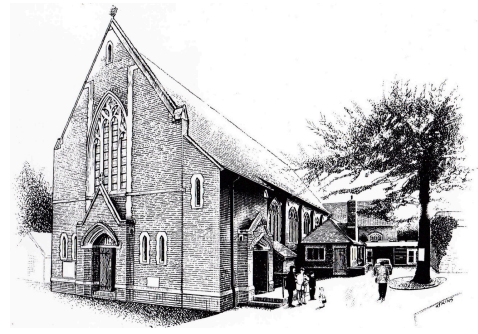


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23RD FEBRUARY 2025

7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PSALTER WEEK 3

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Office Hours: Mon-Fri 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.

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.

CONFIRMATIONS: LAST CALL

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 are 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.

Please pray for those who have died recently, including Errol Michael, Maria Valenti, and James Shea; and for those whose anniversaries are at this time: Christopher Howell, Lawrence Harrington, Mary Bardwell, Alan Watson, Scott Budge, Olga Noonan, Nora Shrimpton, Basil Hills, Teresa Collard, Maud Harwood, Paul Grasso, Mary Doherty, Leonard Atkins, and Lee Bartholomew; 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, 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: Clergy Support Fund



LAMP INTENTIONS

Sanctuary: People of Ukraine
Risen Lord: The Holy Father
Our Lady: Jaiden Shehata RIP
St Joseph: Private intention
St Thérèse: Canon Denning RIP

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

MASS INTENTIONS

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

Monday 24th February

07:30 Caroline Adams RIP
10:00 Brian Mc Gill RIP
(Brownsell)

Tuesday 25th February

10:00 Pauline Kealey RIP

Wednesday 26th February

07:30 Maria -Teresa Garcia RIP
10:00 Desolina Feci RIP

Thursday 27th February

10:00 Eileen Loughnane RIP

Friday 28th February

07:30 Pauline Royle RIP
10:00 Ivan Gomes RIP

Saturday 1st March

*St David,
Bishop, Patron of Wales*

10:00 Ambrose & Veronica
Joseph RIP

Sunday 2nd March

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

18:00 (Sat) Margaret & Les
Cameron RIP

08:30 JFS All parishioners

08:30 Intention Lance Foyle
10:00 Mrs Benedicta Henry RIP
12:00 Armando Corsini RIP
18:00 In Thanksgiving
(Noemie Caires)



Funeral Masses at St John the Baptist

Thursday 13th March 12:30
Maria Valenti RIP

Friday 14th March 12:00
Errol Michael RIP

JFS CHAPEL SUNDAY COFFEE: Next Sunday (2nd March) after the 08:30 Mass in the Sixth Form block. All are welcome to join for tea, coffee, cakes, and pastries.

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. (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.

THIS 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 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.

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 1st and 9th March. Sessions start March 12th. For further information contact annejspragg@gmail.com

MOTHER TERESA GROUP: Next meeting will be on Wednesday 26th February 14:00-16:00 the small hall. All are welcome.

HCPT GROUP 14 QUIZ NIGHT: Last chance to buy quiz night tickets for Saturday 1st March. Please e-mail Jane group14@hcpt.org.uk by Tuesday evening.

CWG: Meeting Wednesday 5th March. Half-day "retreat" - 10:00 Mass followed by coffee in the Parish Hall (please bring a packed lunch). Topic: "I am a Link in the Chain" - A bond of connection between persons: St John Henry Newman. Lectio Divina, input, reflection. 14:30 - refreshments and finish.

CATENIANS - PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION: Members of the local Catenian Association are pleased to invite parishioners to the highly entertaining local heats of the national Catholic Sixth Form Public Speaking Competition on the 3rd March at 19:00 for 19:30. This will be taking place at St Joseph's Parish Hall, St Margaret Drive, Epsom. It is a free event. Light refreshments will be served. For those wishing to attend but unwilling to drive at night, members of the Purley Catenian Circle will be offering lifts. Contact James Gummett purleycatenians@gmail.com

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER: 10:30 on Friday March 7th at Coulsdon Methodist Church, Brighton Rd (CR5 2BE). This year's ecumenical service has been prepared by women from the Cook Islands. You are invited to join along with members from other local Christian Communities. Refreshments afterwards.