

May Devotions During May the Rosary will be recited before all Masses. Please join us.

This Sunday is World Day of Prayers for Vocations and there is a second collection for Priests Training Fund. Envelopes are available at the back of the Church.

Last weeks collections: £1172.00. Thank you for your continued generosity.

Second collection: This week for Priests Training Fund. **Next week:** Queens Platinum Jubilee Tree

Thank you to all those people who also pay by standing order - forms are available in the porch if you would like to make your donation to the Church in this way instead of using gift aid envelopes or cash.

Altar servers Rally at The Friars, Aylesford: It was lovely to be part of it; hopefully next year we make it more a parish and family outing.

Baptisms We welcome into our parish family Caitlin Ann Quinn-Hatcher who was baptized this weekend. Application forms for Baptism are available from a steward in the porch or the parish office. Dates for the baptism course can be seen in the porch. Please phone or email the office if you wish to attend.

School Forms Fr Moses will be available to sign school forms on Thursday between 11am-3pm in the Presbytery. Please note that the day and times change each week.

Wedding Our prayers and congratulations to Martina Bikarova and Ferdinand Dani on their wedding this week at St John's. Please make an appointment to see one of the priests if you would like to get married at St John's.

First Holy Communion Please remember in your prayers the first group of children from St John's School who will be making their First Holy Communion this Saturday at 1pm.

Solidarity with Ukrainian/Russian Refugees: Thank you to all those people who have offered help. Our parish has not been asked to help yet, but we want to be available when needed. We collected £369.27 to help a Ukrainian parishioner.

Mass in Celebration of the Sacrament of Marriage, July 9th at St George's Cathedral 3pm. If you are celebrating your 1/10/25/40/50/60th + wedding anniversary this year, please apply before 31 May. Get in touch with us at mflkent@rcaos.org.uk so you can receive an invitation from the Archbishop. Spaces are limited. The title of your email is parish location e.g. Gravesend. And following details: your names in the format John and Mary Smith, your address, the anniversary you are celebrating. We look forward to seeing you in July!

Mass Offerings: If you would like to have a Mass offered for an intention, please fill in one of marked envelopes and hand to one of the priests or call at the presbytery between 10-2pm if you would like a specific mass. Please note that we cannot always allocate a Mass on the date requested as it may have already been booked, however, your Mass may be shared if you wish.

Padre Pio Prayer Group each Tuesday straight after 9.15am Mass in the Cry Chapel. All welcome to join us in prayer. We especially remember our sick friends and family.

The Divine Mercy each day at 3pm. Please go to the parish website.

Mustard Seed Meet every Friday @7.30pm to nourish their faith with the Word of God (link on parish website)

Wednesday Tea/Coffee Come and join the fellowship after the 12 noon Mass on Wednesday.

200 Club April Winners 1st: £55 - Frank Caufield, 2nd: £35 - David Boyle, 3rd: £25 - William Power, 4th: £15 - Jacky Hardy. Thank you for your continued support. *(Numbers drawn at Wednesday Teas 4th May)*

Children's liturgy - There will be Children's liturgy on the first and third Sundays of the month. Why not consider helping to teach our children? Please contact the parish office or speak to Pip or one of the Priests.

Spring Concerts in Aid of House of Mercy Gravesend Entertainment & Musical Society (GEMS) are holding two concerts on Friday 13th May at 7:30 and Saturday 14th May 3.00pm at Christ Church, Echo Square. They will be singing a selection of Jazz classics in aid of House of Mercy. Tickets £8 on the door.

Foodbank We will be collecting donations for the Foodbank at all Masses next weekend 14th & 15th May. The most urgently needed items are dried spaghetti, tinned meat, pies, tomatoes, potatoes, fruit, peanut butter, jam and choc spread. Thanks as always for your generosity.

Queens Platinum Jubilee Communities are encouraged to get involved in celebrating the Queen's 70 years of service to the Nation and Commonwealth. As a parish community, we thought we would mark this historic event by planting a tree and commemorative plaque as part of the Queens Green Canopy. We will celebrate Mass on Thursday 2nd June at 10am followed by the tree planting in our garden, refreshments and shared food for all who can join us. Pope Frances has reminded us to take care of the planet and not to exploit its resources. He emphasized that the "earth is an environment to be safeguarded, a garden to be cultivated". We will be holding a second collection next weekend 15th May towards the cost of a tree and plaque if you would like to help.



ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH (served by the Missionary Society of St Paul)
PARISH NEWSLETTER FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING 4th MAY 2022

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Mass Intentions  for the Week

Welcome!

First Mass of Sunday,
Sun 8 May Fourth Sunday of Easter

6.00pm Boniface Masilas (Thanksgiving) (live streamed)
8.30am Sherin Paul RIP, Sr Anne Connolly RIP
9.30am - **Denton** Omar Wahab, John McDonach RIP
10.30am Birthday thanksgiving Br Pascal Okere (KSC), Rosa Horton RIP (1st Anniv) (live streamed)
6.00pm Maria Boeusz RIP

Mon 9 May Feria

9.15am Parishioners

Tues 10 May St John de Avila

9.15am Rebekah Wilson (live streamed)

Wed 11 May Feria

Adoration 10.00am-12noon

12 noon Sr Helen Ryan, Omar Wahab (wellbeing)

Thurs 12 May Feria

9.15am **St John's Primary School** (No 9.15am Mass)

Fri 13 May Our Lady of Fatima

9.15am Obinna Udoyeh RIP

Sat 14 May St Matthias

Adoration after 10am Mass until 12.30pm (Reconciliation 11.30-12.30pm)

10.00am Thanksgiving for favours received

First Mass of Sunday,
Sun 15 May Fifth Sunday of Easter

6.00pm Wahab family (live streamed)
8.30am Sherin Paul RIP, Dawn Parker RIP
9.30am - **Denton** Catherine Ward
10.30am Robert Mushonga's Int, Deceased members of Moreton family
6.00pm Josie Buckley RIP, Tony Charles



The Church will be open for private prayer Mon- Friday until 5pm, Sat & Sun 7pm

Please pray for the souls of all deceased parishioners, family and friends.

Phyllis Lloyd - requiem at St Johns Tuesday 10th May at 11.30am

Dariusz Mielczarzwicz - Interment of Ashes Gravesend Cemetery Thurs 19th May

Theresa Mary Sims - Requiem at St Johns Monday 23rd May at 11am

May the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.



Please pray for those whose Anniversaries occur at this time including...

8th - 15th May

9: June Lily Loveridge, Catherine Morgan, John William Hart, Patricia Joan Keelan

10: Agnes King, Siter M. Magdalen Maguire, Thomas Richard Cribb, Vivienne Margaret Neary

11: Grace Frances Witherden, Elizabeth McGoran, Constance Mary Hayes, Kevin Joseph Doyle

12: Annie Drayner, Mary Feaheny, Ronald Carter, Alexander Dunlop McBryde, Michael Patrick Murray

13: Joan Clifford, Vera Eileen Marjorie Porter

14: James Anthony Casey

15: Fr. William Kilmartin, Katherine Murrery McDonach, Brigid McDaid, Jean Eavis, Kathleen Agnes Hunt,

June Mary Worsley

May they rest in peace



Sick/housebound Please contact the parish office and let us know of neighbours/family members who are unable to come to Church and would like to receive Communion or call 07405803862. We remember in our prayers those who are sick, housebound or in hospital & those who care for them.