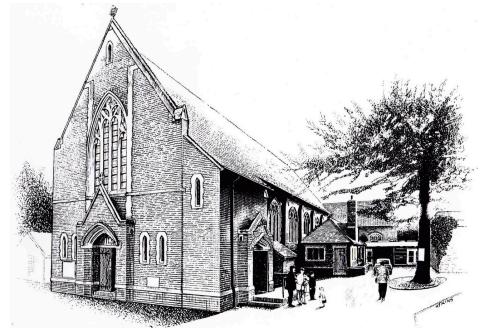


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13TH APRIL 2025

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

PSALTER WEEK 2

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Office closed for Holy Week

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.

PIVOTAL PLAYERS: Final session Wednesday, 19:00 in Parish Hall.

SOCIAL EVENTS

WEDNESDAY COFFEE: Parish Hall after 10:00 Mass (weekly).

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: Next newsletter receiving notices is 2nd Sunday of Easter (27th April) edition. Deadline: 13:00 on Wed. 23rd.

EASTER OFFERINGS TO PARISH CLERGY

In the Archdiocese of Southwark, priests are not salaried. Their income comes mainly from Mass stipends (donations tied to Mass intentions), stole fees (offerings for funerals/weddings/baptisms etc.), and the Christmas and Easter offerings. **The Christmas and Easter offerings constitute the largest sources of the clergy's annual income.**

You can contribute by using the [DONATE](#) page on the parish website, making a bank transfer direct to our parish bank account (mark **EASTER**), using one of the contactless machines in the entrance area of the church (select "Easter offering"), or by using a marked envelope (which can be given during the collection or via the presbytery letterbox). Please remember to Gift Aid if you can.

Thank you for anything you feel able to give!

Please pray for those who have died recently, including: Zoë Taylor, Gillian Watters, and Adelaide Grasso; **and for those whose anniversaries are at this time:** Mary Stradling, Terrence Donnelly, Anthony Falzon, Janet Halton, Santiago Theodosio, Mary Barrett, Natalina Nicolotti, Elizabeth Willis, Josephine Shuttler, Hugh Jones, Michael Duke, Sylvia Barrie, Mary Druce, David Coates, Ken Simmonds and Marie Gardener;

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, Tom O'Regan, Michael Whale, and John O'Brien.

You can **donate** to the parish [via our website](#), 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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Good Friday Collection: Holy Places



LAMP INTENTIONS

Sanctuary: Thanksgiving (K. Heiser)
Risen Lord: V.V. Poulouse RIP
Our Lady: Nila Rangrez RIP
St Joseph: Private Intention
St Thérèse: Canon J. O'Toole RIP

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

MASS INTENTIONS
Sunday 13th April
PALM SUNDAY

18:00 (Sat) Geoffrey &
Marguerite Sturdy RIP

08:30 JFS All parishioners
08:30 Welfare James Murphy
10:00 Mrs Mary William RIP
12:00 Michael Duke RIP
18:00 Neil Flowers RIP

Monday 14th April
MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK

07:30 Mary & Joseph Slymon
RIP
10:00 James Mc Crindle RIP

Tuesday 15th April
TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK

10:00 Andrew Delgrosso RIP

Wednesday 16th April
WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK

07:30 Agnes & Thomas Adams
RIP

NO 10AM DUE TO CHRISM MASS

THE EASTER TRIDUUM
BEGINS

Thursday 17th April
MAUNDY THURSDAY
MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER
19:30 Denis Hopkin RIP

Friday 18th April
GOOD FRIDAY

15:00 Liturgy of the Lord's
Passion *also at JFS*

Saturday 19th April
HOLY SATURDAY

THE EASTER VIGIL IN THE
HOLY NIGHT
20:00 (Vigil) Ken Simmonds RIP

Sunday 20th April
EASTER SUNDAY

08:30 JFS All parishioners
08:30 Mrs Ivy Charles RIP
10:00 John Cook RIP
12:00 Ambrose & Veronica
Joseph RIP
NO EVENING MASS



Funeral Masses
at St John the Baptist

Friday 25th April 12:00
Zoë Taylor RIP

Wednesday 30th April 10:00
Adelaide Grasso RIP

Wednesday 7th May 12:30
Gillian Watters RIP

OUR HOLY WEEK/EASTER TIMETABLE

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

PARISH OFFICE: Please note that the parish office will be closed for Holy Week; it will re-open on Tuesday 22nd April at 09:00. **Please only contact the Office during this period in cases of urgency; there will be limited scope to attend to "routine business" in the coming days.**

NEW CATHOLICS: Please keep in your prayers those becoming Catholics at the Easter Vigil and in the days following. Details of this year's programme for enquirers will be supplied during Eastertide.

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION - HOLY PLACES: The places connected with Our Lord's Passion have always been centres of veneration and pilgrimage. This Good Friday collection is sent for their upkeep, and to maintain Christian schooling in the area.

SIMNEL CAKE: Many thanks for your generous donations which will be enjoyed after the Easter Vigil; all are welcome.

MOTHER TERESA GROUP: The next meeting will be on Wednesday 16th April 14:00-16:00 in the small hall. All welcome.

FAITH SUMMER BREAK FOR 11-15 YEAR OLDS: Set in the grounds of St Mary's, Ascot, the Faith Summer Break is an exciting four days for 11-15 year olds combining both faith and fun activities in a relaxed holiday setting. Running from Monday 11th - Thursday 14th August 2025, the week is structured around getting to know God and each other. Includes Holy Mass each day, talks about the Catholic Faith, discussions, prayer, quizzes, art and craft, games, sports and a visit to Thorpe Park. Costs £200 [£50 deposit, full amount due on arrival]; subsidies available. Further details and booking form [on Faith's website](#).

YOUTH CLUB returns on Sunday 27th April. Children aged 10-15 are invited to an Easter Party on Sunday 27th April, 16:15-17:45. Come to celebrate the Resurrection with games, crafts, an Easter egg hunt, and to learn what the Youth Club has to offer. E-mail jtbyouthclub@gmail.com to register interest.

EASTER HOUSE BLESSINGS: In Eastertide (the weeks following Easter) the parish clergy will be blessing the homes of those faithful of the parish who wish them to do so; see next week's newsletter for details of how to "book a blessing". (Please note that we will not be able to offer house blessings for those residing outside parish boundaries.)

JOHN FISHER SCHOOL QUIZ: Friday 25th April at 19:30 at Plough Lane. All welcome; tickets can be purchased and further information sought by e-mailing the JFA at thejohnfisherassoc@gmail.com. £60 for a team of 8, which includes a grazing board.

JUBILEE CELEBRATION AT AYLESFORD PRIORY: Archbishop John is inviting all of us to the Southwark Archdiocesan Jubilee Celebration at The Friars, Aylesford on Saturday 7 June 2025. It promises to be a great day. Find out more from the poster in the porch or by visiting aec.rcaos.org.uk/jubileeccelebration and sign up to come on our parish coach, leaving at 09:00. 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.

MASS AT CUH: There will be **no Mass** in Croydon University during Holy Week (i.e. Wednesday 16th April) as that is the date of the Chrism Mass in the Cathedral.

CATHEDRAL MASS CELEBRATING MARRIAGE: If you are celebrating your 1st/10th/25th/40th/50th/60th or any later wedding anniversary this year, you are invited to renew your marriage vows at a Mass to be celebrated at St George's Cathedral, Southwark, at 15:00 on 12th July. Close family members can attend with you. In order to receive a personal invitation from Archbishop John, email to mflsw@rcaos.org.uk the following details: your full names, address, phone number, anniversary being celebrated and parish. The deadline for applying is the middle of May.

PART-TIME CLEANER REQUIRED FOR ST. COLUMBA'S CHURCH IN SELSDON: Primary duties: cleaning the hall on a Monday morning 08:30-10:30. Please contact the parish at selsdon@rcaos.org.uk if interested.