

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH (served by the Missionary Society of St Paul)  
PARISH NEWSLETTER FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING 4th MAY 2024

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*Welcome!*

*Mass Intentions for the Week*

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| <b>First Mass of Sunday, (Saturday)</b>    | 6.00pm  | Leon Kamdem (Thanksgiving) <i>(live streamed)</i>                                    |
| <b>Sun 5 May 6th Sunday of Easter (B)</b>  | 8.30am  | Sherin Paul, Janet Njeri (unwell)  |
| <i>(St Mary's Denton)</i>                  | 9.30am  | Stephen Amune (Healing)  |
|  | 10.30am | Brigid Murphy (Intention), Teju Adeniran (Birthday) <i>(live streamed)</i>           |
|  | 6.00pm  | Elaine Moniz RIP, Eileen Gurney RIP  |
| <b>Mon 6 May Feria</b>                     | 10.00am | Sr Magdalene   |
| <b>Tues 7 May Feria</b>                    | 9.15am  | Barette & Dolan families, Joseph Perrin (unwell) <i>(live streamed)</i>              |
| <b>Wed 8 May Feria</b>                     |         | <b><u>Adoration 10.00am-12noon</u></b>   |
|  | 12 noon | John McDonach RIP  |
| <b>Thurs 9 May ASCENSION</b>               | 9.15am  | <i>(St John's School)</i>  |
|  | 9.15am  | <i>(St John's Church)</i> Lesley Hogan's Intention <i>(live streamed)</i>            |
|  | 12 noon | Bronagh Freeman (Birthday)   |
|  | 7.00pm  | Mandy Woodward   |
| <b>Fri 10 May St John de Avila</b>         | 9.15am  | Michael Lowry RIP  |
| <b>Sat 11 May Feria</b>                    |         | <b><u>Adoration after 10am Mass until 12.30pm (Reconciliation 11.30-12.30pm)</u></b> |
|  | 10.00am | Marshall Vegas (wellbeing)   |
| <b>First Mass of Sunday, (Saturday)</b>    | 6.00pm  | Michael Lowry <i>(live streamed)</i>   |
| <b>Sun 12 May 7th Sunday of Easter (B)</b> | 8.30am  | Sherin Paul, Mgr Thomas Earner RIP, PJ Earner RIP                                    |
| <i>(St Mary's Denton)</i>                  | 9.30am  | Bridget Quinn & family, Catherine Hall (Birthday)                                    |
|  | 10.30am | Paul & Harry Wilcocks RIP <i>(live streamed)</i>                                     |
|  | 6.00pm  | John Meade RIP   |



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

*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....**

- 5: Josephine McGowan, Kathleen Vera Boyer, Anne Christine Dimpers
- 6: Clara Elizabeth Medhurst, Joseph Glynn, Sr. M. Bernadette McManus, Harry Wilcocks, Jadriga Koluzs
- 7: Christopher Anthony Brooke
- 9: June Lily Loveridge, Catherine Morgan, John William Hart, Patricia Joan Keelan
- 10: Agnes King, Siter M. Magdalen Maguire, Thomas Richard Cribb, Vivienne Margaret Neary, Carol Ann Stevens,
- 11: Grace Frances Witherden, Elizabeth McGoran, Constance Mary Hayes, Kevin Joseph Doyle
- 12: Annie Drayner, Mary Feaheny, Ronald Carter, Alexander Dunlop McBryde, Michael Patrick Murray



***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 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.**

**Ascension** This Thursday is the feast of the Ascension of Our Lord and is a Holyday of Obligation. Masses are 9.15am, 12 noon and 7pm.



**Stewardship Drive** We are each uniquely gifted, and called to serve the community with our talents; Please remember to return your commitment cards to one of the Priests, a steward or the Presbytery.

**May Devotions to the Blessed Virgin Mary** During May the Rosary will be recited 30 minutes before all Masses.

**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; or 1st Friday 24 hour Adoration

**Baptism** We welcome into our parish family Sofia Samkova, Ivy Bramble, Nathaniel Sautoho and Winnie Perkins 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).

**Fr Vincent Omokpakpo msp** Fr Vincent's Induction Mass as Parish Priest will be held on Thursday 23rd May at 7pm at The Catholic Church of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary, Brixton (SW9 0TQ). You are welcome to celebrate with him.

**Fr Innocent Abonyi msp** will be celebrating his Silver Jubilee of his Priestly Ordination on Friday 5th July with Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Llandudno for anyone able to make the journey. We will organise a card nearer the time.

**Foodbank** There will be a collection at all masses next weekend 11/12th May. The most need items are tuna, soup, squash, custard, rice pudding, sweets/treats. Thank you for helping families most in need.

**Sound system** The new sound system is great; makes a lot of difference; thanks to all who helped with the logistics and cost.

**Last weeks collections** £1260.84, St George's Cathedral £361.05. Thank you for your continued generosity and also to those people who pay by standing order and contactless. **Next weekend** there will be a second collection for World Communications. Gift aid, standing order, bank details are available at the back of the Church or contact the parish office.

**Shrine of St Jude** are holding a summer celebration 1st June. Please see the poster in the porch.

**Our Mission Box collection** from our parish raised £729.89; The Mill Hill Fathers send their appreciation. Please consider taking a box home for your coins; every penny counts! Contact Christine or the parish office for a box.

**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.

**Marriage Banns** Weronika Babiarz a parishioner will be marrying Lukasz Pawel Pietkowski in Poland. If anyone knows of any impediments to this union please inform Fr Moses.

**School Forms** We will be available to sign school forms on Tuesday between 2-4pm in the Presbytery. Please note that the day and times may change each week.

**200 Club April Winners** 1st: £55 - Sunday Teas, 2nd: £35 - Helen Perrin, 3rd: £25 - Kevin Okorefe, 4th: £15 - Jacky Hardy. We held the draw on Wednesday 24th 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.

**Annual Mass for London Migrant Workers** in honour of St Joseph the Worker is on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May at St George's Cathedral, SE1 6HR at 12.30pm. All are invited. You are welcome to come in national dress.

**Medway Catholic Men's Group** on Friday 10 May 7pm, special event with Bishop Paul Hendricks at St Michael's parish, Chatham. Email: medwaycatholicmen@outlook.com for further details.

**St George's Cathedral** have 2 job vacancies. Please see the noticeboard or look at their website [www.rcsouthward.co.uk](http://www.rcsouthward.co.uk)

**The Divine Mercy Apostolate** is holding Recollection Day at the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham, on Sat 1 June from 11 am to 4:30 pm. All welcome. Call Millie 07957594646 for more information. Coaches from Ealing Broadway and Victoria.

**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.

**Catholic Charismatic Group** meetings resuming Fridays at 7pm in the Church. You're all welcome to come and listen, pray and share your faith.

**Mustard Seed** Bible study every day @ 8.30pm; Lectio Divina on Fridays @ 7.30pm. Please go to the parish website [www.stjohnsgravesend.co.uk](http://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 prayer groups.*