

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH (served by the Missionary Society of St Paul)
PARISH NEWSLETTER FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING 13th AUGUST 2022

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Welcome!

Mass Intentions for the Week

First Mass of Sunday, (Saturday)

Sun 14 Aug ASSUMPTION OF BVM

6.00pm Cristina Lorenzo RIP (live streamed)

8.30am Sherin Paul RIP, Donald Peter Bardoe RIP

9.30am - Denton

10.30am Eucharist (Thanksgiving) (live streamed)

6.00pm Patrick Lindsay (Birthday)

Mon 15 Aug Feria

9.15am Nuala & Connell Doherty RIP

Tues 16 Aug St Stephen

9.15am Sr Anne's Intention

Wed 17 Aug Feria

Adoration 10.00am-12noon

12 noon Brian Walsh

Thurs 18 Aug Feria

9.15am (St John's Church) Vincent Okosodo (Happy Birthday) KSC

Fri 19 Aug Feria

9.15am Agnes Intention

Sat 20 Aug St Bernard

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

10.00am Peggy Hall RIP

First Mass of Sunday, (Saturday)

Sun 21 Aug Twenty-First Sunday (C)

6.00pm Deceased Morrissey & Dowler Members (live streamed)

8.30am Sherin Paul RIP

9.30am - Denton Sr Clare's Int (Feast Day)

10.30am Angela Malama Nsofwa RIP (live streamed)

6.00pm Santavas (Int)



During the school holidays, Thursday morning Mass will be held in the Church.

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.

Maria Brown - Requiem at St Johns Thursday 25th August at 11am

Baby Wyatt Henry Butler - Funeral at St John's Thursday 8th September 11am

May God console their immediate family. May the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace;

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

13: George Martin

14: Jeremiah Crowley, Thomas Gibson, Iris Rodgers

15: Mary Byrne, Maurice Chick, Francis Robert Bogan, Sean Patrick O'Gorman, William Clair, Ivan Rozier, Joseph McNally, Paul Anthony Mannion

16: Gerardine Jennings, William O'Bryan, Vincenzo Gerardo Boffa

17: William McDaid, Brian John Hafner

18: George Maynard, Edward R. Taylor, Sister M. Juliana McColctan, Henry Walsh, Simon Dike, Kevin James Alexander Revington

19: Fr. Michael O'Sullivan, Jerry Sheehan, Sister M. Phylomena Downing, Fr. Edward Bovington, Gladys Williams, Kitty Costello

20: Audrey Esther Mary Clark, Victor Degiorgio, Gladys McCloud, Patrick Meaney, Sister M. Catherine O'Brien, Patricia Lilian Kelly, Donald Philip Evans, Catherine Carey, Richard Varadi



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.

Knights of St Columba & Friends are holding a parish Barbeque at St John's today **Sunday 14th August at 12 noon**. Everyone is invited to share the afternoon with us; it is to celebrate the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Bereavement Ministry "Have you lost a loved one recently? Our Parish Bereavement Ministry is here to offer a hand of friendship and a listening ear. Please join us on Tuesday 6th September at 7pm, for a special Mass of Remembrance followed by refreshments in the coffee bar.

RCIA We welcome anyone who is searching or wants to review their faith or may be interested in joining the Catholic community. We are starting a new course on Wednesday evening 14th September. There are leaflets at the back of the Church that you may like to hand to out for information. This course would also be suitable for any adults who wish to be Confirmed. Please contact the office or speak to Fr Moses.

International Mass - Celebrating our Unity and Diversity 25th September 2022 We want to celebrate our togetherness. Pope Francis announces the theme as "Building the future together." - humanity as brothers and sisters. We are blessed with diverse nationalities in our parish. Let us celebrate our fraternity with a very special International Mass. Please save the date so we can all celebrate as a parish community - this was a wonderful successful day last year. Can your community help to sing a part of the Mass?

Baptisms We welcome into our parish family Anna Maria Rose Fratero who was baptized this weekend. Application forms for Baptism are available from the back of the Church 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 (Next session is 12th September).

First Holy Communion Preparation for Children at Non Catholic Schools Application forms are now available at the back of the Church. Sr Elizabeth will start preparation classes on 1st October after to 10am Mass. ***Please return completed forms to the parish office or hand to one of the Priests by the end of September.***

Last weeks collections: First collection: £1038.54, Church Maintenance £65.90. Thank you for your continued generosity. Thank you to all those people who also pay by standing order - forms are available on the information table if you would like to make your donation to the Church in this way instead of using gift aid envelopes or cash.

The Building Committee would like to thank us all for continuing to help to maintain the Church in good condition. Unfortunately, because of wear and tear, the roof is now leaking, it requires urgent attention.

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. 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.

School Forms Fr Moses will be available to sign school forms on Thursday between 1-4 pm in the Presbytery. Please note that the day and times may change each week.

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.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: *Come to me all who labour and are overburdened and I will give you rest..* Come, pray, rest & watch before the Blessed Sacrament, either on Wed (9.30-11.30) or Sat after 10am Mass until 12.30pm .

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.

March for Life Sat 3rd September. March to Oppose Abortion. Mass at Southwark Cathedral 11am. Events at The Emmanuel Centre, Marsham Street SW1P 3DW 10:30am – 1:30pm. **The March** – 2pm The Emmanuel Centre to Parliament Square (ends 4:30pm). See <https://www.marchforlife.co.uk/>

Foodbank We will be collecting donations for the Foodbank at all Masses this weekend, 12/13 August . The most needed items are Tinned Custard & Rice Pudding, Sweet & Savoury Biscuits, Porridge, Longlife Milk & Juice, Squash, Honey and Confectionery. Thank you for your support for local families in need.

Table Top Sale Our next sale will be next Saturday 20th August (weather permitting)

Appeal for Knitters? Thank you to those people who have shown an interest in making a shawl. We are not looking at any specific pattern and different styles would be most welcome (last year we had over 80 baptisms in the parish).

World Youth Day 2023, Lisbon The Diocese are taking a group of pilgrims (age 18-35) to Lisbon 31 July-7 August 2023. Please talk to Fr Moses if you might be interested. Further information www.lisboa2023.org/en/

Youth's Picnic Youth's picnic this Saturday at Gravesend Riverside Park. Leave the Church at 11am.