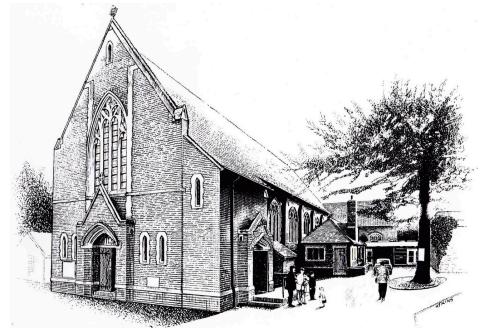


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30TH MARCH 2025

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (LAETARE)

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 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.

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.

Why do we call it *Laetare* Sunday? (And what's up with the pink?)

The Fourth Sunday of Lent is known as "Laetare" Sunday because of the first word of the Entrance Antiphon this Sunday - "Laetare" is the Latin for "rejoice", and the antiphon opens with, "*Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her.*" This is one of two Sundays in the year when we see rose/pink-coloured vestments used - a sign that this Sunday is intended to offer a reprieve from Lenten rigours. Flowers are permitted, and music may be a little more exuberant. As we rejoice at the approach of Easter, let us also rejoice to celebrate Mother's Day - **wishing a very happy Mother's Day to all our parish mothers!**

Please pray for those who have died recently, including Zoë Taylor and Gill Watters, and for those whose anniversaries are at this time: Anne Austin, Richard Mulcahy, Chris Mc Donnell, Pauline cove, Mary Pratley, Julia Heffernan, Lilian Hill, Mary Chaperon, Colville Lobendhan, Peter Waller, William Bookle, Margaret Gilman and Bryan Sherry.

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 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.



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2nd collection: Easter Flowers



LAMP INTENTIONS

Sanctuary: Eduardo Barrachina RIP
Risen Lord: Canon F.L. Mooney RIP
Our Lady: FHC candidates
St Joseph: Priestly Vocations
St Thérèse: Private Intention

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday 30th March FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (LAETARE SUNDAY)

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

Monday 31st March

07:30 Pauline Cove RIP
10:00 Ambrose & Veronica
Joseph RIP

Tuesday 1st April

10:00 Anthony Shorter RIP

Wednesday 2nd April

07:30 Sister Cameroon RIP
10:00 Ruth Draycott RIP

Thursday 3rd April

10:00 Helen Gallacher &
deceased family members RIP

Friday 4th April

07:30 Philip Becker RIP
10:00 Int Toni & Anna Kowal

Saturday 5th April

10:00 Richard Bass RIP

Sunday 6th April

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT
18:00 (Sat) Pio Costella RIP

08:30 JFS Eduardo Barrachina
RIP

08:30 All parishioners
10:00 Ann & Peter Waller RIP
12:00 Mrs Jean Condon RIP
18:00 George Nevins RIP

OUR HOLY WEEK/EASTER TIMETABLE is now available.

Please [download](#) from the parish website
or take a paper copy from the church.

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

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

SECOND COLLECTION: Easter Flowers for the Church and JFS Chapel.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Friday 4th April at 19:30 - led this week by St Gerard's.

YOUTH CLUB: No Youth Club this Sunday; no meetings for next four weeks. Children aged 10-15 are invited to an Easter Party on Sunday 27th April, 4:15- 5:45. Join us to celebrate the Resurrection with games, crafts, an Easter egg hunt, and a chance to see what the Youth Club has to offer. Email jtbyouthclub@gmail.com to register interest.

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

CWG: Meeting of members of the CWG on Wednesday 2nd April at 14:00. Topic "The Voice: A help group for the survivors of human trafficking and modern slavery". The speaker is Carolyn Thom.

ROADSIDE WITNESS TO OPPOSE ASSISTED SUICIDE: Please join us in a silent roadside witness to oppose the assisted suicide bill. We will be gathering on Saturday 5th April, 11:30-13:00. We will be standing at intervals in a safe position on the pavement along the Brighton Road, towards Coulsdon. We will be holding placards: 'No to assisted suicide' and 'Let's care not kill'. Meet on the pavement at the exit from Tesco car park onto the Brighton Road. Under-16s **must** be accompanied by an adult.

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 coach has been booked. **We still have a few spaces available;** if you would like to reserve a seat please contact the parish office at purley@rcaos.org.uk.

OUR PARISH HISTORY - PHOTO CONTEST: We have had some excellent entries for our parish photo contest, the winners of which will be displayed at the Aylesford Priory gathering in June as part of an exhibition of parish histories. **The deadline for entries has been extended by a few days, to Friday 4th April;** winners will be indicated in next week's newsletter. Submit entries to francismurphy@rcaos.org.uk or loan photos (for scanning) by dropping them off at 48 Dale Road, Purley CR8 2EF. We are especially eager to receive some more pre-1975 entries.

VISIT OF STATUE OF O.L. OF FATIMA & RELICS OF SS JACINTA & FRANCISCO will take place at St Aidan's Church, Chipstead Valley Road, Coulsdon, CR5 3DD on 5-6 April. Full details on the noticeboard.

FRASSATI YOUNG ADULTS (18-35) - SPEAKER EVENT: On Sunday 6th April at 7.15pm the Frassati Young Adults will be hosting author and teacher Roy Peachey, speaking on his book, *Travels in Radical Christianity*. As described by the publisher: "Communist factory owners; a law-breaking priest; a speed-skating religious sister. These are just a few of the notable characters Roy Peachey met as he travelled around Great Britain and Ireland in search of counter-cultural Christianity, finding groups as diverse as Opus Dei and the Bruderhof, the Catholic Worker Movement and the Transalpine Redemptorists... [this] is a book that asks what the ordinary Christian in the pew can learn from those who have chosen to live radically different lives." **All young adults (18-35) welcome!**

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.