

**ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH (served by the Missionary Society of St Paul)
PARISH NEWSLETTER FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING 21st MAY 2022**

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Mass Intentions for the Week

Welcome!

First Mass of Sunday, Sun 22 May Sixth Sunday of Easter	6.00pm	Deceased members of Moreton family (<i>live streamed</i>)
	8.30am	Sherin Paul RIP, Lourdes Fernandes RIP, Baby Anna Grace Hedley
	9.30am - Denton	Fr Moses Amune
	10.30am	St John the Evangelist Church (Consecrated 1894)
Mon 23 May Feria	6.00pm	Christopher Brooke RIP
Tues 24 May Feria	9.15am	Tommy Lydon RIP (Anniv)
Wed 25 May St Bede	9.15am	Communion Service
		Adoration 10.00am-12noon
	12 noon	Communion Service
Thurs 26 May ASCENSION OF THE LORD	9.15am	(No 9.15am Mass)
	12 noon	Exilda (Birthday Thanksgiving)
	7.00pm	Ken, Marie & Samantha Hughes
Fri 27 May St Augustine	9.15am	No 9.15am Mass. Funeral Mass at 11am
Sat 28 May Feria		Adoration after 10am Mass until 12.30pm (Reconciliation 11.30-12.30pm)
	10.00am	Margaret & Esther Gray, John Lacken
First Mass of Sunday, Sun 29 May Seventh Sunday of Easter	6.00pm	Lesley Hogan Intention (<i>live streamed</i>)
	8.30am	Sherin Paul RIP, Mairi McIntyre (Thanksgiving)
	9.30am - Denton	Celebrating birthdays & anniversaries during May
	10.30am	Fr Joseph Etim RIP (55th Birthday), James Keane RIP (2nd Anniv)
	6.00pm	William & Bridgid McDaid RIP



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

Theresa Mary Sims - Requiem at St Johns Monday 23rd May at 11am
Roger Stevenson - Reception to St Johns 26th May and requiem Friday 27th May at 11am
Christopher Brooke - Requiem at St Johns 13th June at 12 noon
Una Chapman - Reception at St Johns 6th June and requiem Tuesday 7th June at 11am
Carol Stevens - Requiem at St Johns Friday 24th June at 11am
May the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.



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

22nd - 29th May

22: Major John O'Neill, Thomas James Lear, Dennis Traveller, Agnes Crisp, Marie Fowell, Dorothy May Took, Richard Erangey, Alexander Brierley Hodgkinson, James Flynn
 23: Winifred Irene King, Rev. Fr. Anthony Crean, Bill Smith, Thomas Fredrick Bailey, Sister M. Patricia Metcalfe, Sister M. Zita Callinane, Maria Lappin, Gerard Francis McKenna, William Joseph Maloney,
 24: Egidio Ferrara, James Anthony Tutty, William Desmond Pithman, Rosemary Vivienne Gray, Jean Fawcett
 25: Teresa Holland, Edgar Hodgkinson, Laurence Kingston, Anthony John Martin, Ronald Stuart, Laurence John Lee
 26: Walter Tasker, Rosemarie Brown, George William Wipfler
 27: Norman Albert Potter, Margaret Doris Perkins, Pauline Byrne, Anna Wencyl, Mary Rose McDermott
 28: Frederick Samuel Hall, Patrick O'Dea, Iris May Houlihan, Elizabeth Harris, Deborah Maria Sweetman, Louis Lauder
 29: Vincent Thomas Windsor, Fred Benton, Dezider Horvath, Jon Anthony Tarbin, Helmet Hevers
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.

A note from Fr Moses Fr Moses will be away on retreat from 23rd - 27th May. I shall be remembering you in my prayers; do pray for me too, and please take note of the adjustments in the weekday Masses.

Ascension of the Lord This Thursday is a Holyday of Obligation. Masses will be at 12 noon and 7pm on that day.

May Devotions During May the Rosary will be recited before all Masses. Please join us 30 minutes before Mass

Novena to the Holy Spirit from Friday 27th May to Sunday 5th June at 7pm every evening in the Church. As a parish, let us come to the "Upper Room" to relive Pentecost experience. Let us make it a community experience.

Returning to Mass at Pentecost As we more and more return to normality, the Bishops Conference of England and Wales, based on the centrality of the Eucharist in the life of the Church, invites us to return to Sunday Mass as an obligation at Pentecost. For more details, visit our website.

Last weeks collections: First collection: £917.07, Maintenance: £13, Queens Platinum Jubilee Tree £ 315.94. First Holy Communion Mass £187.02. Thank you for your continued generosity.

Second collection: Next week World Communications Day,

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.

Baptisms We welcome into our parish family Rosie Coaker, Martin Ivanovas, Meidan Ivanovas and Mathys Versulia who were 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 (Families need to attend one of the talks before the baptism). Please phone or email the office if you wish to attend.

Wedding Our prayers and congratulations to Faith Chitrin and Joseph Bellodi 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 second group of children from St John's Primary School who made First Holy Communion this Saturday and Sr Elizabeth's group next Saturday at 1pm and 3pm..

Southwark Vocations Have you ever considered you may be called to the priesthood or the religious life? They will be hosting a 60 minute webinar on Tuesday 24th May at 7pm entitled 'Here I am, send me' where different presenters will speak about discovering God's plan for each one of us. Please join us by registering for the event in advance by following the link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84384912807?pwd=UWJzSzVsY2VTaGl3c09Fa0tNbVZWZz09>

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!

CAFOD Thank you so much for your generosity this Lent Fast Day. We were able to raise over £300,000 to help those struggling with hunger. We also deeply appreciate your contribution to our Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal, and your continued support for the people affected by the war. We've raised over £2.7 million for the Appeal so far. You can read about how the funds are being used by Caritas and other CAFOD Partners on our Ukraine news webpage.

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 May Winners 1st: £55 - James Gurney, 2nd: £35 - David Boyle, 3rd: £25 - Mary Gaskill, 4th: £15 - Josephine Perrett. Thank you for your continued support. (*Numbers drawn at Wednesday Teas 4th May*)

Foodbank Thank you for your generous donations to the Foodbank last weekend. We were able to deliver 159kg of food to help local families in need.

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".

