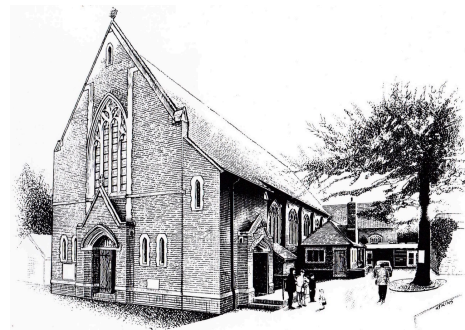


ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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21ST SEPTEMBER 2025

25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PSALTER WEEK 1

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

BECOMING A CATHOLIC: Please contact the Parish Priest.

BAPTISM OF CHILDREN: Request a form after Mass.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS: See parish website.

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).

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, Teofilo Garcia, and Neil Lawlor; and for those whose anniversaries are at this time: Derek Lockwood (20th anniversary), Olga Keswani, Leonora Wawruszczak, Francis Walker, Mandy Cottle, Somers Holder, Kathleen Mc Sorley, Henrietta McHugo, Kathleen Woodgate, Phyllis Cernuschi, Bridget Sweeney, James Fraser, Patrick Tyrell, and Bridget Lay;

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.



Account name: RCAS / Purley
Number: 79116345
Sort Code: 60-50-01

Second collection this week: Home Mission



LAMP INTENTIONS

Sanctuary: Parish pilgrims in Rome
Risen Lord: The Holy Father
Our Lady: University students
St Joseph: Private intention
St Thérèse: Peter Howard RIP

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

MASS INTENTIONS

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

Monday 22nd September

07:30 Catherine Fahy RIP

10:00 Ambrose & Veronica
Joseph RIP

Tuesday 23rd September

*St Pius of Pietrelcina
(Padre Pio), Priest*

10:00 Sheila Prendergast
RIP

**Wednesday 24th
September**

Our Lady of Walsingham

07:30 Eileen Adams RIP

10:00 Rita Winterbourne RIP

Thursday 25th September

10:00 Antoinette Fergusson
RIP

Friday 26th September

07:30 Pauline Royle RIP

10:00 Holy Souls

Saturday 27th September

St Vincent de Paul, Priest

10:00 Int Noemie Caires &
Aaron Shorter

Sunday 28th September

**26TH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**

18:00(Sat) Ernesto
Delgrosso & Luigia Accorsini
RIP

08:30 JFS Mr Siri
Siriwardena RIP

08:30 Olivio & Maria Dalla
Pria RIP

10:00 Msgr Paul P Louis
RIP

12:00 Ambrose & Veronica
Joseph 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

SEEKING TO BECOME A CATHOLIC?

**OUR COURSE BEGINS IN OCTOBER -
IF INTERESTED, WRITE TO FR FRANCIS ASAP**

FRANCISMURPHY@RCAOS.ORG.UK

SUNDAY COFFEE after 10:00 Mass is hosted by the CWG in the Parish Hall.

WEDNESDAY COFFEE will not take place on Wednesday 24th September.

JFS CHAPEL COFFEE: Please join us **next Sunday** (28th September) in the Sixth Form block after 08:30 Mass for tea, coffee, and a variety of savouries and cakes.

SECOND COLLECTION - HOME MISSION: This collection provides the Bishops of England and Wales with resources to support the 'Home Mission' - i.e. the spread of the Gospel in our own country. The money collected enables a wide range of work to be done in support of parish evangelisation.

YOUTH CLUB this Sunday in the Parish Hall, 16:15-17:45.

CWG MEETING - REMINDER: Wednesday 1st October 14:00 in the small Hall - "Welcome to the Parish, Fr John" with special guest Fr John Howard. Visitors welcome.

BLESSING OF PETS - ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI: Parishioners with pets are invited to bring them to the grass area outside the Parish Hall on the feast of St Francis of Assisi (4th October) at 12:30, where they will be blessed.

AN EVENING WITH ST PIER GIORGIO FRASSATI: *15 Days of Prayer with Saint Pier Giorgio Frassati* by Fr Charles Desjobert OP will be launched on **Saturday 18th October 2025** at St George's Cathedral. 18:00 Vigil Mass in the Cathedral, with launch starting at 19:15. Short talks by Fr Charles, Fr Matthew Jarvis OP, and Archbishop John Wilson, followed by readings, the Rosary, and refreshments. Book signings from 20:15. Evening concludes 21:15. Booking details to appear soon at <https://aec.rcaos.org.uk>

MARGARET ROPER CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL ADMISSIONS 2025/26: Parents of prospective pupils are invited to visit the school, meet with the headteacher & pupils, and learn more about MRCS on the following dates:

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

Call office on 0208 660 0115 (option 2) or e-mail office@margaretroper.croydon.sch.uk to book an individual tour if none of the above are possible. Virtual tour and admissions page on the school website at www.margaretroper.croydon.sch.uk.

WEEKLY MASS IN CROYDON UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL every Wednesday at 12:00 in the chapel at Croydon University Hospital. All welcome.

CROYDON SCHOOLS ANNUAL DEANERY MASS takes place on Wednesday 1st October at 16:45 in 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 09:30 and finishes by 16:30. Dates and venues are: October 4th, Catford; and November 1st, Bromley. More details – T: 07983 524 727 or E: mflkent@rcaos.org.uk

FOR THE BEREAVED – Grief In Loss Hope In Christ is a weekend for those who have been bereaved. This weekend, from October 10-12, will take place away from the pressures of day-to-day life and can help one begin to come to terms with bereavement. It is a time for quiet, prayer, talking and acceptance. Due to the special nature of this weekend retreat, held at Aylesford Priory in Kent, places are limited and subject to a telephone call to determine if it is right for you – 01622 717 272 or email reception@thefriars.org.uk.

ITALIAN-SPEAKING LIVE-IN CARER SOUGHT for a lady in her late 80s suffering with dementia. For further information please contact: tctro1003@gmail.com.