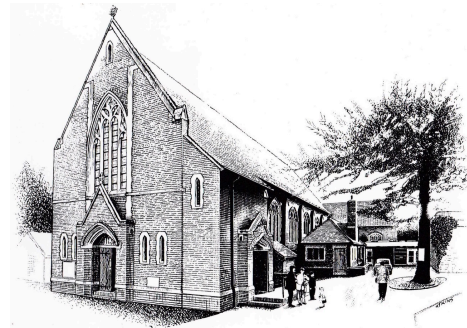


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27TH JULY 2025

17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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: 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.

BECOMING A CATHOLIC

The Catholic Church was founded 2000 years ago by Jesus as “the pillar and ground of the truth” (1 Tim. 3:15). In the Church we learn to know, love, and serve God in this life, and be happy with Him forever in the next.

Want to discover God's plan for you, and the key to eternal joy? Join our post-summer programme of instruction by writing to [Fr Francis](mailto:frfrancis@rcaos.org.uk) or speaking to him after Mass.

“The hour cometh, and now is, when the true adorers shall adore the Father in spirit and in truth.” - John 4:24

Please pray for those who have died recently, and for those whose anniversaries are at this time: Lawrence Anishaka Okpu, Peter Wiltshire, Elsie Mc Lennon, Maria Spooner, Alice Fitzgerald, Noel Guest, Michael Barber, Rose Laker, Clara Pattitti, Edward Power, Edmund Brain, Winifred Streatham.

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](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: Private Intention
Risen Lord: The Holy Father
Our Lady: Gwen Carne
St Joseph: Eduardo Barrachina RIP
St Thérèse: The people of Gaza

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

MASS INTENTIONS

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

Monday 28th July

07:30 Dorothy Nason-Jones
RIP

10:00 John Cook RIP

Tuesday 29th July

Ss Mary, Martha, & Lazarus

10:00 Selina & Daniel
Heaphy RIP

Wednesday 30th July

*St Peter Chrysologous,
Bishop & Doctor of the Church*

07:30 Int Sally & Tom
O'Regan

10:00 Margaret Corderoy RIP

Thursday 31st July

*St Ignatius of Loyola,
Priest*

10:00 Ambrose & Veronica
Joseph RIP

Friday 1st August

*St Alphonsus Liguori,
Bishop & Doctor of the Church*

07:30 Fr Donald Minchen RIP
10:00 Int Toni & Anna Kowal

Saturday 2nd August

The Blessed Virgin Mary

10:00 Edward & Kathleen
Cook RIP

Sunday 3rd August

18TH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

18:00(Sat) Canon John
O'Toole RIP

08:30 JFS Mary Clarke RIP

08:30 All parishioners
10:00 Patricia & Leonard
Atkins RIP

12:00 Int James Felix
18:00 Joseph Candido de
Souza RIP

Congratulations & welcome to Maddison Luis baptised at St John the Baptist this weekend

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

PURLEY FOOD HUB: Collection next weekend. August food list here: purleyfoodhub.net

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY: On Friday 15th August we celebrate the Solemnity of the Assumption, commemorating the fact that the Immaculate Mother of God, the ever Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory. This is a **holy day of obligation**; Catholics are required to go to Mass on this day (as on Sundays) hence the provision of **our additional Solemn Mass at 19:30**.

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION - BLESSING OF HERBS: It is related in traditional accounts that flowers were growing out of the stone sarcophagus which had been prepared for Our Lady towards the end of her life, and were the source of a sweet odour which accompanied her Assumption. As a result there has been a custom of blessing herbs, flowers, and fruits on this feast. Before the 19:30 Mass of the Assumption (**at 19:15**) there will be an opportunity to have garden vegetables, flowers, herbs, and fruits blessed; please bring them with you and place them in the designated area.

SYCAMORE AT O FAROL CAFÉ: Attending Mass, receiving the other sacraments, participating in social events... these characterise much of our life at St John the Baptist, Purley, as in any Catholic parish. But we are called to be a parish of mission too, going beyond our established routines and outside our comfort zones. *How can we help others to encounter Jesus, and discover the meaning of life?* We may know some who are still searching for the meaning of life, others who have fallen away from the church. Perhaps some who have never been to church, or have never heard the Gospel. They may be family, friends, people we haven't seen in a while. Might they be waiting for an invitation... *from us?* Running **from Monday August 4th until 15th September**, our Parish Evangelisation Lead, Noel Brownsell, will be running free, informal Sycamore sessions at O Farol Café (945 Brighton Rd) in Purley. Coffee, tea, and pastries will be on hand. You are encouraged to **invite someone that you know to come along at 10:00 on Mondays** to explore the big questions in a relaxed, enjoyable setting.

CWG: A reminder to the CWG group that our next meeting on Wednesday 6th August will be the annual lunch at 12:30 at the Wattenden Arms on Old Lodge Lane, Kenley CR8 5EU. It is essential that we have an idea of numbers; if members wish to bring a friend they will be very welcome. Please contact 020 8660 7292 to confirm your attendance.

MOTHER TERESA GROUP: There will be a meeting on Wednesday 20th August 14:00-16:00 in the small parish hall. We can teach you how to knit if desired! All welcome. Tea and cake available.

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 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 [from the Archdiocese of Southwark](http://fromtheArchdioceseofSouthwark).

JOIN THE PRO- LIFE MISSION - SPUC EDUCATION OFFICER (ENGLAND): SPUC is hiring a full time Education Officer, based in London with travel across England. Help bring the pro -life message to schools and communities through engaging talks and outreach. A passion for life and youth engagement essential. To apply or find out more, visit: spuc.org.uk/joinourteam.

DOMESTIC HELP: A parishioner living in Purley is seeking two hours of domestic help per week. If you are interested please contact sarahdooley@hotmail.com.