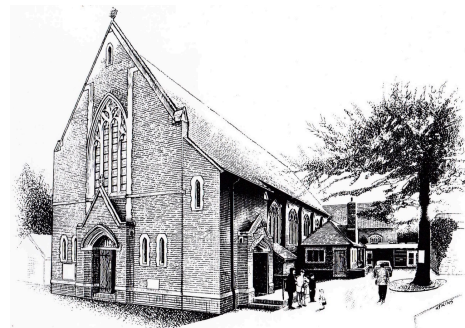


ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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7TH SEPTEMBER 2025

23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PSALTER WEEK 3

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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, Maureen Keech and Norma Carroll; and for those whose anniversaries are at this time: Valentina Dunseath, Beryl Taylor, Patricia Peacock, Catherine Bullen, Linda Budge, Joan Bowen, Brenda Williams, Ann Daly, Zena Hulley, Catherine Ross, David Prebble, Fernando Pascual, Herbert Wellington, Louise Hubert, Eric Greenash, James Devlin, Mary Long, and Amelia Lomasney; 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
Number: 79116345
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Second collection next week: Catholic Education Service



LAMP INTENTIONS

Sanctuary: MRCS children
Risen Lord: March for Life UK
Our Lady: Abp John Wilson
St Joseph: Eugenio Carboni RIP
St Thérèse: Canon J. Pannett

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

MASS INTENTIONS

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

Monday 8th September *The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

07:30 Caroline Adams RIP

10:00 Adelaide Grasso RIP

Tuesday 9th September

10:00 Anne Brownsell RIP

Wednesday 10th September

07:30 Holy Souls

10:00 John W Bolton RIP

Thursday 11th September

10:00 Kamla Padmasiri RIP

Friday 12th September

The Most Holy name of Mary

07:30 Holy souls

10:00 Donald Raistrick RIP

Saturday 13th September

*Saint John Chrysostom,
Bishop & Doctor*

10:00 Veronica Card RIP

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 Caires



Funeral Masses at St John the Baptist

Thu 11th September - 12:30
Maureen Keech RIP

Wed 24th September - 12:00
Pasquale Lunghi RIP

SUNDAY COFFEE after 10:00 Mass is hosted by the St Gerard's group in the parish hall.

WEDNESDAY COFFEE MORNING returns on Wednesday 10th September. All welcome!

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

YOUTH CLUB returns this Sunday 16:15-17:45 in the parish hall.

A NEW SAINT: PIER GIORGIO FRASSATI: This Sunday 7th September sees the canonisation in Rome of Pier Giorgio Frassati by Pope Leo XIV. As many will be aware, the new saint is patron of our parish young adults' group for 18-35s, the Frassati Young Adults. Born in Turin in 1901, Frassati died in 1925; in his 24 years on earth he cared for the needs of the poor and promoted social justice, while engaging in apostolate with friends and helping those around him to grow in holiness. Since his death he has continued to inspire and motivate young Catholics in their lives of faith, by showing that to live the faith is to discover true joy. As he once said, "*Modern society is drowning in the sorrows of human passions and it is distancing itself from every ideal of love and peace. We who are Catholics must bring the breath of goodness that can only spring from faith in Christ.*"

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>

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.

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.

CHOIR & ORGAN LOFT: Our parish musicians are moving! They will now 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.

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.