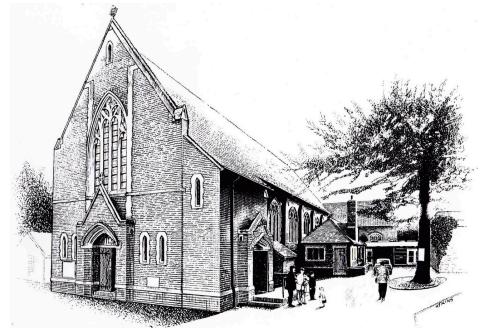


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2ND FEBRUARY 2025

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

PSALTER WEEK 4

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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 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 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).

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.

Please pray for those who have died recently, including Sally Callanan and Xandi Manning;
and for those whose anniversaries are at this time: Evelyn Collie, Joan Williams, Marie-Therese Pallvel, David Warren, Emily Scott, Stefan Wlaszyn, Thomas Connors, Sheila McGrath, Mary D'Orsaneo, Evan Youll, Brian O'Toole, Carmel Liew, Patricia McCathy, Gaston Pawan, Doreen Lemondine, Anthony Renn, Margaret White, and Bridget Phillips;
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: Veronica Black RIP
Risen Lord: Private Intention
Our Lady: JFS Year 11 students
St Joseph: Private Intention
St Thérèse: Private Intention

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

MASS INTENTIONS

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

Monday 3rd February St Laurence of Canterbury, Bishop

07:30 Norman Luck RIP
10:00 John W Bolton RIP

Tuesday 4th February

10:00 Irene Hall RIP

Wednesday 5th February St Agatha, Virgin & Martyr

07:30 Private Int. (Whitmarsh)
10:00 Aubrey Balhetchet RIP

Thursday 6th February Saints Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs

10:00 Mary & Joseph Slymon
RIP

Friday 7th February

07:30 Deceased members of
the Brownsell & Murphy families
RIP
10:00 Int. Toni & Anna Kowal

Saturday 8th February The Blessed Virgin Mary

10:00 Wellbeing
Joseph David Carey

Sunday 9th February

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

18:00 (Sat) Ambrose &
Veronica Joseph RIP
08:30 JFS All parishioners
08:30 Mrs Nirmala Joseph RIP
10:00 Kate Twomey RIP
12:00 Alfred & Louisa Simon
RIP
18:00 Anne Brownsell RIP



Funeral Mass at St John the Baptist

Monday 17th February 12:30
Sally Callanan RIP

Congratulations & welcome to Thea Elizabeth Turner-Wilson baptised at St John the Baptist this weekend

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD falls on Sunday this year, so we will be celebrating this feast at our Sunday Masses. Also known as "Candlemas", the [Feast of the Presentation](#) recalls Our Lord being taken by St Joseph and the Blessed Virgin Mary to be presented at the Temple in accordance with the Law of Moses. This feast concludes the celebrations associated with Our Lord's infancy; after this weekend our crib will be removed from view.

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

SUNDAY COFFEE will take place after 10:00 Mass, hosted by the St Gerard's group.

BLESSING OF THROATS: As well as being the diocesan feast of St Laurence of Canterbury, Monday 3rd February is the feast of [St Blaise](#). After the Masses of the day the faithful are invited to receive this blessing from the parish clergy; it is customarily given using crossed candles.

CWG: Monthly meeting on February 5th at 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.

COMING SOON - "WATCH THIS SPACE": An opportunity to meet your fellow parishioners in the Parish Hall on Wednesdays during Lent and do something positive...

PURLEY FOOD HUB: This 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

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.

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).

MARY'S MEALS would like to thank everyone in the parish for their generosity in response to the Foreign Currency initiative. The appeal raised £2,489.94 - enough to feed more than 130 children for a whole school year. They ask that you please continue to pray for the children and for the work of Mary's Meals worldwide. If you would like to find out more about their work, go to www.marysmeals.org.uk or contact Roy Peachey, the local representative, at roy.peachey@marysmeals.org.

VERA MORRIS RIP: The late Vera Morris's (former parishioner and wife of the late John Morris) funeral service will take place at St Gertrude's Catholic Church, South Croydon on Friday 14th February at 12:00, followed by a burial at Greenlawns cemetery, Warlingham.

NEW VATICAN DOCUMENT ON AI: In a doctrinal note on the relationship between AI and human intelligence, the Dicastries for the Doctrine of the Faith and for Culture and Education highlight the potential and the challenges of artificial intelligence in the areas of education, the economy, labour, health, human and international relations, and war. The Bishops of England and Wales have provided a summary [at their website](#); the full document can be read [on the Vatican's website](#).