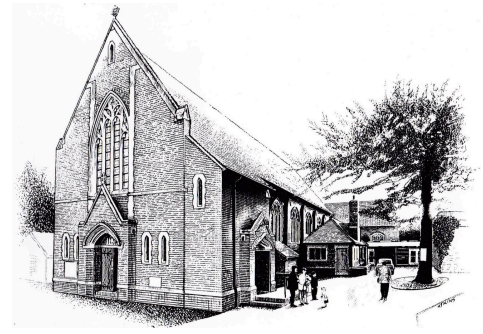


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11TH OCTOBER 2026

28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PSALTER WEEK 4

Parish Priest
Assistant Priest
Parish Secretary
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Hall Bookings

Fr Seba Sebamalai
Fr John Howard
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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.

A MESSAGE FROM FR FRANCIS:

"Thank you so much for the kindness you showed me last week; after five years in the parish as Assistant and then Parish Priest, it meant a lot to be able to say farewell to so many. My gratitude to those who worked so hard to arrange food, drink, music etc. for the day. Thanks also for your generous leaving gift and many messages; the people of Purley will always be in my affections and my prayers."

Please pray for those who have died recently inc. Mark Blackwell;

and for those whose anniversaries are at this time: Peter Weir, John Peacock, Peter Bunce, David Shrimpton, Kathleen Lawther, Mary Ward, Doreen Baxter, Martha Lobo, David Mc Aleese, Michael Hill, Ethel Dunn, Simon Stirling, Kellie McBride, Lucie Hampson, and Paddy O'Sullivan;

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** →

Next week second Collection: Missio



LAMP INTENTIONS

Sanctuary: Maria De Sousa
Risen Lord: Prisoners & their families
Our Lady: Fr Seba
St Joseph: Children of Ukraine
St Thérèse: Brunni family

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday 11th October TWENTY EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

18:00 (Sat) Michael
Coutinho RIP

08:30 JFS Welfare Pauline
Rayner & Christopher
Rayner RIP

08:30 Arthur Knight RIP

10:00 Kamal Padmasiri RIP

12:00 Mr P L Joseph RIP

18:00 All parishioners

Monday 12th October *St Wilfred, Bishop*

07:30 Fr Donald Minchew
RIP

10:00 Edward & Kathleen
Cook RIP

Tuesday 13th October *St Edward the Confessor, King* **10:00** Diane Stanley RIP

Wednesday 14th October
St Callistus, Pope & Martyr
07:30 Jill & Terry Braim (60th
Wedding Anniversary)
10:00 John W Bolton RIP

Thursday 15th October
*St Teresa of Jesus (Ávila)
Virgin & Doctor*
10:00 Patrick Goulding RIP

Friday 16th October
St Hedwig
07:30 Sally Comber RIP
10:00 Herbert Gywnn RIP

Saturday 17th October
*St Ignatius Of Antioch,
Bishop & Martyr*
10:00 Ambrose & Veronica
Joseph RIP

Sunday 18th October TWENTY NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

18:00 (Sat) Clare & Giles
Morris RIP

08:30 JFS Welfare Rebecca
Norman

08:30 Joseph & Margaret
Abeyratne RIP

10:00 All parishioners

12:00 Owen Simon RIP

18:00 In Thanksgiving Fr
Francis & Fr John



Funeral Mass
at St John the Baptist

Mark Blackwell RIP
Thursday 15th October
at 12:00

FR SEBA'S FIRST WEEKEND: Our new parish priest, Fr Seba, will have his first weekend in Purley on 17/18 October. Please take the opportunity to introduce yourself and welcome him to the parish. We are grateful to Canon William Agley for assisting Fr John with Sunday Masses this weekend.

PRISONERS SUNDAY: This Sunday we are reminded of the need to pray for prisoners and their families. Pact, the national Catholic prison charity, supports prisoners and their families, offering them hope and the chance to turn their lives around. Their dedicated staff and volunteers facilitate prison visits and help people with emergency welfare grants. If you wish to donate, please use one of the envelopes in church.

NEXT SUNDAY - WORLD MISSION SUNDAY: Next Sunday the Holy Father invites all Catholics to support MISSIO - his charity for world mission through a special collection. This day of prayer, solidarity and giving unites Catholics worldwide to share the Good News of God's love which has the power to transform lives and heal our world. To donate use the Missio envelopes, call 020 7821 9755, or visit missio.org.uk. Please Gift Aid if possible.

HCPT COFFEE MORNING AND ART EXHIBITION: Come and join us for tea/coffee, bacon rolls, croissants and homemade cakes on sale after 8:30 and 10:00 Masses this Sunday. Cash and card payments accepted. In addition, there will be artwork for sale and gift stalls. Come and join us for a friendly chat and raise money for children to go to Lourdes.

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

YOUTH CLUB: Our Parish Youth Club meets every Sunday from 16:00-17:45 in the parish hall. All are welcome aged 8 -16. This week we have a special guest, Cari Hyde-Vaamonde, a lawyer and member of our parish, running a courtroom role-play for us. We will then be on half term break until Sunday 1st November. Do you have a skill, expertise or interest you could share with our young people? E-mail jtbyouthclub@gmail.com.

IGNITE this Sunday from 18:45-20:35 in the Parish Hall for ages 13-16. Join us for pizza, cake, faith and friends! E-mail purleyignite@rcaos.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 Carlo Acutis's life and Eucharistic miracles during the exhibition. If you are willing to help with these events please speak to or e-mail 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.

ST TERESA OF AVILA: Another opportunity to watch the *Pivotal Players* session on *St Teresa of Avila* on Thursday 15 October after the 10:00 Mass in the hall.

MARGARET ROPER PRIMARY SCHOOL QUIZ NIGHT – FRIDAY 16TH OCTOBER: Join us for our annual quiz hosted by Year 6 parents, at Margaret Roper Primary School, Purley. Doors open at 19:00, quiz starts at 19:30. Tickets cost £15 per person and include light snacks and your first drink free. Our bar will be open, so there's no need to bring your own drinks. There will also be amazing prizes to win in our raffle! Secure your spot now by emailing margaretroperpta@gmail.com. We hope to see lots of you there.

JFS ANNUAL MASS OF REMEMBRANCE: Sunday 8 November 2026 at 11:30 at the John Fisher School Chapel. We would like to invite all John Fisher School families, Old Boys of the School, and their families, to our annual Mass of Remembrance. During the Mass, our Book of Remembrance is read aloud to honour the school's past Founders, Teachers, Governors, and Pupils. Refreshments will be served in the Sixth Form Centre following the Mass.

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED: Thank you for your generous support. Your donation of £1650.83 will help suffering Christians all around the world.

FULL-TIME LIVE-IN CARER WANTED for elderly couple in the parish. We are looking for an experienced carer to live-in with an elderly couple who are in their 90's at home in Riddlesdown. Please contact Ralph at ralphxlee@gmail.com if you would like to find out more about the position.