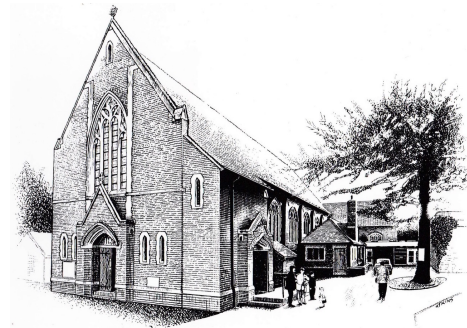


ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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12TH OCTOBER 2025

28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PSALTER WEEK 4

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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 Tuesday.

POPE LEO'S NEW APOSTOLIC EXHORTATION, *DILEXI TE*:

Pope Leo XIV has released his Apostolic Exhortation *Dilexi Te* ("I have loved you"). The first major magisterial document of his pontificate, it is a continuation of a text begun by his immediate predecessor, just as Pope Francis completed Pope Benedict's encyclical *Lumen Fidei*.

Pope Leo's message sees the love of Christ incarnated in love for the poor - by caring for the sick, opposing slavery, defending women who experience exclusion and violence, making education available, charitable giving, and more.

The full text of the exhortation can be found [on the Vatican website](#).

Please pray for those who have died recently, including Neil Lawlor;

and for those whose anniversaries are at this time: Peter Bunce, David Shrimpton, Kathleen Lawther, Mary Ward, Doreen Baxter, Martha Lobo, David McAleese, Michael Hill, Ethel Dunn, Simon Stirling, Kellie McBride, Lucie Hampson, Paddy O'Sullivan, Antonio Di Baldo, and Philomena Bourke; 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 Yvonne Wade.

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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2nd Collection next week: MISSIO



LAMP INTENTIONS

Sanctuary: Peace in the Holy Land
Risen Lord: Prisoners & their families
Our Lady: Private intention
St Joseph: A.J. Grey
St Thérèse: The Paterson family

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday 12th October 28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

18:00 (Sat) Margaret
Blackwell & Theresa Lam
RIP

08:30 JFS Granville Wright
RIP

08:30 Arthur Knight RIP
10:00 Edward & Kathleen
Cook RIP
12:00 Mr P L Joseph RIP
18:00 All parishioners

Monday 13th October
St Edward the Confessor, King
07:30 Cyril & Jean Skyes
RIP
10:00 Ambrose & Veronica
Joseph RIP

Tuesday 14th October
10:00 John W Bolton RIP

Wednesday 15th October
*St Teresa of Jesus,
Virgin & Doctor of the Church*
07:30 Kathleen Nockles RIP
10:00 Int Gentiana Zherka

Thursday 16th October
*St Margaret Mary Alacoque,
Virgin*
10:00 Margaret Dacey RIP

Friday 17th October
*St Ignatius of Antioch,
Bishop & Martyr*
07:30 Fr Hildred Harpin RIP
10:00 Michelle Cherrie RIP

Saturday 18th October
St Luke, Evangelist
10:00 Welfare Neil Candler

Sunday 19th October 29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

18:00(Sat) Eileen Adams
RIP

08:30 JFS Patrica Haines
RIP

08:30 Vilma Dalla Pria RIP
10:00 Ambrose & Veronica
Joseph RIP
12:00 Teofilo Garcia RIP
18:00 All parishioners

PRISONERS SUNDAY: This Sunday we are reminded of the need to pray prisoners and their families. Pact, the national Catholic prison charity, supports prisoners and their families, offering them hope and the chance to turn their lives around. Last year, their dedicated staff and volunteers facilitated 565,000 prison visits and helped nearly 600 people with emergency welfare grants. To donate please use the envelopes available or visit pact1.link/PS25.

NEXT SUNDAY - WORLD MISSION SUNDAY: Next Sunday the Holy Father invites all Catholics to support MISSIO - his charity for world mission - through a special collection. This day of prayer, solidarity, and giving asks Catholics worldwide to help share the news of God's love, which has the power to transform lives and heal our world. To donate, use the Missio envelopes, call 020 7821 9755, or visit missio.org.uk. Please Gift Aid if possible.

YOUTH CLUB: St John the Baptist Youth Club this Sunday from 16:15 -17:45. The Youth Club is a warm and welcoming space for children (Y4+) to come together and learn new skills, be creative, socialise with their friends, and explore Christian themes. No need to book - just come along and join in the fun!

MOTHER TERESA GROUP: Next meeting on Wed. 15th Oct, 14:00-16:00 in the small parish hall. Members are asked to bring any finished hats and scarves and any donations for the homeless Christmas parcels. Those who would like to donate individual tissue packets, wrapped soap, tooth brushes, or black ladies' gloves may leave them in the box at the back of the church.

WELCOMERS AT MASS: Noel Brownsell would like to hear from you if you would be interested in assisting as a "welcomer" at one of our Sunday Masses. Welcomers greet people arriving at church and provide them with a copy of the Mass readings (and, where applicable, a hymn book). Contact him directly (noelbrownsell756@gmail.com) if you wish to volunteer for this role; applicants will be subject to approval and require DBS clearance.

OCTOBER - MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY: In October we are reminded of the value of praying the Holy Rosary. At his General Audience of 1st October Pope Leo addressed English-speaking faithful, saying, "*As we begin the month dedicated to the holy Rosary, I invite you to pray it daily for peace in our world.*"

INDULGENCE FOR PRAYING THE ROSARY: "A plenary indulgence is granted for reciting five decades of the Rosary in a Catholic church or in a family group, religious community or pious association. (A partial indulgence is granted in other circumstances.) The five decades must be recited continuously. The vocal recitation must be accompanied by pious meditation on the mysteries. In public recitation, the mysteries must be announced in the manner customary in the place; for private recitation, however, it suffices if the vocal recitation is accompanied by meditation on the mysteries." ([Source](#) with further information.)

ROSARY SHRINE LECTURE: On 15th October at 19:00, Sr Carino Hodder OP will speak on 'Our Lady: Preacher of Human Dignity', with a response from Mary Harrington. Venue: St Dominic's (the Rosary Shrine), London NW5. More information can be found at the [website](#) of St Dominic's.

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. Sign up: <https://aecsouthwark.churchsuite.com/events/wwqnmj3i>.

CALLING ALL MARRIED COUPLES: The Southwark diocesan Marriage and Family life team are seeking married couples who are practising Catholics to join their growing team to present courses for Marriage Preparation, Building a Better Marriage, and other initiatives in 2026. Salary: £30,000 pro rata (£7,000) per annum for the couple. Training given. For further details email liamgallagher@rcaos.org.uk. Closing date October 31.

ENGLISH CATHOLIC HISTORY ASSOCIATION DAY CONFERENCE AND AGM: To be held at Our Lady of the Assumption and St Gregory, Warwick St, W1B 5LZ on Saturday 1 November. Talks from Michael Stokes (*The Catholic Bishops under Elizabeth I and Henry VIII*) and Joanna Bogle (*Catholic London - History, People, Architecture and Heritage*). £8 (members) £12 (non-members). See <https://echa.org.uk/> for more details.