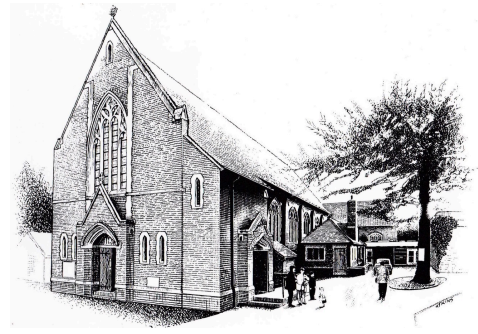


# ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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16TH MARCH 2025

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

PSALTER WEEK 2

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**Parish Secretary**  
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**Gift Aid**  
**Safeguarding**  
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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](mailto:purley@rcaos.org.uk).

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

**LENT-PIVOTAL PLAYERS:** Wednesdays at 19:00, Parish hall.

## 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.

# FORTY HOURS WITH OUR LORD

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 - and an excellent way to grow in prayer during the holy season of Lent.

Devotions **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.

**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 available in the church.**

Please pray for those who have died recently, including James Shea; and for those whose anniversaries are at this time: Sheila Carnetta Opoku, Gertrude Samuel, Paul Cornwell, Benjamin Allet, Patrick Shepherd, Ian Randolph, Isobel Lawson, Mary Pine, Beatrice Doust, Tony Leftwich, Kathleen Holmberg, Rory Callanan, and Michael Walsh;

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 Zoë Taylor.

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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**Next week 2nd collection: Poor Parishes**



## LAMP INTENTIONS

**Sanctuary:** Welfare Zoë Taylor  
**Risen Lord:** FLAME Youth  
**Our Lady:** The Holy Father  
**St Joseph:** Private Intention  
**St Thérèse:** Peace in Ukraine

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

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Sunday 16th March**

**SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**

**18:00 (Sat)** Leszek  
Lewandowski RIP

**08:30 JFS** All parishioners

**08:30** David Grounds RIP

**10:00** Brian Mc Gill RIP  
(Purley Catenians)

**12:00** Ambrose & Veronica  
Joseph RIP

**18:00** Welfare Aaron Shorter

**Monday 17th March**

*St Patrick, Bishop*

**07:30** Welfare Delma &  
Brendan Keating

**10:00** Rebecca & Daniel Black  
& deceased family members  
RIP

**Tuesday 18th March**

**10:00** Desmond Mc Carthy RIP

**Wednesday 19th March**

*St Joseph,*

*Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

**07:30** Private Intention

**10:00** Desolina Feci RIP

**Thursday 20th March**

**10:00** Intention Melva

**Friday 21st March**

**07:30** Eileen Adams RIP

**10:00** In Thanksgiving (Xavier)

**Saturday 22nd March**

**10:00** Mary & Thomas  
Fennelly & family RIP

**Sunday 23rd March**

**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**

**18:00 (Sat)** Andrew Delgrosso  
RIP

**08:30 JFS** All parishioners

**08:30** Jose Domiciano RIP

**10:00** Bhavna Emery Jones RIP

**12:00** Ambrose & Veronica  
Joseph RIP

**18:00** Christina Osborne RIP



*Funeral Mass  
at St John the Baptist*

**Tuesday 25th March 12:00**  
James Shea RIP

***Congratulations & welcome to Alba Maria Costa Ferreira,  
baptised at St John the Baptist this weekend***

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY** takes place at the 08:30 Mass this weekend.

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

**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 this weekend, to either write a brief letter or sign a petition to ask the MP for Croydon South to vote against the bill. For more information contact Antonia Tully on 07926 007175.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** Friday 14th March at 19:30 - led this week by the SVP.

**MOTHER TERESA GROUP:** Next meeting will be on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> March in the small parish hall 14:00-16:00. Tea and cake available. Knitted contributions can be left in the Mother Teresa box in the porch. Details of what is needed on noticeboard.

**COMMENTARY MASS ON SUNDAY 23RD MARCH:** Next week's 12:00 Sunday Mass will be accompanied by a clear, concise commentary which has been prepared with our First Holy Communion children and their families in mind. (This is in accordance with the provisions of the *General Instruction on the Roman Missal*, [no.105](#)). All parishioners are welcome to attend.

**BUILDING A BETTER MARRIAGE - JUBILEE 2025 PILGRIMS OF HOPE:** To celebrate Jubilee 2025, one-day *Building a Better Marriage* events will be held throughout the year. The days run 09:30-16:30, and are free to attend. This is a day in which married couples can **privately** explore their relationship more deeply. To join one of these days please contact Carole on 07983 524 727 or email: [mflkent@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:mflkent@rcaos.org.uk): The next event takes place on the 12th April at St Mary Church, West Croydon.

**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. 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).

**OUR PARISH HISTORY - PHOTO CONTEST:** As part of the celebration on 7<sup>th</sup> June in Aylesford, there will be an opportunity to showcase parish histories. Do you have photographs from our parish's history? Each parish can submit a max. of 5, so if you have any please send to Fr Francis (hard copy or via [francismurphy@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:francismurphy@rcaos.org.uk)) with a caption, including the date and any other relevant information. For recent photographs, please ensure you have any relevant consent from those in the photographs as they will be on public display during the Jubilee event. Our "winning" five photos will be announced at the end of March - **we have had very few submissions so far so please do send these in ASAP.**

**LALEHAM LEA MINI VINNIES POSTER COMPETITION:** The Mini Vinnies of Laleham Lea School were proud to lead the way in celebrating the Jubilee Year with an exciting fundraising event for the St. Vincent de Paul Society by decorating a poster. They raised £107, and were delighted to welcome Mary, Ann, and Sally of the SVP to the school, to judge the competition. The winning posters will be proudly displayed in the local community and at St John the Baptist Church.

**FRASSATI YOUNG ADULTS (18-35) - A MAN FOR ALL SEASONS (1966):** The Frassati Group is screening Fred Zinneman's classic film depicting the trial and martyrdom of St Thomas More, with award-winning screenplay by Robert Bolt and compelling performances by some of the giants of cinema: Paul Scofield, Leo McKern, Orson Welles, Susannah York, John Hurt, and Robert Shaw. In 1995, on the occasion of the 100th anniversary of cinema, the Vatican included it among its list of important films, and in 1999, the British Film Institute named it the 43rd greatest British film of all time. **Starts 19:15 in the Parish Hall on Sunday 23rd March;** refreshments will be provided. All young adults (18-35) welcome!