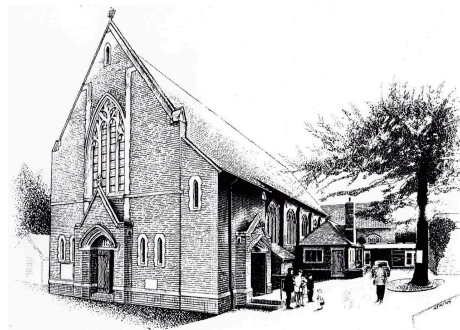


ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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5TH JULY 2026

14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PSALTER WEEK 2

Parish Priest	Fr Francis Murphy	francismurphy@rcaos.org.uk	
Assistant Priest	Fr John Howard	johnhoward@rcaos.org.uk	
Parish Secretary	Rebecca Roberts	purley@rcaos.org.uk	Parish Office: Mon- Fri 09:00-13:00
Gift Aid	Phil Strugnell	purleygac@rcaos.org.uk	
Safeguarding	Nadia Corsini & Margaret Hill	purleysgl@safeguardrcaos.org.uk - purleysg2@safeguardrcaos.org.uk	
Hall Bookings	Praetorium Hall Hire	office@lowcosthalls.co.uk or tel. 01372 457651	

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.

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 children attending;** please speak/write to Fr Francis to secure a bursary.

<https://www.faith.org.uk/events/faith-summer-break-2026>

Please pray for those who have died recently inc. Canon Alan McLean, Gerard Bolt, Clive Firth, and Peter Lydon;

and for those whose anniversaries are at this time: Dorothy Nesbitt, Kathleen Smith, Neil Manley, Alfred Morris, Clyne Callanan, Pauline Peniston-Bird, Jeanne Harding, Thomas Ross, Rose Williams, Antonio Suarez, and William Darcy;

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

Next week second collection: Stella Maris



LAMP INTENTIONS

Sanctuary: HH Pope Leo XVI
Risen Lord: Private intention
Our Lady: Liam Murphy
St Joseph: Rayan Fernando RIP
St Thérèse: Kitty Grant RIP

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday 5th July
FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

18:00 (Sat) Ambrose & Veronica Joseph RIP

08:30 JFS Dr Richard Buckley RIP

08:30 Int Amara & Theo Robinson

10:00 Sean & Bernadette Delaney RIP

12:00 Morgan Fahy RIP

18:00 All parishioners

Monday 6th July

07:30 Norman Luck RIP

10:00 Mr & Mrs G Fernandes RIP

Tuesday 7th July

10:00 Holy Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday 8th July

07:30 Welfare Margaret Gorman

10:00 Charlie Burke - Gwosdz RIP

Thursday 9th July

10:00 Anne Brownsell RIP

Friday 10th July

07:30 Caroline Adams RIP

10:00 Marcel Anaele RIP

Saturday 11th July

*St Benedict, Abbott,
Patron of Europe*

10:00 Kamal Padmasiri RIP

Sunday 12th July

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

18:00 (Sat) Theresa Hearne RIP

08:30 JFS All parishioners

08:30 John Kellecher RIP

10:00 Theresa Hearne RIP

12:00 Mary Stradling RIP

18:00 Private Intention

*Congratulations & welcome to
Matilda Kelley & Jasper Rogers
baptised at St John the Baptist this weekend*

HCPT COFFEE MORNING: HCPT are holding a coffee morning after the 8:30 and 10:00 Masses. All are invited to join for croissants, bacon rolls, and homemade cakes. Cash and card payments accepted.

YOUTH CLUB (8-16) this Sunday (16:15-17:45) in the Parish Hall.

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

ST VINCENT DE PAUL – SUMMER RAFFLE TICKETS ON SALE after Masses this weekend. Tickets are priced at £1 each or £5 for a book of five. All proceeds will support the SVP in providing practical assistance to those in need.

PURLEY FOOD HUB monthly collection takes place this weekend. See purleyfoodhub.net.

NEW BEAVERS COLONY AT ST JOHN THE BAPTIST starting on Monday 7 September at 17:00 for boys and girls aged between 6-8 years. Parents and carers are invited to meet and learn more about the new Beavers Colony on Wednesday 8 July at 19:30 in the Parish Hall.

SEMINARIAN ON PLACEMENT: The parish looks forward to hosting Liam Murphy, a seminarian (student for the priesthood) from mid-July to mid-August. Liam's home parish is St Elizabeth of Portugal, Richmond, and he is currently completing his first year at the Venerable English College in Rome. Further details in due course.

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.

CATHOLICISM ON ST BENEDICT: Another opportunity to watch the Bishop Barron Pivotal Player session on St Benedict on Monday 13 July - after 10:00 Mass in bar area of Parish Hall.

TEMPORARY VOLUNTEER SACRISTY CLEANER: Can you help to clean the Sacristy in August whilst our regular cleaners take a well deserved holiday? Please contact the Parish Office if you can help.

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 join next year as a volunteer carer for a child. Travelling 28 March - 3 April and it will cost approximately £1100. No prior experience is necessary, just a fun-loving attitude and a willingness to work hard. HCPT Group 14 are also looking for a nurse to travel with them. Please email Jane as soon as possible if you're interested in finding out more group14@hcpt.org.uk. Please follow us on Instagram and Facebook on @hcptgroup14.

MARGARET ROPER SCHOOL: Can you spare some time each week to help a child that is struggling to read? Margaret Roper School is looking for volunteers to help improve reading skills of their pupils. Your time can really make a difference - listen to children read and then chat about the stories. Just an hour a week on a day that suits you. A free DBS check will be required. For more information please e-mail office@margaretroper.croydon.sch.uk.

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.

HISTORICAL NORBERTINE RITE MASS AT BAYHAM OLD ABBEY: Join for a special day at Bayham Old Abbey, celebrating its original Norbertine heritage with a sung *Missa Cantata* (Gregorian chant Mass) in the historic setting of the Abbey itself. This is a rare opportunity to experience the beauty of the Norbertine Rite, prayed on the very site where the Premonstratensian canons once lived and worshipped. Mass will be celebrated by the Norbertine Fathers of Peckham. Further details: <https://tinyurl.com/bayhamnorb>.

WEBELIEVE FESTIVAL OF CATHOLIC LIFE (24-7 JULY) at St Mary's College, Oscott (Birmingham), brings thousands together to encounter Jesus Christ in His Church. An opportunity to discover the traditions and charisms that flow through the Church, to grow in authentic community, and to encounter the transforming love of God. Tickets can be booked at webeliefestival.com