black  
RIP

### Sunday 23rd February

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME

18:00 (Sat) Mariette Fleury RIP

08:30 JFS All parishioners

08:30 Sheila Cocoran RIP

10:00 Mrs Pauline Spencer RIP

12:00 Int Marengi family

18:00 Robert Toner RIP



### Funeral Mass at St John the Baptist

Monday 17th February 12:30  
Sally Callanan RIP

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

**PARISH OFFICE:** The parish office will be **closed** on Monday and Friday next week. Usual office functions will not be available on these days.

**JUBILEE CELEBRATION AT AYLESFORD PRIORY:** On 7 June 2025 the faithful of the Archdiocese of Southwark will gather at Aylesford Priory for a day of prayer, reflection, celebration, and fun, led by Archbishop John Wilson. There will be lots of activities for children as well as for adults. This will be the most important event of the 2025 Jubilee in the Archdiocese of Southwark. Our parish is organising a coach for the day itself; to secure a place please contact [purley@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:purley@rcaos.org.uk). (The coach cost will be published once we have a final number of attendees - attendance at the event itself is free.) You can find out more about the event, including how to join a walking pilgrimage from St George's Cathedral (2-6 June), and the wider Jubilee Year plans in the Archdiocese, at [rcaos.org.uk/jubilee2025](http://rcaos.org.uk/jubilee2025).

**NEXT WEEK'S SECOND COLLECTION - CLERGY SUPPORT FUND:** Supporting priests in their retirement is one way to show your appreciation for all they have done for parishes. Find out how to donate to the Clergy Support Fund at [www.rcaos.org.uk/donate/CSF](http://www.rcaos.org.uk/donate/CSF) or scan the QR code on the church noticeboard. You can also donate via telephone (office hours, Mon-Fri) on 020 7960 2504 or by using the Clergy Support Fund envelopes available at the back of the Church.

**OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE YOUR PARISH:** Following the successful recruitment of a new safeguarding representative, we still have openings in **2 roles** in the parish. Both are important opportunities to serve the common good:

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

Our current postholders have done wonderful work 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 about what the roles entail (no commitment in asking!) contact the Parish Office.

**PREPARING FOR LENT:** Before St Paul VI's reform of the calendar in 1969, this Sunday was known as *Septuagesima* ("seventieth") *Sunday* - the beginning of a period within 70 days of Easter. The onset of Lent approaches, so now would be a good time to ask ourselves: how will we keep Lent? Beyond the requirement to abstain from meat on Fridays and to fast *and* abstain on Ash Wednesday, what might we do to mark the season? As well as fasting and abstaining, let us think of the mortifications, devotions, and charitable works we might undertake in this season of penance.

**DO SOMETHING POSITIVE AND DIFFERENT THIS LENT:** Come along to the Parish Hall on Wednesday evenings at 19:00 to watch a series of beautiful films with stunning scenery while learning about how familiar names shaped the Church and changed the world. Registration after all weekend Masses on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> March. Sessions start March 12<sup>th</sup>. For further information contact [annejspragg@gmail.com](mailto:annejspragg@gmail.com).

**MOTHER TERESA GROUP:** There will be no meeting on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> February. This has been transferred to Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February 14:00-16:00 (Small Hall). All welcome.

**HCPT GROUP 14 QUIZ NIGHT:** Saturday 1st March 19:00 (bar open at 18:30). Tickets £15 - including delicious platters of food - are available from Jane by emailing [group14@hcpt.org.uk](mailto:group14@hcpt.org.uk). Individuals or teams welcome (max. 8).

**MARRIAGE PROBLEMS?** Retrouvaille may be for you. Its programme has helped hundreds of couples through difficult times in their marriages. There is no group therapy or group work. For confidential information about Retrouvaille or to register for the next online programme running from February 27<sup>th</sup>-March 2<sup>nd</sup> call 07887 296983 or email [info@retrouvaille.org.uk](mailto:info@retrouvaille.org.uk)

**COULSDON CATENIANS' ST PATRICK'S NIGHT** takes place on Friday 21st March at Warlingham Rugby Club, Limpsfield Rd, CR6 9RB. Irish whiskey entree, 2 course *repas Gaelige*, dancing to The Sweeney Ceilidh Irish band, raffle in aid of Mary's Meals. Full cash bar available. Tickets £35 (£25 discount for tables of 10) from Jan Czewowski 07836 204326. Advance ticket sales only.

**MARY O'SULLIVAN RIP:** The late Mary O'Sullivan's funeral service will take place at Our Lady of the Annunciation Catholic Church, Bingham road, Addiscombe on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> February at 10:00.