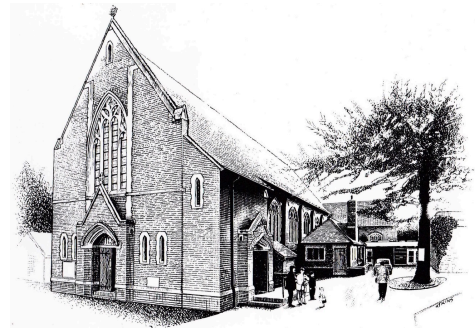


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6TH APRIL 2025

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

PSALTER WEEK I

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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 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.

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:** Arthur Newton, Josephine Reynell, Rose Logan, Margaret Smallbone, Dr Caetano Saldanha, Barbel Crump, Maria D'Souza, Aldo Pini, Adrian Hoar, Ins Harrington, Mario Malavasi, Noel Aspill, Bridget Phillips, Patrick Smyth, Mary Stradling and Michael Duke. **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, and Michael Whale.

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: In thanksgiving
Risen Lord: Canon J. O'Toole RIP
Our Lady: Private intention
St Joseph: The Holy Father
St Thérèse: Southwark seminarians

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

MASS INTENTIONS

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

Monday 7th April

07:30 Norman Luck RIP
10:00 Ambrose & Veronica
Joseph RIP

Tuesday 8th April

10:00 Clara Nunes RIP

Wednesday 9th April

07:30 Welfare Michael Larkman
10:00 Anne Brownsell RIP

Thursday 10th April

10:00 Hugh Jones RIP

Friday 11th April

07:30 Welfare Michael Gerrard
10:00 Kamal Padmasiri RIP

Saturday 12th April

10:00 John W Bolton RIP

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



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.

***Congratulations & welcome to Josie & Regan Woodhill,
baptised at St John the Baptist this weekend.***

SUNDAY COFFEE will take place after 10:00 Mass, hosted by the St Gerard's.

FRASSATI YOUNG ADULTS (18-35) - SUNDAY 6TH APRIL: From 19:15 this Sunday 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!

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Friday 11th April at 19:30 - led this week by the CWG.

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

YOUTH CLUB: We are now on an Easter break, and return on Sunday 27th April. Children aged 10-15 are invited to an Easter Party on Sunday 27th April, 16:15- 17:45. 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.

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION - HOLY PLACES OF PALESTINE: 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 help maintain Christian schooling in the area.

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. **Please note:** Pre-booking for the 90-minute ministry sessions for children (KS1+2) and young people (KS3+4) will commence at 11:00 on Wednesday 30th April; use AEC link above. The organisers are also asking for volunteers to help on the day. If you might like to help, visit bit.ly/southwarkhelper.

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. A special thank you to the following, whose photos have been selected for submission: **J. Gummett, D. Parker, M. Cassidy, M. Whale**, and an anonymous donor.

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.

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.

THE CHOSEN - THE LAST SUPPER: Will be shown in select cinemas from 10th April. Join the latest from The Chosen as we approach Holy Week and the Passion. Buy your tickets here: <https://intl.thechosenlastsupper.com/tickets/> Showing from 10th - 13th April in Crawley and some London cinemas.