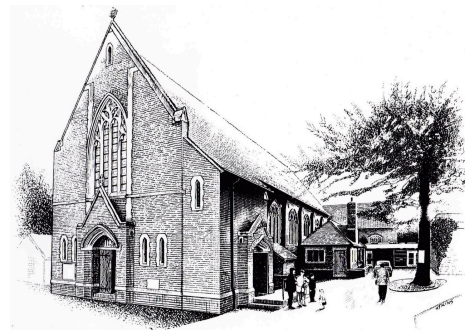


ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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14TH SEPTEMBER 2025

THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

PSALTER WEEK 4

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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 - See Parish Website

CONFIRMATION - will be 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.

Certificates of Catholic Practice

Some schools require that applicants present a Certificate of Catholic Practice. In keeping with guidance issued by the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales, it will **not** be possible to issue these to children of families who are not known to the Parish Priest to be attending Sunday Mass on a weekly basis.

Certificates will be provided in face-to-face meetings if it has been established that these conditions are met; where there is doubt, a further meeting will be required, and a certificate may be refused.

Please **come with your child (and proof of his/her baptism and First Holy Communion)** to the **Parish Hall at 18:30** on either **Friday 3rd October or Friday 10th October**.

Please pray for those who have died recently, including Cathy Kelly, Pasquale Lunghi, Norma Carroll and Teofilo Garcia; **and for those whose anniversaries are at this time:** Dorothy Birch, Nora Connolly, Rev Derek Rochford, Dan Daly, Lawrence Williamson, Marion Rose, Catherine Haggis, Maria Barros, Shirley Jones, Steve Vella, Patricia Lake, Margaret Keating and Margaret Hewlett, **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, Gwen Carne and Neil Lawlor.

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.

Account name: RCAS / Purley

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Second collection this week: Catholic Education Service
Next week: Home Mission



LAMP INTENTIONS

Sanctuary: Peace in the Holy Land
Risen Lord: Mgr Canon J. Weatherill
Our Lady: Private intention
St Joseph: JFS students & staff
St Thérèse: Parishioners of JTB

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday 14th September THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

18:00 (Sat) Pauline O' Halloran RIP
08:30 JFS All parishioners
08:30 Ambrose & Veronica Joseph RIP
10:00 Dr Joseph Philipose RIP
12:00 Holy souls in purgatory
18:00 Int Maria Caïres

Monday 15th September Our Lady of Sorrows

07:30 Corazon Gracia Manzano RIP
10:00 Lawrence Williamson RIP

Tuesday 16th September Ss Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs

10:00 Int Maria Caïres

Wednesday 17th September

St Robert Bellarmine, Bishop & Doctor

07:30 Winifred & Joseph Gartland RIP
10:00 Arulappu Gabriel Joseph Jayaratnam RIP

Thursday 18th September St Edith of Kemsing

10:00 In Thanksgiving

Friday 19th September

07:30 John Mc Granaghan RIP
10:00 Dorothy Emery RIP

Saturday 20th September St Andrew Kim Tae-gôn, Priest, & Paul Chông Ha -Sang & Companians, Martyrs

10:00 Anthony Charles Shorter RIP

Sunday 21st September 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

18:00(Sat) Maria Morris RIP

08:30 JFS Olga Keswani RIP
08:30 Ann Dempsey RIP
10:00 Int Fr Roshy Robert
12:00 June Simon RIP
18:00 All parishioners



Funeral Masses at St John the Baptist

Wed 24th September - 11:30
Pasquale Lunghi RIP

Tue 30th September - 11:30
Norma Carroll RIP

SUNDAY COFFEE after 10:00 Mass is hosted by the Youth Club in the parish hall.

SECOND COLLECTION CATHOLIC EDUCATION SERVICE: The CES is the chief negotiating and advisory body on matters affecting all aspects of Catholic education, and it also provides financial assistance for school transport in rural areas.

YOUTH CLUB: Youth Club returns this Sunday and is now open from Year 4 upwards! Every Sunday from 16:15-17:45 you can enjoy dodgeball, badminton, table football, ping-pong, clay and craft creations, dancing, badge making and loads more. Have fun, make friends and grow in faith together!

MOTHER TERESA GROUP: Next meeting is Wednesday 17th Sept 14:00-16:00 in the small hall. All welcome. We will be discussing what extras we need for the homeless Christmas parcels.

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 to the last session at **10:00 on Monday** to explore the big questions in a relaxed, enjoyable setting.

AN EVENING WITH ST PIER GIORGIO FRASSATI: You are invited to attend the launch of a new book called *15 Days of Prayer with Saint Pier Giorgio Frassati* by Fr Charles Desjobert OP on **Saturday 18 October 2025**. The anticipated timetable for the evening is: 6pm Vigil Mass in the Cathedral, with launch starting at 7.15pm. Short talks by Fr Charles, Fr Matthew Jarvis OP and Archbishop John Wilson, followed by readings, the Rosary, and refreshments. Book signings from 8.15pm. Concludes at 9.15pm. Booking details to appear soon at <https://aec.rcaos.org.uk>

MARGARET ROPER CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL ADMISSIONS 2025/26:

Open Sessions in Autumn Term 2025

We welcome you to visit our school, meet with the headteacher & pupils and learn more about us on the following dates;

• Tuesday 23rd September 09:30 • Thursday 2nd October 14:00
• Wednesday 8th October 09:30 • Tuesday 21st October 10:00
• Monday 10th November 09:30 • Friday 22nd November 13:30
• Wednesday 4th December 10:00

Please call the office on 0208 660 0115 (option 2) or email

office@margaretroper.croydon.sch.uk to book an individual tour if you can't make any of these dates. View our virtual tour and admissions page on the school website

www.margaretroper.croydon.sch.uk

WEEKLY MASS IN CROYDON UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL: There will be Mass every Wednesday at 12 noon in the Chapel at Croydon University Hospital. All are most welcome.

CROYDON SCHOOLS ANNUAL DEANERY MASS: Wednesday 1st October at 16:45 St Chad's Parish Church, Whitworth Road, SE25 6XH. Followed by a reception in the parish hall

BUILD A BETTER MARRIAGE: This is a one-day marriage-enrichment course aimed at couples with average-to-good marriages who would like to try and make them better. There is no charge and no group sharing. Couples have the opportunity individually to explore their relationship and levels of communication, which is the key to relationship. It starts at 9.30am and finishes by 4.30pm. Dates and venues are: October 4, Catford; and November 1, Bromley. More details – T: 07983 524 727 or E: mflkent@rcaos.org.uk