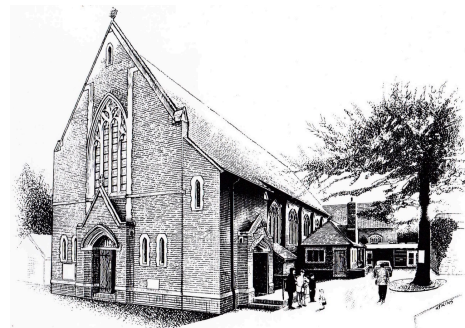


ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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31ST AUGUST 2025

22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PSALTER WEEK 2

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Office hours: Mon-Fri 09:00-13:00

BECOMING A CATHOLIC: Want to learn more about becoming a Catholic? Please speak to the Parish Priest.

BAPTISM OF CHILDREN: Request a 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.

HOLY ORDERS: Please speak to the Parish Priest if you are interested in exploring a vocation to the priesthood/diaconate.

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.



WELCOME to Fr John Howard, our new Assistant Priest. Fr John moved into the Presbytery on Tuesday, and this weekend marks his first in the parish. We are delighted to have him with us, and I hope you will take the opportunity of the coming days to give him a personal welcome to the parish. He comes to us having been curate in Canterbury and Tunbridge Wells; an old boy of Laleham Lea and John Fisher School, he is no stranger to this part of the world. Do keep him in your prayers as he takes up the responsibilities of his new post.

Please pray for those who have died recently, including Cathy Kelly, Pasquale Lunghi, and Maureen Keech; **and for those whose anniversaries are at this time:** Mary Panter, Margaret Edwards, Bernadette Blaquiére, Bridie Whyte, Pat Agacy, Peter Coldham, Doris Thorne, David Wade, Teresa Snadden, David Reynolds, Eileen Richus, Rev Ken Bell, Joseph Molloy, George Ross, and Josephine Phillips.

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: Fr John Howard
Risen Lord: Laleham Lea students
Our Lady: Annunciation Parish, MN
St Joseph: HH The Pope
St Thérèse: Cathy Kelly RIP

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday 31st August
22ND SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

18:00 (Sat) Ambrose &
Veronica Joseph RIP

08:30 JFS All parishioners

08:30 Agnes Liddiard RIP
10:00 Mrs Lily Joseph RIP
12:00 Tony Sheridan RIP
18:00 Sean Dooley RIP

Monday 1st September

07:30 Norman Luck RIP
10:00 Fr Herman Annis RIP

Tuesday 2nd September

10:00 Daniel Magner RIP

Wednesday 3rd
September

St Gregory the Great,
Pope & Doctor

07:30 Eileen Adams RIP
10:00 Holy Souls

Thursday 4th September

10:00 Holy Souls

Friday 5th September

07:30 Pat & Rudy Agacy
RIP
10:00 Int Toni & Anna Kowal

Saturday 6th September

The Blessed Virgin Mary

10:00 Deceased relatives of
the Phillips & Garner
families RIP

Sunday 7th September

23RD SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

18:00(Sat) Edmund Jan
Lewandowski
RIP

08:30 JFS Mary Clarke RIP

08:30 All parishioners
10:00 Mrs Annie
Pallivathukkal RIP
12:00 Holy Souls in
Purgatory
18:00 Ambrose & Veronica
Joseph RIP



Funeral Masses
at St John the Baptist

Thu 11th September - 12:30
Maureen Keech RIP

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 at the end of the month. The evening will begin **in the Hall** and also make use of 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.

PARISH DEFIBRILLATOR: The Catenians have made the much-appreciated gift of an Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) to the parish. This has been mounted at the side-entrance to the church when passing through from the Hall, so as to be accessible to users of both sites. Please see the related signage in the church. An AED is a portable medical device that delivers an electric shock to a person's heart to restore a normal rhythm during a sudden cardiac arrest; the machine we have been given guides users through the process. Thank you to all involved in fundraising for, and procuring, this valuable piece of equipment.

CHOIR & ORGAN LOFT: Our parish musicians are moving! They will be using the Choir & Organ Loft at the back of the church, which in recent years had become a storage area and has recently been cleared. This will free up the side-chapel which, under the reconfigurations of the Covid era, had been set up for the exclusive use of musicians. The new arrangement should relieve pressure on seating (and reduce numbers standing) at major liturgies, such as during Christmas and Holy Week. Many thanks to the PMG leadership who have since last year assisted in preparations for the move. **Those ascending the stairs are reminded to ensure that they use the safety handrail provided at all times;** subject to the required diocesan permission being granted, a further handrail will be fitted in the near future for the comfort of regular users.

MARCH FOR LIFE - 6TH SEPTEMBER 2025: A group from the parish will be going to the 2025 March for Life. Meet at Purley train station to catch 10:54 to London Victoria. Please join us for an inspiring day giving witness to life. For information please contact Antonia 07926 007175.

JFS CHAPEL & PARISH COFFEE MORNINGS resume soon; see future editions of newsletter for further details.

PURLEY FOOD HUB collection will take place next weekend: purleyfoodhub.net.

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 until 15th September, our Parish Evangelisation Lead, Noel Brownsell, is hosting 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 (unless otherwise indicated)** to explore the big questions in a relaxed, enjoyable setting.

PUGIN WEEK AT ST AUGUSTINE'S, RAMSGATE: The faithful are invited to join September festivities at St Augustine's, Ramsgate to celebrate the life and works of the great Victorian Catholic architect, Augustus Welby Pugin. All events are FREE; donations are appreciated. These events coincide with Heritage Open Days 2025 on the theme of Architecture. For full programme details please visit tinyurl.com/puginweekramsgate.

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; further details at rcaos.org.uk.