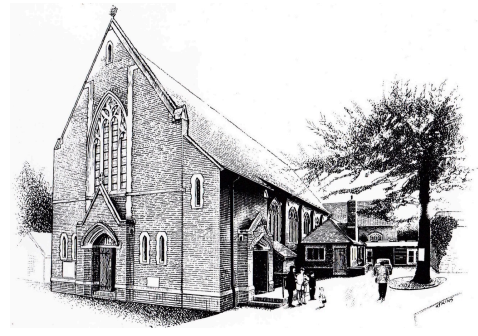


ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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9TH FEBRUARY 2025

5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PSALTER WEEK I

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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/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 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).

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.

Please pray for those who have died recently, including Sally Callanan and Alexandra (Xandi) Pierse; and for those whose anniversaries are at this time: Gwyn Harding, Bernadette Azzopardi, George Beresford, Bridget Thursby, Mabel Woodhams, Andrew Lawson, Clare Dignan, Daniel Cooper, Frances Pearson, Eileen Adams, Gerard Coughlan, Matilde Theodosio, Luisa Martin, John Kenny, and Peter Adderley; 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: Rev. Jim Sheahan RIP
Risen Lord: Priestly vocations
Our Lady: The children of Gaza
St Joseph: The Holy Father
St Thérèse: Bernard T. RIP

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

MASS INTENTIONS

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

Monday 10th February

St Scholastica, Virgin

07:30 Fr Maurice Castelli RIP

10:00 Harold Emery RIP

Tuesday 11th February

Our Lady of Lourdes

10:00 Kay Robson Brown RIP

Wednesday 12th February

07:30 George Henry Smith RIP

10:00 Kamal Padmasiri RIP

Thursday 13th February

10:00 Ambrose & Veronica
Joseph RIP

Friday 14th February

*Ss Cyril, Monk, & Methodius,
Bishop, Patrons of Europe*

07:30 Gertrude & William
Brixton RIP

10:00 Gill Tipper RIP

Saturday 15th February

The Blessed Virgin Mary

10:00 Derek Elliott RIP (Connor)

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



**Funeral Masses
at St John the Baptist**

Wednesday 12th February 12:00

Alexandra (Xandi) Pierse RIP

Celebrant: Fr James Clark

Monday 17th February 12:30

Sally Callanan RIP

Congratulations & welcome to Arthur James George Hampshire baptised at St John the Baptist this weekend

NEW SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVE: We are grateful to **Nadia Corsini** for agreeing to replace **Milly Sawyer** as one of our safeguarding representatives; details will be updated to reflect this change once finalised. Many thanks to Milly for her years of dedicated service in this important role, for which we are very grateful.

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.

YOUTH CLUB: This Sunday, we are having a Youth Club with a difference. Please note that Youth Club will **start at 17:00**; we will then attend the 18:00 Mass followed by our pizza party **finishing at 20:00**. (*Those who wish to stay for the meal will have registered in advance, per e-mailed instructions.*)

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

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).

CELEBRATE YOUR MARRIAGE: National Marriage Week is an opportunity to celebrate your marriage, a national event which runs from February 7-14. For a rich resource of information, prayers and events visit the Bishops' Conference website: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/>

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

A DAY WITH MARY is taking place at Westminster Cathedral on Saturday 1st March 2025 (09:45 to 17:00). Further information at <https://www adaywithmary.org/>

THE NATIONAL NOVENA TO ST JOSEPH takes place 10th-18th March 2025 at St Joseph's Church in Maidenhead. Every year, the Mill Hill Missionaries prepare for the feast of St Joseph, their Society Patron, with a special Novena of Masses and prayers to ask for God's blessing on their Society's missionary outreach, and for the intentions of all those who support their work. If you are able, and if it possible to attend, Masses are at 10:00 every day of the Novena except Sunday, when it is at 11:00. These Masses will be available to follow on Zoom, via the Mill Hill website: www.millhillmissionaries.com/novena. The *Novena Prayer Booklet* is available by request for a suggested donation of £1 per booklet to cover costs. Send in your petitions and/or request a Novena prayer booklet by writing to the Novena Director at 6 Colby Gardens, Maidenhead, SL6 7GZ, or e-mail novenamhm@gmail.com.

APPLY TO BE ON BBC SONGS OF PRAISE: St George's Cathedral will feature this Easter and you can be a part of it; see <https://lostintv.com/tv-show?id=1359> for free tickets.

VERA MORRIS RIP: The late Vera Morris's funeral service will take place at St Gertrude's Catholic Church, South Croydon, on Friday 14th February at 12:00, followed by burial at Greenlawns Cemetery, Warlingham.

MICHAEL THELWELL RIP: The late Michael Thelwell's funeral service will take place at St Ambrose Catholic Church, Warlingham, on Monday 3rd March at 12:30.