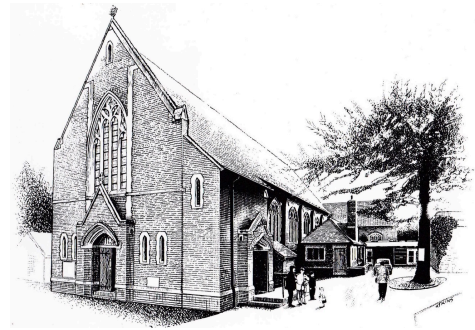


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23RD MARCH 2025

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

PSALTER WEEK 3

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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.
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: Patrick Coyne, Thomas Ahern, Palmira de Jesus, Margaret Brookes, Esther Rasmussen, Sergio Costa, Patrick Brett, Teresa Bearne, Alexander Holmes, Caroline Teal, Martin Allen, Scott Budge, Bernard Mitchell, Peggy Goodfellow, Richard Vella, Frank Orski, Johanna Hawker, Mae Long, Sadie Dowling, and Philomena Lawton;

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, Zoë Taylor, and Tom O'Regan.

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.

Account name: RCAS / Purley
Number: 79116345
Sort Code: 60-50-01

This week 2nd collection: Poor Parishes
Next week: Easter Flowers



LAMP INTENTIONS

Sanctuary: The Holy Father
Risen Lord: Priestly Vocations
Our Lady: Fr Cadoc Leighton RIP
St Joseph: MA, ST, & MO
St Thérèse: Peace in Ukraine

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



MASS INTENTIONS

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

Monday 24th March

07:30 Freda Long RIP

10:00 John & Anne Parsons RIP

Tuesday 25th March

The Annunciation of the Lord, Solemnity

10:00 Patrick Goulding RIP

Wednesday 26th March

07:30 Caroline Adams RIP

10:00 George Machacek RIP

Thursday 27th March

10:00 Miss Inez Routledge RIP

18:00 All parishioners

Friday 28th March

07:30 Pauline Royle RIP

10:00 Private Intention

Saturday 29th March

10:00 Int Armando & Irene de Sousa

Sunday 30th March

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

18:00 (Sat) Jakub Konarski RIP

08:30 JFS Richard Connor RIP

08:30 All parishioners

10:00 Desmond Hendricks RIP

12:00 In Thanksgiving
(Toure & Soumahoru families)

18:00 Rani Nevins RIP



Funeral Mass at St John the Baptist

Tuesday 25th March 12:00
James Shea RIP

SUNDAY COFFEE will take place after 10:00 Mass, hosted by Alex Todryk and Eileen Stradling. All proceeds will be donated to the Parish Hall fund.

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

SECOND COLLECTION - POOR PARISHES: This week's collection enables the Archbishop to make grants to some of the smaller parishes in the diocese.

YOUTH CLUB invite you to a meditation for the *Quarant'ore* on Thursday 27th March at 20:00. 20 minutes of meditative prayer and song created and performed by and for young people.

NO STATIONS OF THE CROSS ON FRIDAY 28TH MARCH due to 40 Hours' Devotion with ongoing Adoration.

COMMENTARY MASS ON SUNDAY 23RD MARCH: Our 12:00 Sunday Mass is 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.

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.

OUR PARISH HISTORY - PHOTO CONTEST: As part of the celebration on 7th 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) 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.**

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 this Sunday 23rd March;** refreshments will be provided. All young adults (18-35) welcome!

2025 LEADERSHIP PROGRAMME FOR SIXTH FORM STUDENTS: The CHC's Christian Leadership Formation programme is a fantastic opportunity for students in Year 12/ Lower VI, and is now open to applications for 2025. Offering media training, tools for personal development, philosophical and theological study, and a chance to meet like-minded peers and Catholic academics and public figures, the programme offers a certificate validated by St Mary's University, Twickenham. For more information and to apply: <https://www.christianleadershipformation.com>

CATHOLIC PEOPLE'S WEEK: Are you looking for a different kind of holiday this year? At a Catholic People's Week (CPW) you will be part of a small community for a week or long weekend, explore a theme, grow in faith and have a whole lot of fun. There are family events and adult only events, and all are welcome regardless of your previous experience of church. Go to www.catholicpeoplesweeks.org.uk or contact Louise Cook on 07947089157 to find out more.

SIMNEL CAKE: Homemade or shop-bought, can you donate a Simnel cake? We will be serving refreshments, Simnel cake, and wine after the Easter Vigil Mass on Holy Saturday (19th April) in the Parish Hall. Donations will be received at the Parish Office during office hours with gratitude.