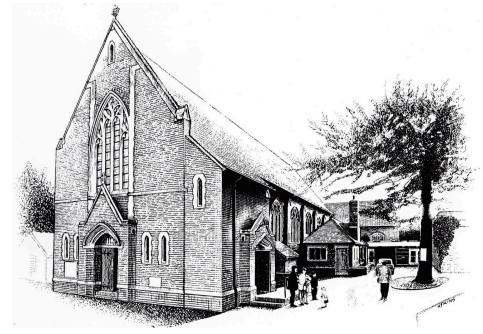


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27TH SEPTEMBER 2026

26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PSALTER WEEK 2

Parish Priest
Assistant Priest
Parish Secretary
Gift Aid
Safeguarding
Hall Bookings

Fr Francis Murphy
Fr John Howard
Rebecca Roberts
Phil Strugnell
Nadia Corsini & Margaret Hill
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Parish Office: Mon-Fri 09:00-13:00

SACRAMENTS

BECOMING A CATHOLIC: Contact the Parish Priest.
BAPTISM OF CHILDREN: Contact the Parish Secretary.
FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS: See parish website re: 2027.
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 16:00-17:45.
IGNITE (13-16): Sundays in term-time, Hall 18:45-20:35.
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.
BEAVERS: (6-8): Mondays in term-time, Hall 17:30-18:45.

WEDNESDAY COFFEE

Parish Hall after 10:00 Mass (weekly).

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

LEAVING COLLECTION FOR FR FRANCIS

After the news that our Parish Priest Fr Francis has been appointed to a new assignment in Richmond from October, there will be a collection for a leaving gift for him. if you would like to contribute you can do so by:

- Using the envelopes available in the church porch;
- Via our payment portals (in the church or *online*), choosing the option "FR FRANCIS'S LEAVING GIFT".

Fr Francis's last Masses in the parish will be on Sunday 4 October. We will present him with his gift **after the 12:00 Mass on Sunday 4 October in the Parish Hall**. Please join us to say goodbye and for refreshments!

If you can help on Saturday afternoon (16:00) to set up, or Sunday to tidy up, please contact the parish Office.

Please pray for those who have died recently inc. Verne-Bruce Sylvester and Mark Blackwell;

and for those whose anniversaries are at this time: Patrick Tyrell, Bridget Lay, Elizabeth Cole, Herbert Wellington, Richard Matthews, Sydney Johnson, Ellena Allen, Anthony Hannah, Paddy Doherty, Patrick McDonald, Anne Mitchell, Charles Godfrey, Eileen Hoar and Charmion Pereira.

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, 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, Cathy Ashdown, Marie O'Grady, Margaret Gorman and Anthony Dooley.

Please donate via website, collection at Mass,
making a bank transfer to parish account,
or **scanning QR code with device** →

CAFOD Harvest Family Fast Day
Friday 2nd October 2026

Use the CAFOD envelope in church,
donate: cafod.org.uk/envelope or call 0303 303 3030.



LAMP INTENTIONS

Sanctuary: Fr John Howard
Risen Lord: Ewen Paterson
Our Lady: Private intention
St Joseph: Mark Blackwell RIP
St Thérèse: Marie McConway RIP

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday 27th September TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

18:00 (Sat) Jimmy
Santaniello RIP

08:30 JFS Int Condon family
08:30 Joseph & Margaret
Abeyratne RIP
10:00 Msgr Paul P Louis
RIP
12:00 Ann Widdecombe RIP
18:00 All parishioners

Monday 28th September *St Wenceslaus, Martyr*

07:30 John Mc Granaghan
RIP
10:00 Michael Coutinho RIP

Tuesday 29th September *Ss Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels*

10:00 Holy souls in
purgatory

Wednesday 30th September *St Jerome, Priest & Doctor*

07:30 Pauline Royle RIP
10:00 Constance Anderson
RIP

Thursday 1st October *St Thérèse of the Child Jesus*

10:00 In Thanksgiving
(Dourado)

Friday 2nd October *The Holy Guardian Angels*

07:30 Wellbeing Bérengère
Barrau
10:00 Int Anna & Toni Kowal

Saturday 3rd October *The Blessed Virgin Mary*

10:00 Int Mothers Prayers

Sunday 4th October TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

18:00 (Sat) Deceased
relatives O'Reilly family RIP

08:30 JFS Mary Clarke RIP
08:30 Int Ken Sonaram
10:00 Mr S M Henry RIP
12:00 Ambrose & Veronica
Joseph RIP
18:00 All parishioners



Funeral Mass at St John the Baptist

Mark Blackwell RIP
Thursday 15th October
at 12:00

Congratulations & welcome to Matteo Andrea Pizzey baptised at St John the Baptist this weekend

SUNDAY COFFEE after the 10:00 Mass is kindly hosted by Eileen and Alex in the Parish Hall.

JFS CHAPEL COFFEE returns this Sunday after the 08:30 Mass in the sixth form block.

Purley Food Hub collection next weekend. Full list available here purleyfoodhub.net

FRIENDS OF THE HOLY LAND: This weekend Chris Timmins of Friends of the Holy Land, will be speaking after all Masses. For further information: www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk

ST CARLO ACUTIS EUCHARISTIC MIRACLES EXHIBITION: From 7 - 22 November our parish will host the International Eucharistic Miracles exhibition. Originally conceived and designed by St Carlo Acutis, and presenting over 100 Eucharistic miracles which occurred over the centuries in various countries and are recognised by the Church. We will be holding some events about St Carlos Acutis's life and Eucharistic miracles during the exhibition. If you are willing to help with these events please speak to or email Fr John: johnhoward@rcaos.org.uk. We also invite pupils from local schools to come and explore the exhibition, please contact the parish office if you would like to organise a school visit.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2027: Please see the parish website for initial details concerning next year's First Holy Communion programme.

CERTIFICATE OF CATHOLIC PRACTICE: Parents seeking a Certificate of Catholic Practice for school admission purposes should send a clear photo of their and their child's face, along with the child's Baptism (and where applicable First Communion) certificate(s), to purley@rcaos.org.uk. They must also provide details of which Mass they regularly attend, their postal address (inc. postcode), and the child's date of birth. Certificates will not be issued to those whom the clergy are not certain meet the Bishops of England and Wales' definition of a practicing Catholic, namely "attending Mass on Sundays and holidays of obligation."

YOUTH CLUB this Sunday from 16:00-17:45 in the Parish Hall. Ages 8 -16. This week we will be playing dodgeball, and creating some items to sell at HCPT's fundraising event. Next week (4 October) - No youth club due to Fr Francis's leaving party. Sunday 11 October we have a special guest, a lawyer, running a court-room role-play for us.

IGNITE this Sunday from 18:45-20:35 in the Parish Hall. Ages 13-16.

ST GERARD'S SOCIETY welcomes all women of the parish to a night of fun, sharing and mutual support on Friday 2 October at 19:30 in the church hall. Refreshments provided. Want to become a member? Contact acuncev@gmail.com

MOTHERS PRAYERS TALK: You are invited to a *Mothers Prayers talk* on Saturday 3 October. Starting with Mass at 10:00 at St John the Baptist Church, the day will then continue in the Parish Hall, concluding with finishing prayer at 15:45. Please bring a packed lunch. For the full timetable please see the parish noticeboard. Enquiries: berylfawkes@hotmail.com

BLESSING OF PETS - ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI: Parishioners with pets are invited to bring them to the grassy area outside the Parish Hall at 14:00 next Sunday 4 October (the feast of St Francis of Assisi), where they will be blessed.

CATHOLICISM ON ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI: Another opportunity to watch the Pivotal Players session on St Francis of Assisi on Monday 5 October after the 10:00 Mass in the hall.

CWG monthly meeting on Wednesday 7 October in the Parish Hall at 14:00. We will be showing the film "*The Hundred Foot Journey*" starring Helen Mirren. Visitors warmly welcomed. Teas: Lina Knol and Sheelagh Schockman. The Catholic Women's Group (CWG) was formed in 1991 to bring together Catholic women regardless of marital status, and the non-Catholic wives of Catholic men. Our aim is to enjoy Friendship, Faith, Fun and help when needed. We enjoy shared interest in other church groups, including those in the Croydon Deanery. Further information on the Church notice board.

HCPT GROUP 14 are inviting all artists and crafts people in the parish to show off their work during our coffee morning after the 08.30 and 10:00 Masses on 11 October. This can be paintings, etchings, sculpture or anything that demonstrates your artistic output. For planning purposes please let us know if you are attending by email to group14@hcpt.org.uk.

NEW MASS READERS NEEDED We are short of readers for the Saturday and Sunday Masses. If you are able to commit to joining our team or would like to know more, please contact Michael Fisher on 07772 159717 or mp.fisher@btinternet.com.