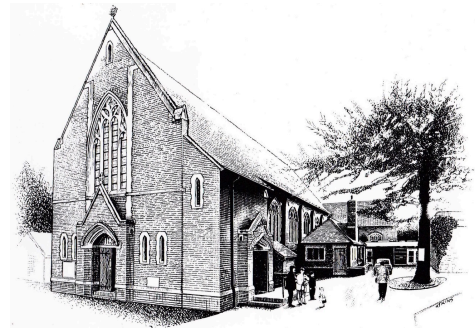


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2ND MARCH 2025

8TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PSALTER WEEK 4

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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

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).

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: Notices for publication in the parish newsletter must be submitted by 13:00 on Wednesday.

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 by **Monday 10th March** (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.

Please pray for those who have died recently, including Errol Michael, Maria Valenti, James Shea and Philomena Brown; and for those whose anniversaries are at this time: Lazzaro Falzon, Monica Hook, Michael Slading, Patrick Mc Mahon, Chairman Wicken, Charles Mc Gargle, Margaret Mahoney, David Tilley, Michael Goes, Herta Blackwell, Nora Ross and Jennifer Dodwell; 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, Fontana Maria, Maureen O'Rourke, Elzbieta Cedro, Antonia Smith, Norma Stanes and Zoey Taylor.

You can **donate** to the parish via our website, 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 Holy Father
Risen Lord: Parishioners of JTB
Our Lady: Private Intention
St Joseph: JFS students & staff
St Thérèse: Margaret Roper children

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

MASS INTENTIONS

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)

Monday 3rd March

07:30 Norman Luck RIP

10:00 Miles Goodchild RIP

Tuesday 4th March

10:00 Int Jordan & Matthew
Robinson

THE SEASON OF LENT

ASH WEDNESDAY

Wednesday 5th March

07:30 Eileen Adams RIP

10:00 Clare Ellis RIP

19:30 Holy Souls

Thursday 6th March

10:00 Hernani Rocha RIP

Friday 7th March

07:30 Mary & Joseph Slymon
RIP

10:00 Int Toni & Anna Kowal

Saturday 8th March

10:00 In Thanksgiving
(Highland)

Sunday 9th March

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

18:00 (Sat) Graham Barrow RIP

08:30 JFS All parishioners

08:30 Anne Brownsell RIP

10:00 Ambrose & Veronica
Joseph RIP

12:00 Mary Gill RIP

18:00 Wellbeing Caires family



Funeral Masses at St John the Baptist

Thursday 13th March 12:30
Maria Valenti RIP

Friday 14th March 12:00
Errol Michael RIP

Tuesday 25th March 12:00
James Shea RIP

THE BEGINNING OF LENT

ASH WEDNESDAY: Lent begins with Ash Wednesday (5 March). This is a day of fasting and of abstinence from meat: under current Church law, when fasting a person is permitted to eat at most one full meal, as well as two smaller meals (collations) that together are not equal to a full meal. Abstinence from meat applies as on Fridays. Ash Wednesday helps us to recall our mortality and to embrace the penitential character of the Lenten season. There will be an additional Mass at 19:30; please note that Ash Wednesday is not a holy day of obligation.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Every Friday evening during Lent at 19:30. Next Friday these will be led by Fr Roshy.

FORTY HOURS WITH OUR LORD: As part of our Lenten observances, in the week before Laetare Sunday (30th March) we will be holding the Forty Hours' Devotion (Quarant'ore) at St John the Baptist. This is an opportunity to come and spend time before Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, day and night. Devotions will begin on Thursday 27th March, with EXPOSITION following Mass at 18:00, and conclude on Saturday 29th March with Benediction at 12:00. During the period of Exposition, the Blessed Sacrament will be reposed while Mass is celebrated. There will be additional confessions on Thursday 27th (19:00-21:00) & on Friday 29th (12:00-14:00 & 21:00-23:00). Please mark slots you can attend with your initials on sign-up sheets which will appear in the weeks beforehand in the church.

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.

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.

PURLEY FOOD HUB: This weekend is our monthly collection for the Purley Food Hub. The food list can be found here purleyfoodhub.net

YOUTH CLUB: Returns this Sunday from 16:15 -18:00. Open to children aged 10-15 years old. Come and join us for our usual games, creative activities, tuck shop and a chance to catch up with your friends. Please email jtbyouthclub@gmail.com for more information.

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.

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 Masses this weekend and next. Sessions start March 12th. For further information contact annejspragg@gmail.com

HELP DEFEAT THE ASSISTED SUICIDE BILL: At the end of April, MPs will vote again on the assisted suicide bill currently before Parliament. Please join us in the church hall after each Mass over the weekend 15-16 March, to either write a brief letter or sign a petition to ask the MP for Croydon South to vote against the bill. Writing materials will be provided. Please help us to protect vulnerable people. For more information please contact Antonia Tully on 07926 007175.

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.