

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH (served by the Missionary Society of St Paul)
PARISH NEWSLETTER FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING 23rd MARCH 2024

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Welcome!

Mass Intentions for the Week



First Mass of Sunday, (Saturday)	6.00pm	Canon Philip Dyson (wellbeing) <i>(live streamed)</i>
Sun 24 Mar PALM SUNDAY (B)	8.30am	Sherin Paul, John Matthews RIP (3rd Anniv)
	9.30am	- <i>Denton</i> Bessie Trotman RIP, Marie & Samantha Hughes (Thanksgiving)
	10.30am	Victoria Okolonkwo RIP, Moses & Josephine Nwafor RIP, Uchenna Umezulike Nwafor RIP <i>(live streamed)</i>
	6.00pm	Peter Richards RIP
Mon 25 Mar Holy Week	9.15am	Josie Hall
Tues 26 Mar Holy Week	9.15am	Jennifer Klain <i>(live streamed)</i>
Wed 27 Mar Holy Week		Chrism Mass at St George's Cathedral @11.30am
	6.30pm	Terence Brizzell, Maria Fatima Gomes
Thurs 28 Mar MAUNDY THURSDAY	8.00pm	Mass of the Last Supper followed by watching until midnight.
Fri 29 March GOOD FRIDAY	10.00am	Children's Stations of the Cross
	3.00pm	Solemn Liturgy (The Passion of the Lord) <i>(live streamed)</i>
Sat 30 March HOLY SATURDAY		Reconciliation/Confessions 11.30-12.30pm
	8.30pm	Easter Vigil - Mavis Twocock (4th Anniv), Joe & Theresa Smyth, Margaret Tarbin RIP (9th Anniv), Mr & Mrs Scannell, Carlos, Gabina, Mauro & Nelson RIP <i>(live streamed)</i>
Sun 31 Mar EASTER SUNDAY	8.30am	Sherin Paul, Noel Dolan (Wellbeing), Sisters of Mercy
	9.30am	- <i>Denton</i> Elia Vincent RIP, Theresa Ripinska
	10.30am	Colonel & Mrs M. I. Erhabor <i>(live streamed)</i>
	11.00am	- <i>St Katherine's, Shorne</i>
	6.00pm	Celebrating Birthdays & Anniversaries in March



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

Antonietta Toscani - Service at Thames View Crematorium Thurs 4th April @12 noon

Karena Frances McGinley - Requiem at St John's Mon8th April @11am

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

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

- 24: Egidio Ferrara, James Anthony Tutty, William Desmond Pithman, Rosemary Vivienne Gray, Jean Fawcett
- 25: Teresa Holland, Edgar Hodgkinson, Laurence Campbell 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 Hall, Patrick O'Dea, Iris May Houlihan, Elizabeth Harris, Deborah Maria Sweetman, Louis Lauder, Philomena Nolan
- 29: Vincent Thomas Windsor, Fred Benton, Dezider Horvath, Jon Anthony Tarbin, Helmet Hevers
- 30: Walter Grethen, Robert McGinlay, Patrick Halloran, Anne Phyllis Slater, Laurence Benedict O'Connell, Kathleen Fahey,
John Twitchett, Mavis Gwendoline Twocock
- 31: Eileen McCarthy, Baby John Ryan Roger Habib, Kevin Thomas Wallis, Hannah Brizzell



May they rest in peace...

Planned Giving Over the last few weeks we have asked you to prayerfully consider your commitment to your parish. Today you will hear more about Planned Giving and Stewardship, including why our parish needs financial help to cover our costs. And very importantly, why we need your God-given talents to reflect a true and lively Christian Community! This week we ask each household to take a leaflet home to see how you may help your parish in so many ways. Our goal is to receive an informed decision from everyone in the parish.

Palm Sunday Today is Palm Sunday and the start of Holy Week. Palms will be blessed and distributed at all masses.

Easter Family Craft Afternoon Please join us in the coffee bar 2-4pm.

Easter Presentation- St John's Primary School Everyone is invited this Tuesday 26th March at 6pm in the Church.

Wednesday There is no midday Mass or Exposition on Wednesday as the Chrism Mass will take place at St George's Cathedral at 11.30am. Mass at St John's will be at 6.30pm.

Holy Saturday Blessing of Food (Swieconka Wesolego Alleluya) There will be services for the blessing of food at 10am and 11am in the Church.

Last weeks collections £1,112.51, Poor Parishes £579.09. Dona Machine February £1,040.33.

On **Good Friday** there will be a collection for Holy Places of Palestine. *Your Easter offering is for our Priests at St John's. We are ever so grateful.*

Thank you for your continued generosity and also to those people who pay by standing order and contactless.

If you wish to set up a standing order, St Johns Church bank details are: Account name: 'RCAS a Registered Charity re St Johns Church', Sort code: 60-09-10 Nat West Bank, 30 King Street, Gravesend, DA12 2XX, Account No: 07722915. Or contact the parish office. Gift aid forms are available at the back of the Church.

Children's Liturgy Thank you to all those who have responded. We hope to restart the sessions in the near future.

Baptism This Sunday at the 10.30am Mass we will be baptizing candidates from the RCIA including Shola Allison, Regina Bello, Monai Elliott, Pauline Mbat, Claire Dysart, Cecilia Chaniwa, Sean Kennedy, Mira Lukosevicius and children from the First Holy Communion Preparation group, Max Evans, Saymons Samko, Denis Frater, Jayden Mutero, Kudzaishe Mackenzie Chaniwa, Michael Chaniwa, Dione Chaniwa.

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 8th April).

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.

Wednesday Tea/Coffee Refreshments are served in the Coffee bar after 12 noon Mass. All welcome.

Booking Mass Intentions: Envelopes for Masses are available at the back of the Church, write the intention and put the stipend (£10 is recommended) in the envelope. Please do not use the Dona Machine for Mass stipends.

Job Vacancy St John's Primary School are looking for 2 Teaching Assistants. Please see notice in the porch.

Mass in Celebration of the Sacrament of Marriage July 13th 2024 at St George's Cathedral If you are celebrating your 1st/10th/25th/40th/50th/60th + wedding anniversary this year, please let us know as soon as possible, and no later than May 31st 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: mfkent@rcaos.org.uk As the title of your email, please write your parish location e.g. Gravesend, St Johns.

Altar servers Rally at The Friars, Aylesford on May Day bank holiday 6th May. Mass will be celebrated at 11.30am. Everyone is welcome to attend especially our servers, families and friends. Altar servers are encouraged to attend with family and friends.

Building a Better Marriage Thank you to all the couples who took part last Saturday. We hope you found it a rewarding and joyful day. A bracelet was found at the school - please let us know if you lost one last Saturday.

Divine Mercy Chaplet The Divine Mercy Chaplet will be online at 3pm Monday - Friday. See the parish website for how to join the online meetings as well as the prayers if you wish to say the Chaplet privately.



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. **Please, when on admission in the hospital or care home, volunteer the information of your faith as you won't be asked ordinarily.**