



The Baptism of the Lord - Year A

10th/11th January 2026

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS		
Sat 10 9.30am 6pm	Melchor Garcia Jeanette (Kiki) Hocking	RIP RIP
Sun 11 8am 9.30am 11am 7pm	Nicholas & Martin Lambert Claudia Canha Philip & Anne Sheridan Nusrat Family	RIP T’GIVING RIP T’GIVING
Mon 12 9.30am	Eileen Carroll	RIP (A)
Tue 13 9.30am 7pm	Lucia Ticzon People of the Parish	RIP INT
Wed 14 9.30am 11am	Dennis D’Mello (B’d day Rem.) FUNERAL - PATRICIA CHRISTOU	RIP RIP
Thur 15 9.30am	Anthony Pavia	RIP
Fri 16 9.30am 7pm	Lily Coutinho Evangeline Gutierrez (50th B’d day)	RIP (A) T’GIVING
Sat 17 9.30am 6pm	Jolan & Joanifa Philip Barreto	T’GIVING RIP
Sun 18 8am 9.30am 11am 7pm	John Igboanugo Jnr (B’d day Rem.) Kate Stokes Ballantyne Family People of the Parish	RIP RIP (A) INT INT
Sanctuary Lamp is lit for intentions of the Fernandes Family		
OTHER REGULAR MASSES, LITURGY		
Confessions and Adoration: Saturday 10.15am-11.15am		
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Morning Prayer: Monday to Friday 9.10am		
Rosary: Monday & Friday 10am; St Anthony Devotion: Tues 10am		
Novena to Mother of Perpetual Help: Wednesday 10am		
Sacred Heart Devotion & Adoration: First Friday (10am-3pm)		
Prayer & Intercessory Group: 3 rd & 4 th Saturday 7pm		
Polish Mass: Every Sunday 1pm		
Malayalam Mass: 3rd Sun 2.30pm		
Filipino Mass: 4th Sat 2.30pm		
Nigerian Mass: 4th Sun 2.30pm		

This weekend we celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, which formally brings the Christmas season to a close, although the crib will remain in place until 2nd February, the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord.

When we think of baptism, we often think of new beginnings: being named, welcomed into the family of faith, becoming part of the parish community, participating in mission, supporting one another on our journey to heaven. This weekend, those themes of new beginning and vocation take on a special meaning for one person in particular. The Rector and Pastoral Director of Allen Hall Seminary have asked us to welcome a seminarian for a pastoral placement, and we are delighted to do so. We therefore warmly welcome Ashley Wells, a third-year seminarian in formation for the priesthood in our diocese, who begins a new stage in his discernment journey with us this weekend. Ashley will be with us full-time, living in the parish, until the summer. I have known Ashley for several years through my work in vocations, and I am confident he will bring many gifts, skills, and talents to parish life, while also benefiting from the rich formative opportunities offered by such a large and lively parish community. Ashley, you are most welcome among us. We look forward to getting to know you better, and we assure you of our prayers as you continue your journey toward priesthood.

Have a Blessed Week
Fr Mike

REST IN PEACE

We pray for the repose of the souls of Jeanette Hocking (Kiki), Patricia (Pat) Christou, John Carroll and Peter Marques who have died recently. May they rest in eternal peace. Funeral details are on the notice board.

SCRIPTURE READINGS (Year A)

Today: The Baptism of the Lord p. 118

Weekdays: First week in Ordinary Time Year II

Morning Prayer Week 1

Next week: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time p. 125

SAINT OF THE WEEK

Saint Anthony Abbot, 251-356
Monk. Memorial - 17 January
"Reject pride and consider everyone more righteous than yourself."

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MINISTERS OF THE WORD (READERS) There will be a short retreat for our parish readers on **Saturday 24th January 2026**, 1-3pm, in the Parish Centre. That weekend is designated as the 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time *of the Word of God*, which is a befitting time for a retreat and recommitment of our parish readers. There will be some 'tips for reading' offered, time for prayer, and a talk on 'The importance and impact of women in the Scriptures'. Refreshments will be served. Please do put this date in your diary.

CATECHISTS WANTED!! Do you have a passion to teach and hand-on the faith, to accompany those seeking a closer relationship with the Lord Jesus, those seeking the sacraments? If so, we are looking to grow our parish catechist team for our sacramental programmes. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer catechist, for either First Holy Communion, Confirmation, Baptism Preparation, Marriage Preparation, Walk With Jesus (Sunday School), please contact our Catechetical Coordinator, Cathy Early, at felthamcatechist@rcdow.org.uk, for more details. Volunteer catechists must be at least 18 years old to apply. Have courage! Do not be afraid to put yourself forward in serving the Lord and the parish this way.

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2026, FROM HEATHROW If you would like to go to Lourdes this year on the diocesan pilgrimage, with our new Archbishop, please give your details to the parish office ASAP. The dates are 17th – 24th July. This year, our parish has been offered return flights from Heathrow, which is so convenient for us, staying full board in the 4-star Padoue Hotel, minutes from the Grotto, including coach transfers from Toulouse Airport (our arrival airport) to Lourdes. The costs are yet to be finalised, but I am told they will be in the region of £1150 per person, based on two sharing. Single rooms are also available at a supplement. We will also undertake some fundraising in the coming months to reduce the prices. Please do not delay – register your interest today!

EXTRA-ORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST especially those taking the Holy Eucharist to the sick, housebound or into care homes, please come to a review meeting on **Monday 19th January at 10.15am**.

COMMUNION ROUTES Following a period of observation and feedback, new routes for us to receive Holy Communion were implemented to help mitigate against any collision with another communicant, whilst offering and receiving the Blessed Sacrament in a more reverent way. Holy Communion is now distributed to the congregation sitting at the front of church, working backwards, and we encourage all those sick members of the parish who cannot process to receive Holy Communion to sit at the front of the church, so that they can receive more easily. Also, the congregation seated in the pews on the right-hand side of the church, as you face the Sanctuary, will come to receive Holy Communion from a minister who is positioned at that side, again, from the front to the back of the church. The congregation in the two main blocks of pews will continue to come down the middle aisle to receive Holy Communion, returning via the side aisles. I hear this was once a familiar practice in the parish and we hope the fruits of this 'renewed' system will be positive.

FRIEND'S CIRCLE - next meeting Monday 12 January at 12.30pm in the presbytery.

MONDAY 12TH JANUARY - If you have an hour or more to spare, please could you help with taking down the Christmas decorations and storing them away for later.

CHILDREN AT MASS We are blessed to see so many of our parish children attending Mass, not only at weekends, but weekdays also. Parents and Guardians thank you for bringing your children to Mass, for bringing them to the Lord. It is important that we all help in the formation of each other, helping children to understand that they have an important place and role in the Church and in the parish. If you have a baby that needs to be fed during Mass, please do not hesitate to feed them, even if this means in your seat. Toddlers and older children are at the age of being taught more and more about Mass, as best we can, encouraging them not to eat during Mass so that they can transition to the 'fast' later on in their lives. If your child cries, please do not worry; it is their contribution to the Mass and, perhaps, even telling us priests and deacons to shorten our homilies! If you feel your child is getting irritable or distracted, again, do not worry, and feel free to take them to the porch or outside to settle them down, but remember to come back in, come back to your church home. We have often found that having the children close to the front of the church not only helps them to focus on everything that is happening on the Sanctuary, it also keeps them interested, distraction-free. So, again, we welcome you and your families to the front of church for as full a participation at Mass as possible. Parents and Guardians, you are the first and best teachers of the faith, and we encourage you and support you in your vocation.

ST PAUL'S CATHOLIC COLLEGE, SUNBURY – ADMISSIONS POLICY CONSULTATION The school is proposing various changes to the Years 7-11 Admissions Policy and to the 6th Form Admissions Policy. The consultation period is from 11th December 2025 and 29th January 2026. If you would like to engage with this consultation, you will find the consultation documents and contact details for your responses on the school website at <https://www.st-pauls.surrey.sch.uk/Admissions/Admissions-Policy-Consultation/>

APPLICATION TO NURSERY SCHOOL - To book an appointment to see one of the clergy for a **Certificate of Catholic Practice (CCP) for Nursery** please see Florie in the Church porch on **Monday 12th January between 8.15-9am and 3-3.45pm** to get a pack and to make an appointment to see either Fr Mike or Fr Andrew. Fr Mike or Fr Andrew will see parents/guardians on **Thursday 22nd January 1pm-4pm, Wednesday 28th January 12noon-3pm and Tuesday 3rd February 1-4pm**.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE DRAW Last chance to collect your prizes Yellow border 189 s/n AD563477, Yellow Border 217 s/n AD536477, Peach border 970 s/n AD898263, Pink border 260 s/n AD532279, Green 727 s/n AD714947, Peach border 114 s/n AD898263 and Blue 910 s/n AB263538. Also available on our website and on the notice boards. Congratulations to the winners! **Please collect your prizes by end Sunday 11th January**.

PARISH OFFICE OPENING TIMES
Mon, Wed, Thur: 10.00am–12noon & Fri: 12.30-2.30pm
Tues, Sat & Sun: Office Closed

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

31st Dec/1 January: Loose £2,485.62
3rd-4th January: Loose £1967.61 Envelopes: £279.02
Total: £2246.63

HSBC BANK ACCOUNT NAME: WRCDDT Feltham
Account No: **71095528** Sort Code: **40-05-20**

Please add your Surname and First Name as a reference, to help our bookkeeper, and indicate if it is for a Donation, Baptism, etc.