

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH (served by the Missionary Society of St Paul)  
PARISH NEWSLETTER FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING 2nd MARCH 2024

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*Welcome!*

*Mass for the  
Intentions*  *for the  
Week*

**First Mass of Sunday, (Saturday)** 6.00pm Antonietta Toscani RIP *(live streamed)*

**Sun 3 Mar THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT** 8.30am Sherin Paul, Pet Kilcullen, Omoffe's Int  
9.30am Iris Elliott (birthday), Anthony Symms Int  
10.30am Kitty McEniry RIP, Della Flaherty RIP *(live streamed)*  
6.00pm Privat Kouassi RIP

**Mon 4 Mar Feria** 9.15am Omoffe's Int

**Tues 5 Mar Feria** 9.15am Exilda, Linda & Fr Chomba (Thanksgiving) *(live streamed)*

**Wed 6 Mar Feria**

**Stations of the Cross & Talk 10.00am-12noon**

12 noon Kizito Bodurin (Birthday), Wahab family

**Adoration after Mass until 6pm**

**Thurs 7 Mar Feria** 9.15am - *St John's School*

**Fri 8 March Feria** 9.15am Frances Costen (Birthday wishes)

**Sat 9 March Feria**

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

10.00am

**First Mass of Sunday, (Saturday)** 6.00pm Theresa & Joe Smyth *(live streamed)*

**Sun 10 Mar FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT** 8.30am Sherin Paul, All Souls, Caetano Da Silva RIP  
9.30am John, Linda & Jim Grogan RIP (Anniv)  
10.30am Baby Hunter (Thanksgiving), Marita Silke (wellbeing) *(live streamed)*  
6.00pm

Third Sunday of



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

**Della Flaherty** - Requiem at St John's Monday 4th March at 11am

**Peter Walsh** - Requiem at St John's Friday 15th March at 11am

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

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

3: Alexander Hair, Eric O'Bryan, Frederick Charles Clark, Nathan James McFarlane, Sister M. Angela Coyle, Marian Chyba, Eleanor Louise Murray, Michael Flood

4: May Harkin, Rose Ivy Baker, Eamonn McInerney

5: William Agar, Alonzo Price, Evelyn Margaret Wells

6: William Smith, George Noel Harmon, Maria Jose Orsoli, Iris Gant, Michael Gerrard Coyle

7: Alfred James Daniel Tolhurst, Ann Fleury, Leonard Robert Halnon, Winifred May Thompson, Mary Turner

8: Arthur Robinson, Denise Anne Goodchild, Baby Charlie Andrew Hall, Clive Dennis Simmons

9: Michael Maher, Ruben Brond, Elenor Matheson, Baby Niamh Nevada Wood, Ellen Teresa Taylor, Pamela June McCarthy, Marion Robinson, Frederick Richard William Harris

10: Francis Hatchett, Anthony Kerrigan, Marion Robinson, Raymondo Marcantonio, George Pearton, Freda Meaney



**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 and their families.

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:** Christ is really present in the Blessed Sacrament; come and talk heart to heart with Him, either on Wed (12.30pm-6pm) or Sat after 10am Mass until 12.30pm. During Lent there will be a clipboard at the back of the Church to sign so that there will always be someone present.

**Building a Better Marriage** St John's Church invites married couples to a special day on Saturday 16th March 10-4pm where couples can privately explore their relationship more deeply and gain valuable insights into the communication and the call of the Church to be married. The one-day course is for married couples (whether married for one year, 60 years or anywhere in between). It seeks to help husbands and wives to make their marriages better and to improve their communication skills. *There is no group sharing and private information remains private to each couple.* There is no charge but booking is essential. Please return the leaflet, available on the information table to the parish office or one of the Priests. The event will be held at St John's Primary School, Rochester Road DA12 2SY. Refreshments will be provided but please bring a packed lunch.

**Last weeks collections** £1,198.31, Cafod: 636.09. Thank you for your continued generosity and also to those people who pay by standing order and contactless.

**Cry For Help!** We have no Children's Liturgy! Please, can you help? Volunteers are needed to join the Children's Liturgy Group (hopefully just once a month) You do not teaching experience only enjoy speaking to the children, read a story and teach them the sign of the cross and a colouring page from a book. Flyers available at the back of the Church.

**Knights of St. Columba news:** This Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> of March, The Knights of St. Columba will be conducting installation of newly elected Council 977, Gravesend and Northfleet Officers during the 10.30 am Mass. There will be tea/coffee served in the Coffee Room after Mass. You are most welcome to join us after Mass.

**Novena 10th-18th to St Joseph** The Novena prayer will take place on 30 minutes before Mass and Sunday 5.30pm.

**Planned Giving** Next weekend we launch our Stewardship renewal. Over the coming weeks we ask all parishioners to prayer fully reflect on their commitment to our parish as we hear the needs of our parish. Thank you for your constant generosity.

**200 Club February Winners** 1st: £55 - Nicola Balzan, 2nd: £35 - Kath Smyth, 3rd: £25 - Priscilla Okorefe, 4th: £15 - Mary Gaskill. We held the draw on Wednesday 28th Feb in the Coffee Bar. Thank you for your support.

**Baptism** Application forms for Baptism are available from the back of the Church or the parish office. Families need to attend a talk before the baptism. Please phone/email the office if you wish to attend (Next session is Monday 11th March).

**School Forms** We will be available to sign school forms on Thursday between 1-3pm in the Presbytery. Please note that the day and times may change each week.

**Foodbank** We will be collecting donations at all Masses 9/10th March. Stocks are very low at present. Needed items are Tinned Fruit, Custard & Rice Pudding, Tinned Meat & Fish, Veg, Hot Chocolate & Coffee, Cereals, Squash and Longlife Milk. Thank you as always for your kindness.

**Mass in Celebration of the Sacrament of Marriage July 13<sup>th</sup> 2024 at St George's Cathedral** If you are celebrating your 1<sup>st</sup>/10<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup>/40<sup>th</sup>/50<sup>th</sup>/60<sup>th</sup> + wedding anniversary this year, please let us know as soon as possible, and no later than May 31<sup>st</sup> 2024, providing the following details: your names (ie John and Mary Smith), your home address, the anniversary you are celebrating, so you can receive an invitation from the Archbishop for the renewal of vows during Mass. Spaces are limited. Email: mflkent@rcaos.org.uk As the title of your email, please write your parish location e.g. Gravesend, St Johns.

**Act now to stop DIY abortion up to birth** Diana Johnson MP has tabled an amendment (New Clause 1) to the Government's Criminal Justice Bill, which is coming up for Report stage in Parliament in early March. This amendment seeks to change criminal law so that "no offence is committed by a woman acting in relation to her own pregnancy" at any gestation. This means that a woman who induced her abortion at any stage of pregnancy, including just before natural birth, would commit no offence. This is dangerous for women and lethal for unborn babies. Please contact your MP urgently, asking them to oppose You can do this using SPUC's template [www.spuc.org.uk/abortionamendments](http://www.spuc.org.uk/abortionamendments) Please pray for the defeat of this amendment, for protection of unborn babies, and help and comfort for mothers in need.

**Castlerigg Manor** are looking for a Programme Leader to join their youth ministry team. The work involves working on retreats in the heart of the Lake District, and occasionally working on outreach visits around the area. The post is residential Would suit somebody with youth ministry experience perhaps recently graduated. Interested – [jack@castleriggmanor.co.uk](mailto:jack@castleriggmanor.co.uk)

**Catholic Men's Group** Meeting Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March at St Michael's parish, Chatham at 7.30pm with Eucharistic adoration, followed by Stations of the Cross, and concludes with a shared Lenten soup, cheese, and bread dinner and discussion together. Parish car park available, Chatham train station next door. Entrance via the parish house. Thank you.

Could Joanne Catchpole give Fr Moses a call on 01474 352415 asap

Please see the parish website for Divine Mercy Chaplet, Padre Pio, 'Mustard Seed' and 'Come and Rest In Me' and 'Charismatic Renewal' prayer groups.

**LENT: Stations of the Cross Friday evening at 6.30pm (Confessions 5.30-6.15pm) & Wednesday @10am**