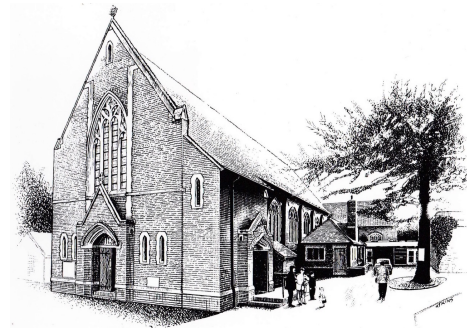


ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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26TH OCTOBER 2025

30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PSALTER WEEK 2

Parish Priest
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Office hours: Tue-Thur 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 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).
Want to help organise parish social events? Contact the Parish Office.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: Submit items by **13:00 Tuesday**.

THE MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

In November we remember especially the faithful departed and pray for the souls in Purgatory.

"With charity towards the dead we practice all the works of charity. The Church encourages us to aid the souls in Purgatory, who in turn will reward us abundantly when they come into their glory." - St Francis de Sales

Masses will be offered by the parish clergy for the faithful departed. To provide names of the deceased not already in our Book of Remembrance and/or make a Mass offering, please use a Holy Souls envelope (or your own) and post in the presbytery letterbox or place in the Mass collection (Gift Aid can be applied for UK income taxpayers.)

Our Book of Remembrance will be updated and on display. **Details of November indulgences overleaf.**

Please pray for those who have died recently, including; Keith Ockenden;

and for those whose anniversaries are at this time: Joseph Scally, Dennis Malone, Joan Kerr, Joyce Codallo, Erwin Surma, John Blake, and Michael Bonnett.

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, David Palmer, Paulin Carpenter, Canon David Caine, Nick Phillips, Anne Mawer, John Swadling, Ian Stewart, Fontana Maria, Maureen O'Rourke, Elzbieta Cedro, Antonia Smith, 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.



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LAMP INTENTIONS

Sanctuary: Helen Parker RIP
Risen Lord: Holy Souls in Purgatory
Our Lady: Peace in the Holy Land
St Joseph: Paul Schokman
St Thérèse: Private intention

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday 26th October 30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

18:00 (Sat) Caroline Adams
RIP

08:30 JFS Kellie McBride
RIP

08:30 Bernard Townshend
10:00 Leonard Highland RIP
12:00 Mr Gerald Felix RIP
18:00 All parishioners

Monday 27th October

07:30 Adrian Wright RIP
10:00 Ambrose & Veronica
Joseph RIP

Tuesday 28th October

Sts Simon & Jude, Apostles
10:00 David Cook RIP

Wednesday 29th October

07:30 Margaret & Paul Ryan
RIP
10:00 In Thanksgiving
(Kommana family)

Thursday 30th October

10:00 Elio De Gregori RIP

Friday 31st October

07:30 Pauline Royle RIP
10:00 Joyce Codallo RIP

Saturday 1st November

The Blessed Virgin Mary
10:00 Deceased relatives &
friends of the Cook & Emery
families RIP

Sunday 2nd November

ALL SAINTS

18:00(Sat) Deceased
relatives of the Mitchell
family RIP

08:30 JFS Eva Hamilton RIP

08:30 Mandy Marina RIP
10:00 Sr Myrtle Cleetus RIP
12:00 Mike Hearne RIP
(Purley Catenians)
18:00 All parishioners

PARISH OFFICE: Opening hours next week are Tuesday-Thursday, 09:00-13:00.

SUNDAY COFFEE after 10:00 Mass is hosted by Alex Todryk & Eileen Stradling.

JFS CHAPEL COFFEE: Please join us this Sunday in the Sixth Form block after 08:30 Mass for tea, coffee, and a variety of savouries & cakes.

HCPT COFFEE MORNING next weekend after 8:30 and 10:00 Masses - come and join us in the hall for a catch-up with old and new friends. We'll be serving bacon rolls, croissants, scones, homemade cakes, tea, coffee and hot chocolate with marshmallows!

PURLEY FOOD HUB collection takes place next weekend: purleyfoodhub.net

NOVEMBER INDULGENCES: A **plenary indulgence**, applicable only to the Holy Souls in Purgatory, is granted on each day from 1-8 November inclusive, for visiting a cemetery and praying for the dead (even if only mentally). **Partial indulgences** are granted to those who recite Lauds or Vespers of the Office of the Dead, and to those who recite the prayer "*Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.*" On All Souls Day (3 November in 2025) a plenary indulgence (applicable only to the dead) is granted to the faithful who devoutly visit a church or an oratory and recite there an *Our Father* and the Creed. **Please note that:** only one indulgence may be gained per day; one should have the interior disposition of complete detachment from sin, even venial sin; one must be in the state of grace at the time of performing the work, and fulfil the following conditions: sacramental confession and Eucharistic Communion within "*about 20 days*", and prayer for the intention of the Sovereign Pontiff for which an *Our Father* and *Hail Mary* suffice. For a reminder of **what the Church teaches about indulgences**, see: <https://www.catholic.com/tract/primer-on-indulgences>.

CHERISH LIFE CONFERENCE: A one-day conference to help us build a culture of life will take place on 22 November 2025 at St John the Baptist Parish Hall, 11:00-16:00. This event is for everyone who has a heart to defend unborn babies and their mothers from the tragedy of abortion. For more information, see the leaflets available in the church. Register: cherishlife.eventbrite.co.uk, or scan QR code on leaflets, or call 07926007175.

CWG meets at 14:00 on Wednesday 5th November in Parish Hall. Speaker: Thomas O'Connor, on "*Green Man Growing: Regenerative Farming*". Non-members welcome.

PIVOTAL PLAYERS: Parishioners are invited to take part in two further episodes of the *Pivotal Players* series, running from 19:00-21:00 in the Parish Hall on Wednesday 5th November (*St Augustine*) and on Wednesday 12th November (*St Benedict*).

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); applicants subject to approval and DBS clearance.

HCPT GROUP 14: Two helper spaces have become available for Easter 2026. Please contact Jane ASAP on group14@hcpt.org.uk if you would like to experience Lourdes with HCPT (5-11 April 2026). £1300 all-inclusive. See www.hcpt.org.uk.

THE JOHN FISHER MUSIC DEPARTMENT invites you to a St Cecilia Concert on Thursday 20th November 2025 at 18:30. St Mark's Church, 8 Church Road, Purley CR8 3QQ.

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.

COLOMA MASS OF REMEMBRANCE on Tuesday 25th November at 16:00 (at school) to remember all deceased Coloma students, staff & family members. Families of those who have died are invited to attend; please RSVP to liturgy@coloma.co.uk by 18th November indicating the name of your loved to be remembered at this Mass.

PART-TIME CARER wanted for elderly couple in the parish; looking for an experienced carer to support an elderly couple at home in Riddlesdown. They have lived independently until now but are in need of some support, starting with some weekday mornings. Please contact Ralph at ralphxlee@gmail.com if interested.