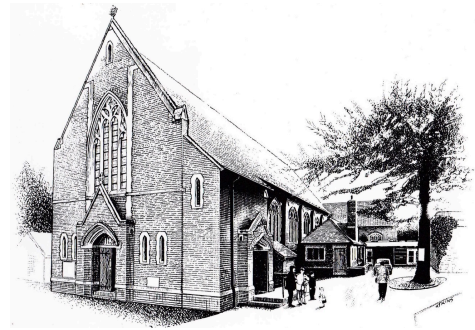


# ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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9TH MARCH 2025

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

PSALTER WEEK I

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**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.

## 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

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. 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 from next weekend.**

**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:** Catherine Aquino, Anne Brownsell, Thelma David, Judy Butler, Mary Coyne, Argentine Trusson, John Byrne, Marjorie Mullen, Colin Clark, Henrietta Martin, Anne MacMahon and Reg Langley. **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](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:** Mgr. Canon Martin Lee RIP  
**Risen Lord:** The Holy Father  
**Our Lady:** CWG  
**St Joseph:** Priests of JTB  
**St Thérèse:** Parish Schools

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

## MASS INTENTIONS

### 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

### Monday 10th March

07:30 Caroline Adams RIP

10:00 In Thanksgiving  
(Dourado)

### Tuesday 11th March

10:00 Kamal Padmasiri RIP

### Wednesday 12th March

07:30 Norman Luck RIP

10:00 Desmond Mc Carthy RIP

### Thursday 13th March

10:00 Harold Emery RIP

### Friday 14th March

07:30 Robert Spence RIP

10:00 Alice Cox RIP

### Saturday 15th March

10:00 Martin Grant RIP

(25th Anniversary)

### 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



*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

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

**CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY:** Next Friday is CAFOD'S Family Fast Day To donate use the CAFOD envelope in Church or online at [cafod.org.uk/envelope](http://cafod.org.uk/envelope)

**SUNDAY COFFEE:** HCPT coffee morning after the 08:30 and 10:00 Masses. All are welcome to join us for scones and croissants.

**HCPT EASTER PILGRIMAGE:** A member of the HCPT will be speaking briefly after all Masses this weekend. There will also be a collection, all proceeds will go towards taking the children to Lourdes this Easter.

**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](mailto: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](http://rcaos.org.uk/jubilee2025).

**OUR PARISH HISTORY - PHOTO CONTEST:** As part of the Archdiocesan Jubilee celebration on 7<sup>th</sup> June in Aylesford, there will be a celebration of the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Archdiocese. This is an opportunity to showcase parish histories, with the Diocesan Archivist preparing a visual display of the history of the Archdiocese. Do you have photographs from our parish's history? Each parish can submit a maximum of 5, so if you have photos that you think warrant inclusion, please submit them 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.

**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. Sessions start on Wednesday March 12<sup>th</sup>. For further information contact [annejspragg@gmail.com](mailto: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.

**BUILDING A BETTER MARRIAGE:** A one-day marriage-enrichment course aimed at couples with average-to-good marriages who would like to make them better. There is no charge and no group sharing. Couples have the opportunity individually to explore their relationship and levels of communication, which is the key to relationship. It runs from 9.30am – 4.30pm on March 15 at Our Lady Queen of Peace church hall in East Sheen. More details: email [mflkent@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:mflkent@rcaos.org.uk)

**FOR THE BEREAVED:** *Grief In Loss: Hope In Christ* is a weekend for those who have been bereaved. This weekend, from March 21-23, will take place away from the pressures of day-to-day life and can help one begin to come to terms with bereavement. It is a time for quiet, prayer, talking and acceptance. The residential cost is £260 for a single, £230 each for a shared room. Due to the special nature of this weekend retreat, held at Aylesford Priory in Kent, places are limited and subject to a telephone call to determine if it is right for you – 01622 717 272 or email [reception@thefriars.org.uk](mailto:reception@thefriars.org.uk)