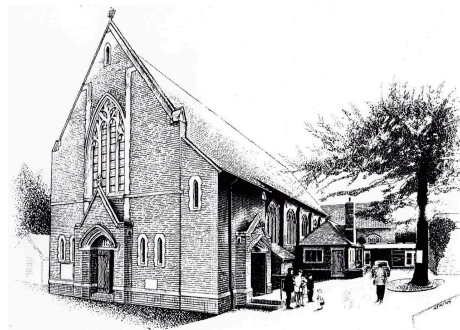


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21ST JUNE 2026

12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PSALTER WEEK 4

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SACRAMENTS

BECOMING A CATHOLIC: Contact the Parish Priest.
BAPTISM OF CHILDREN: Contact the Parish Secretary.
FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS: 2026 registrations now closed.
HOLY COMMUNION VISITS: Holy Communion is taken to the housebound of the parish regularly; contact the Parish Secretary.
CONFIRMATIONS: 2026 registrations are now closed. Adults seeking confirmation should contact the Parish Secretary.
CONFESSIONS: Saturdays 10:30-11:30 & 17:15-17:50, Sundays during 10:00 Mass, & by appointment/on request (ask clergy).
MARRIAGE: Contact Parish Secretary (min. six months before).
HOLY ORDERS: Contact the Parish Priest if interested in exploring a vocation to the priesthood/diaconate.
ANOINTING OF THE SICK/EXTREME UNCTION: Please contact the Parish Secretary. In urgent need (danger of death) call 020 8660 3815 (leaving a message if necessary).
HOSPITAL: Ask ward staff for a "Roman Catholic chaplain".

DEVOTIONS & ACTIVITIES

ADORATION: Weekdays (Mon-Fri) before 10:00 Mass. On Saturdays post-10:00 Mass; concludes w. **BENEDICTION** c.11:30.
HOLY ROSARY: Mon, Wed & Fri at 07:00; Tue & Thu at 10:30.
CHARISMATIC PRAYER: Thu post-10:00 Mass (in side chapel).
YOUTH CLUB (8-16): 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.
ST GERARD'S SOCIETY: First Fridays at 19:30.
MOTHER TERESA GROUP: Third Wednesdays 14:00-16:00.

WEDNESDAY COFFEE

Parish Hall after 10:00 Mass (weekly).

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: submit items by 13:00 on Tuesday.

PARISH CELEBRATION WITH + JOHN WILSON THE METROPOLITAN ARCHBISHOP OF SOUTHWARK

Archbishop John joins us to celebrate **today's 12:00 Mass**, observing the external Solemnity of the Nativity of St John the Baptist (our patronal feast). Mass is followed by our **annual parish party**, with food, drinks, and entertainments. Please take the opportunity to join the rest of our parish family for this joyful day as we welcome His Grace to Purley! *Many thanks to all who are assisting in so many ways.*

Please pray for those who have died recently inc. Christopher Rayner, Ann Lawlor, and Canon Alan McLean;

and for those whose anniversaries are at this time: Coral Ennis, Patrick Callanan, Neel Uberoi, Christopher O'Reilly, Kevin O'Doherty, and Peter Rennie;

and also for those who are currently unwell: Toni Kowal, Theodora-Angelica Acha, Joanne Walker, Jane Pollon, Alan Griffiths, Douglas Johnston, Ryan Baker, Michael Edwards, David Palmer, Paulin Carpenter, Canon David Caine, Anne Mawer, John Swadling, Ian Stewart, Fontana Maria, Elzbieta Cedro, Antonia Smith, Tom & Sally O'Regan, Michael Whale, Gwen Carne, Yvonne Wade, Jenny Strong, Philip Burger, Thelma Vincent, Philip Hendry, Harry Donnelly, Maria Traquino, Matthew Benn, Selina Vernor, Cathy Ashdown, and Marie O'Grady.

Please donate via website, collection at Mass, making a bank transfer to parish account, or **scanning QR code with device** →
Account name: RCAS Purley
Number: 79116345
Sort Code: 60-50-01

This Week Second Collection: Day for Life. Next week: Peter's Pence
May Offertory: Total £15,139.92 with £10,041.70 Gift Aided (65%)
Thank you for your generosity and commitment to Gift Aiding



LAMP INTENTIONS

Sanctuary: Abp John Wilson
Risen Lord: Peace in Middle East
Our Lady: David F. Murphy
St Joseph: C. Rayner RIP
St Thérèse: Private intention

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday 21st June
TWELFTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

18:00 (Sat) Irina Cordo
Menezes RIP

08:30 JFS Thomas Hensler
RIP

08:30 Vilma Dalla Pria RIP

10:00 Mr Basil Louis Sixtus
RIP

12:00 Ambrose & Veronica
Joseph RIP

*[This Mass kept as the
External Solemnity of the
Nativity of St John the Baptist]*

18:00 All parishioners

Monday 22nd June
*Ss John Fisher, Bishop, &
Thomas More, Martyrs*

07:30 Caroline Adams RIP

10:00 Raymond Walsh &
deceased family members
RIP

Tuesday 23rd June
St Etheldreda, Abbess

10:00 Holy Souls in
Purgatory

Wednesday 24th June
THE NATIVITY

OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST
07:30 Eleanor Mary Harris
RIP

10:00 Sister Eugene Collins
RIP

Thursday 25th June

10:00 Joan Williams & family
RIP

Friday 26th June

07:30 Pauline Royle RIP

10:00 Mrs M Fernandes RIP

Saturday 27th June

The Blessed Virgin Mary
10:00 Int Rylan Taylor

Sunday 28th June

SAINTS PETER & PAUL

18:00 (Sat) Andrew
Greenhalgh RIP

08:30 JFS All parishioners

08:30 Mary Celani RIP

10:00 Gordon & Valerie
Lawrence RIP

12:00 Denis Hopkin RIP

18:00 John & Mavis Knight
RIP



Funeral Mass
at St John the Baptist

Thursday 25th June 12:00
Ann Marie Lawlor RIP

A happy Father's Day to all our parish fathers!

YOUTH CLUB (8-16): In light of the Archbishop's visit and parish festivities on Sunday 21 June, Youth Club regulars are invited to join the parish party after the 12:00 Mass. Regular sessions will resume as advertised.

IGNITE (13-16): This Sunday 18:45-20:30 in the Parish Hall.

DAY FOR LIFE: The Church teaches that life is to be nurtured from conception to natural death. In England and Wales, the Day for Life is celebrated on the third Sunday of June each year. This year it falls on 21 June. The second collection this week supports the Day for Life Fund.

ASSISTED SUICIDE: Lauren Edwards MP is reintroducing the failed assisted suicide bill to Parliament. There will be a vote in the House of Commons on 11 September 2026. Once again the lives of disabled, sick, and vulnerable people are threatened. Please write to your MP to express your concern that this bill is back and urge him/her to vote against it.

"THERE IS NO PLACE FOR RACISM": Archbishop John Wilson has published a message for the parishes of the Archdiocese of Southwark this weekend, addressing the theme of human dignity and the importance of *"building communities where every person is welcomed, valued, and loved."* The full text can be found at <https://tinyurl.com/noplace2026>.

COFFEE AFTER 10:00 MASS ON SUNDAY 28 JUNE: hosted by the Croydon South SPUC. *'All life has inestimable value even the weakest and most vulnerable, the sick, the old, the unborn, and the poor are masterpieces of God's creation'* (Pope Francis). Please join us.

JFS CHAPEL COFFEE: Please join us **NEXT SUNDAY** (28 June) in the Sixth Form block after 08:30 Mass for tea, coffee, and a variety of savouries & cakes.

CHRISTOPHER RAYNER RIP: The funeral of the late Christopher Rayner will take place on Monday 22nd June at 12:30 at St Elpheges Church, Wallington SM6 9AY.

FISH & WINE SUPPER - FRIDAY 26 JUNE: HCPT Group 14 will be hosting this new fundraising event on Friday 26 June at 19:30. Each person will receive a bottle of wine or non alcoholic alternative and an amazing array of seafood. Tickets £25pp or £175 for a table of eight. Tickets will be on sale after all Masses this weekend - or contact Noel Brownsell at noelbrownsell756@gmail.com or on 07788 713919.

CATHOLICISM ON SS PETER AND PAUL: Another opportunity to watch the Bishop Barron session on *"The Indispensable Men: Peter, Paul, and the Missionary Adventure"* on Monday 29 June after the 10:00 Mass in the bar area of the Parish Hall.

CWG REMINDER: On Wednesday 1 July the CWG will meet for lunch at 12:00 at The Dene Restaurant, Woldingham (in the Blue Room). Car sharing would be helpful; any enquiries should be addressed to committee members.

LOURDES 2027: After a fantastic pilgrimage at Easter to celebrate the 70th anniversary of HCPT, Group 14 are opening up the invitation to parishioners to go next year as a volunteer carer for a child. Travelling 28th March - 3rd April; cost approximately £1100. No prior experience necessary, just a fun-loving attitude and a willingness to work hard. Please e-mail Jane as soon as possible if interested in finding out more: group14@hcpt.org.uk. Follow on Instagram and Facebook using [@hcptgroup14](https://www.instagram.com/hcptgroup14).

FAITH SUMMER BREAK FOR 11-15 YEAR OLDS (10-13 AUGUST 2026): Set in the beautiful grounds of St Mary's School, Ascot, the Faith Summer Break is an exciting four days combining faith and fun activities in a relaxed holiday setting. The week is structured around getting to know God and each other. Includes Holy Mass each day, talks about the Catholic Faith, discussions, prayer, quizzes, art and craft, games, sports and a visit to Thorpe Park. In recent years Purley young people have attended and enjoyed it. The break costs £250 per child (which includes accommodation, meals and a day trip to Thorpe Park) and it is possible to book either by paying the full amount up-front or a £50 deposit. **Thanks to the generosity of parish benefactors we have sponsorship available for a number of attendees;** please speak to Fr Francis regarding availability. More information about the break can be found by visiting: <https://www.faith.org.uk/events/faith-summer-break-2026>.

REDUCED SUMMER MASS SCHEDULE: A reminder that, as previously indicated and in compliance with directions from the Archdiocese, there will be no 08:30 Mass at the John Fisher Chapel on the following Sundays in 2026: 19, 26 July — 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 August — 6 September.

VOLUNTEER TO ORGANISE SUNDAY READERS' ROTA ONCE A QUARTER: After 15 years or so organising the reader's rota, Pat Cook would like to hand on this important role to a new volunteer. She has a folder of useful information to pass on and would be happy to help during the changeover. Please contact the Parish Office if you can help.