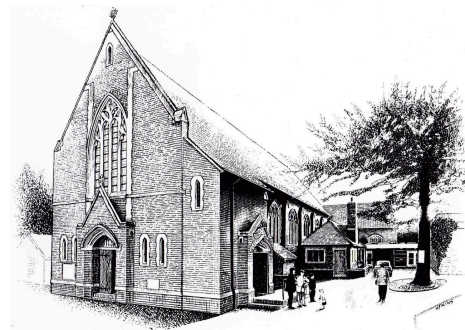


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20TH JULY 2025

16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PSALTER WEEK 4

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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: Request form 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 priest in 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: Mon., Wed. & Fri. at 07:00; Tue. & Thu. at 10:30.
CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP: Thursdays post-10:00 Mass.
YOUTH CLUB: Sundays in term-time, Hall 16:15-17:45.
IGNITE (13-16): Sundays in term-time, Hall 18:45-20:30.
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

SOCIAL EVENTS

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

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: Submit items by 13:00 Wednesday.

FAITH SUMMER BREAK IN ASCOT - 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 Mon 11th - Thu 14th August 2025, the week is structured around getting to know God and each other.

The timetable 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]. In cases of need, parish support is available; for details of bursaries, please [e-mail Fr Francis](#) (who will be helping run the week).

Further details and booking form [on Faith website](#)

Please pray for those who have died recently, Christopher O'Reilly, Ron Harding, Margaret (née Gillson) Corderoy (former parishioner), Philippe Drape-Frisch (former parishioner) **and for those whose anniversaries are at this time:** Terence Williams, Mary Ballard, Jackie Payne, Jeanette Horne, Inez d'Costa, Margaret Edwards, John Taylor, Kate Twomey, William Higgins, and Derek Pollon;

and also for those who are currently 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, John Swadling, Ian Stewart, Fontana Maria, Maureen O'Rourke, Elzbieta Cedro, Antonia Smith, Norma Stanes, Tom & Sally O'Regan, Michael Whale, John O'Brien, and Gwen Carne.

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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LAMP INTENTIONS

Sanctuary: Cathie Young (Welfare)
Risen Lord: Fr Stephen Trafford
Our Lady: Holy Souls
St Joseph: Fr Ryan Browne
St Thérèse: Private intention

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday 20th July
**16TH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**

18:00 (Sat) Clara Nunes RIP

08:30 JFS Int. Whale family
(In Thanksgiving)

08:30 Morgan Fahy RIP
10:00 Bertina Humphrey RIP
12:00 Int. De Souza family
18:00 All parishioners

Monday 21st July
*St Laurence of Brindisi,
Priest & Doctor of the Church*

07:30 Fr Kenneth Berry RIP
10:00 Bernard Coleman RIP

Tuesday 22nd July
St Mary Magdalen

10:00 Novella Betenson RIP

Wednesday 23rd July
*St Bridget of Sweden,
Patroness of Europe*

07:30 Edith Betenson RIP
10:00 Veronica Card RIP

Thursday 24th July
*St Charbel Makhlouf,
Priest*

10:00 Welfare Guy Raeburn &
Hannah Owen

Friday 25th July
*St James,
Apostle*

07:30 Pauline Royle RIP
10:00 Alfred Borg RIP

Saturday 26th July
*Ss Joachim & Anne,
Parents of the
Blessed Virgin Mary*

10:00 Int. Alistair Crawley

Sunday 27th July
**17TH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**

18:00(Sat) Ambrose &
Veronica Joseph RIP

08:30 JFS Andrew John
Hampton RIP

08:30 Peter Valenti RIP
10:00 Mrs Teresa George RIP
12:00 Mary Cheung RIP
18:00 All parishioners



**Funeral Mass
at St John the Baptist**

Friday 25th July 12:00
Christopher O'Reilly RIP

Congratulations & welcome to Abigail Wood & Isaiah Clotney-St Louis, baptised at St John the Baptist this weekend

SUNDAY COFFEE after 10:00 Mass is hosted by the CWG in the Parish Hall. This is the last coffee morning before the summer break.

JFS CHAPEL & WEDNESDAY COFFEE MORNINGS will resume after the summer break.

BR IGNACIO DE LA LASTRA & FR JOHN HOWARD: This weekend is our first with Br Ignacio de la Lastra (a seminarian for the Disciples of the Hearts of Jesus and Mary) in residence; please greet him after Mass. He will be with us until 7th August. We also welcome our soon-to-be Assistant Priest, Fr John Howard, who will be principal celebrant at this weekend's 12:00 Mass.

SVP WEDNESDAY COFFEE MORNING: The SVP would like to thank you all for your generous donations. £1800 has been raised since January; with the previous £757 a grand total of £2557 will be donated to the South Sudan baby feeding programme.

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO ROME - PREPARATORY EVENING: From **19:00 on Monday 1st September** there will be an evening of prayer and preparation for our Jubilee pilgrimage to Rome later in the same month, making use of both the hall and the church. Although especially organised for those registered for the pilgrimage, other parishioners interested in learning about the holy sites we will be visiting in Rome are very welcome to attend.

THE WELL - AN EVENING OF EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL: Between 18:30-21:30 on 11th September, St George's Cathedral is hosting a special evening of beauty, reflection, and Eucharistic revival with Christopher West and Mike Mangione. The Well engages the imagination and the senses with live music by Mike Mangione and the dynamic presentation of Christopher West. Organised by the Southwark Catholic Youth Service and the Agency for Evangelisation and Catechesis, the event is aimed at over 18s, and any under 18s must be accompanied by an adult. Tickets priced at £21, and expected to sell out fast; further details available [from the Archdiocese of Southwark](#).

RONALD HARDING RIP: Former parishioner Ron Harding's funeral will take place on Wednesday 23rd July at 12 noon at Maidstone Crematorium ME14 5LG. To be followed by a wake at Bearsted Golf Club (a short drive from the crematorium). If you plan to attend, please contact ahardingox216@gmail.com by Friday 11th July.

PART-TIME CLEANER ST. COLUMBA'S PARISH: Cleaner required for the Presbytery and Hall in Selsdon on a Monday morning for 4 hours. Please contact the Parish Office on selsdon@rcaos.org.uk if interested.

CAR PARK REMINDER: We have had a few incidents recently of parishioners receiving Parking Charge Notices because cars were not registered when the car park was used. Please remember that you must enter your car registration number (number plate details) **every time you park your car in the church car park**, using the tablets in the church narthex or the Parish Hall. **The only exceptions to this rule are on Saturdays after 17:30 and on Sundays (all day).** Where PCNs are received, appeals may be made to the external operator of the car park, per the instructions provided on the notice.

NEWSLETTER - SUMMER REGIME: Next weekend's newsletter will be the final "regular" newsletter before our bumper edition for the weekend of 1/2 August, which will cover all the weeks of the month of August (during which period the Parish Office will be closed). Please ensure that you submit any notices which require publication before the first weekend of September in a timely fashion, in order to avoid disappointment.

DON'T TAKE A HOLIDAY FROM THE WORSHIP OF GOD! As some of our number head off on holiday outside the parish, it's important to remember that the rest and recreation associated with the season do not preclude worshipping God, including at Mass on those days when the law of the Church tells us that we should go. As the Second Vatican Council taught, the Eucharist is "*the source and summit of the whole Christian life*" (LG §11)... we don't stop being Christians just because we're not at home. As well as Sundays, the 15th August - the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary - is a holy day of obligation in most countries (as it is in our own). Wherever you find yourself this August, may your attendance at Mass help you to grow closer to the Lord.