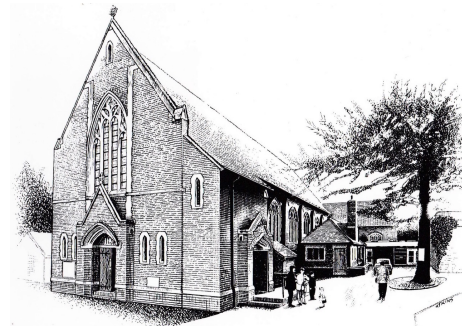


ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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5TH OCTOBER 2025

27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PSALTER WEEK 3

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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.

LAST CALL: please come with your child (& proof of his/her baptism & First Holy Communion) to the **Parish Hall at 18:30 on Friday 10th October.**

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

and for those whose anniversaries are at this time: Charmion Pereira, James Gibney, Elizabeth Pointer, Josef Jasnowski, Joan Green, Elizabeth Sullivan, Mary Devereux, Hugh Johnston, Peter Weir and John Peacock.

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.



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LAMP INTENTIONS

Sanctuary: Francesca Neely
Risen Lord: M. & A. Hamid
Our Lady: Vocations to Priesthood
St Joseph: Private intention
St Thérèse: Peace in the Holy Land

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday 5th October
27TH SUNDAY IN
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18:00 (Sat) All parishioners

08:30 JFS Mary Clarke RIP

08:30 Rev Geoffrey Burke
RIP

10:00 Mr S M Henry RIP

12:00 Owen Simon RIP

18:00 Juan Parodi RIP
(10th Anniversary)

Monday 6th October

St Bruno, Priest

07:30 Norman Luck RIP

10:00 James Donovan RIP

Tuesday 7th October

Our Lady of the Rosary

10:00 Ambrose & Veronica
Joseph RIP

Wednesday 8th October

07:30 Marie & Desmond
Ryan RIP

10:00 Int Sergio Caires

Thursday 9th October

*St John Henry Newman,
Priest*

10:00 Anne Brownsell RIP

Friday 10th October

*St Paulinus of York,
Bishop & Missionary*

07:30 Francis Gardom RIP

10:00 John & Anne Gwynn
RIP

Saturday 11th October

Pope St John XXIII

10:00 Kamal Padmasiri RIP

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

Congratulations & welcome to Lake Warren Austin D'Costa baptised at St John the Baptist this weekend

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

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. This week, back by popular demand, we are running a self-defence session and making badges as well as all our usual games and our popular tuck shop. No need to book - just come along and join in the fun!

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

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.

AN EVENING WITH ST PIER GIORGIO FRASSATI: *15 Days of Prayer with Saint Pier Giorgio Frassati* by Fr Charles Desjoberg 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>.

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 CRUSADE OF REPARATION - 11TH OCTOBER: An annual event, now in its 40th year, the procession with the Statue of Our Lady of Fatima starts at Westminster Cathedral and ends at the Brompton Oratory. The rosary is prayed en route. The procession will end with Solemn Benediction finishing by 18:00. A group including Fr John Howard will be attending and will be leaving St John the Baptist at noon to take the 12:27 train from Purley. Children must be accompanied by an adult. All welcome.

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.

JOHN FISHER SCHOOL FOR BOYS (11-18): Open mornings for parents/carers and their sons, who are moving to secondary school in September 2026 (current year 6), are taking place on Tuesday 7th and Friday 10th October. Each morning will include a welcome from the Headteacher and a tour of the school. Pre-booking is essential via the school www.johnfisherschool.org.

MINI-RETREATS FOR WOMEN: You are invited to join a mini-retreat to spend time in personal prayer and reflection in front of the Blessed Sacrament. There will be a period of guided prayer from a priest of the Prelature of Opus Dei, as well as an opportunity for confession and spiritual guidance. Retreats are held at: Hillcrest, 33 Plough Lane, Purley CR8 3QG, on Wednesday 8 October 11:00-13:00; Thursday 9 October 19:00-21:00, and Saturday 11 October 11:00-13:00.