

**ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH (served by the Missionary Society of St Paul)
PARISH NEWSLETTER FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING 13th APRIL 2024**

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Welcome!

*Mass  for the
Intentions  Week*

First Mass of Sunday, (Saturday)	6.00pm	Ken Hughes, Sokna & Amadou, Knights of St Columba Thanksgiving, Bro Jude Mordi (Wellbeing) <i>(live streamed)</i>
Sun 14 April 3rd Sunday of Easter (B)	8.30am	Sherin Paul, Sr Anne's Intention
	9.30am	Amy Louise Perkins RIP
	10.30am	Monica & Jeeva (Thanksgiving) <i>(live streamed)</i>
	6.00pm	Danuta Waldemar Zaborska (Heavenly Birthday)
Mon 15 April Feria	9.15am	Desiree Oliver RIP
Tues 16 April Feria	9.15am	Sheila Henneker (Wellbeing) <i>(live streamed)</i>
Wed 17 April Feria		<u>Adoration 10.00am-12noon</u>
	12 noon	Karena McGinley RIP
Thurs 18 April Feria	9.15am	<i>(St John's School)</i>
Fri 19 April Feria	9.15am	Milica Myra Smyth
Sat 20 April Feria		<u>Adoration after 10am Mass until 12.30pm (Reconciliation 11.30-12.30pm)</u>
	10.00am	Djamila RIP
First Mass of Sunday, (Saturday)	6.00pm	Giovanna Calciolotti RIP <i>(live streamed)</i>
Sun 21 April 4th Sunday of Easter (B)	8.30am	Sherin Paul,
	9.30am	
	10.30am	Chaniwa Family <i>(live streamed)</i>
	6.00pm	Prem Sharma RIP



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

Malcolm Slade - Requiem at St John's Friday 19th April @10.30am

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....

May they rest in peace...

14:William Martin Gallagher, Doreen Chyba, Hetty Bowman, Anne Frain, Betty Harris, Iside Alba Pope, Mary-Ann Finch, Peter John Smith,

15:Sid Hollyer, Sister M. Bernard Dunne, Baby Immacolata Jackson, Elizabeth Lilian Kelly

16:Mary Violet Clarke, Sister M. Berchmans Roden, Patrick Lucas, Catherine Mary Scutts

17:Mary Anne Mullarkey, Ethel Dorothy Hardy, Carmela Alexander, Mary Deborah Calvo, Philomena Harrison

18:James Fredrick Chapman, Mary Matilda Vaughan, Baby George Smith, Wendolin Boehm

19:George William Brown, Mary Ann Brennan, Peter Marrant, Hugh O'Kane, Milica Mira Smyth, Michael Joseph McDermott, Gerardo Esposito, Ellen Clent,

20:John Breslin, Tony Carey, Ellen Meaney, Gladys Potter

21:Antonia Maria Martin, Joyce Evelyn Irvine, Sonny Tobias Steven Whittam, Keith Christopher Hyland, Cynthia Sybil Stevens, Stephanie Doreen Florence Judge



Stewardship Drive We are each uniquely gifted, and called to serve the community with our talents; On April 28th, we shall collect your commitment cards.

Last weeks collections £1257.15. Next weekend there will be a second collection for the Priest Training Fund. Thank you for your continued generosity and also to those people who pay by standing order and contactless. Or contact the parish office. Gift aid, standing order, bank details are available at the back of the Church.

Gift Aid Boxes Fortunately the boxes for this year have just arrived. You are welcome to use an envelope for your donation making sure your gift aid number is written on it. The new ones will be available for collection next week.

Baptism We welcome into our parish family Nnaemeka Nwachukwu & Ikedinachi Lemuel Anozie who were baptized this weekend. 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 13th May).

Wedding Our prayers and congratulations to Indira da Costa Freire and Sergio Lumona on their wedding this weekend at St John's. Please make an appointment to see the Parish Priest if you would like to get married at St John's.

Foodbank We are collecting donations for the Foodbank at all masses this weekend. Stocks are very low, so all donations of tinned & packet food, toiletries & cleaning products will be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Monthly Tea/Coffee -Today there will be tea and coffee served in the Coffee Room after 10.30 am Mass. You are most welcome to the Coffee bar after Mass for the refreshments and some social get-together.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Christ is really present in the Blessed Sacrament; come and talk heart to heart with Him, either on Wed (10am-12noon) or Sat after 10am Mass until 12.30pm.

200 Club March Winners 1st: £55 - Helen Perrin, 2nd: £35 - Jacky Hardy, 3rd: £25 - Sunday Teas, 4th: £15 - Sr Helen Gallagher. We held the draw on Wednesday 3rd April in the Coffee Bar. Thank you for your support.

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 in the envelope. Please do not use the Dona Machine for Mass stipends.

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

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.

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: mflkent@rcaos.org.uk As the title of your email, please write your parish location e.g. Gravesend, St Johns.

Come and Rest in Me is a contemplative group that meets around the Word of God on Wednesdays 8-9pm. Check our website for the zoom link.

Mustard Seed Bible study every day @ 8.30pm; Lectio Divina on Fridays @ 7.30pm. Please go to the parish website www.stjohnsgravesend.co.uk and click on the link.

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.

Please see the parish website for Divine Mercy and 'Charismatic Renewal' prayer groups.

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.**