

**ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH (served by the Missionary Society of St Paul)  
PARISH NEWSLETTER FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING 11th MAY 2024**

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**CHURCHES:** St John's, St Mary's Rochester Road Denton DA12 2JN, St Katherine's Malthouse Lane Shorne DA12 3DP

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**Presbytery/ Parish office open 10am-3pm Mon:** Sr Elizabeth **Tues, Wed & Thurs:** Teresa Potter **Fri:** Jacky Hardy

**Schools:** St John's Catholic Primary 01474 534546

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*Welcome!*

*Mass  for the  
Intentions  Week*

<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	
<b>Mon 13 May Our Lady of Fatima</b>	9.15am	Ken Hughes, Sokna & Amadou, Obinns Udoyeb RIP	
<b>Tues 14 May St Matthias</b>	9.15am	Joseph Perrin, Lee & Holly Durack (wellbeing) <i>(live streamed)</i>	
<b>Wed 15 May St John Stone</b>	<b><u>Adoration 10.00am-12noon</u></b>		
	12 noon	Maura Dee (wellbeing), Wahab family, Rita & Gerard Brennan RIP	
<b>Thurs 16 May St Simon Stock</b>	9.15am	<i>(St John's School)</i>	
<b>Fri 17 May Feria</b>	9.15am	Mrs Pet Kilcullen RIP	
<b>Sat 18 May St John I</b>	<b><u>Adoration after 10am Mass until 12.30pm (Reconciliation 11.30-12.30pm)</u></b>		
	10.00am	Lesley Hogan's Int	
<b>First Mass of Sunday, (Saturday)</b>	6.00pm	John Meade RIP, Jim Bradley RIP (1st Anniv) <i>(live streamed)</i>	
<b>Sun 19 May PENTECOST (B)</b>	8.30am	Sherin Paul	
<i>(St Mary's Denton)</i>	9.30am	Paddy Flaherty & family, Malcolm Slade	
	10.30am	St Elizabeth, Lesley Juma (9th birthday) <i>(live streamed)</i>	
	6.00pm	Michael Lowry RIP	

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

**Veronica Mary Connolly** - Requiem at St John's Mon 3 June @11am

**Marina Alexandra Knell** - Requiem at St John's Tues 4 June @11.30am

**Peter Marcantonio** - Reception into St John's Wed 5 June & Requiem 6 June @11am

**Joseph Perrin** - details to follow

*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....**

12: Annie Drayner, Mary Feaheny, Ronald Carter, Alexander Dunlop McBryde, Michael Patrick Murray

13: Joan Clifford, Vera Eileen Marjorie Porter

14: James Anthony Casey

15: Fr. William Kilmartin, Katherine Murrery McDonach, Brigid McDaid, Jean Eavis, Kathleen Agnes Hunt, June Mary Worsley, Oonagh Chapman

16: Florence Healy, John Zazzi, Thomas Gibson, James Terence McGinn, Marjorie Louisa Edith Sibbons, Michael Edward Flint, Robert Allan Marshall, Catherine Harris

17: Dennis John Reardon

18: John Griffin, Mary Kelly, Joseph Meaney, John Lindsay, Mary Everden, John Brenchley, Ann Elizabeth Gethen, Alan Mantripp

19: Myrtle Alberta Cronin, Grace Caroline Barratt, Merlyn Evans, Agnes Hilda Jones

***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.**

**Novena to the Holy Spirit** Please join us at 8pm every evening through the parish website for the Novena to the Holy Spirit until Saturday

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

**Altar Servers** Congratulations to our Altar Servers. Although a wet day at Aylesford, we had 19 servers to celebrate the Mass which included 10 new servers enrolled.

**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

**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 fellowship.

**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 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.

**Last weeks collections** £1321.97. Thank you for your continued generosity and also to those people who pay by standing order and contactless. Gift aid, standing order, bank details are available at the back of the Church or contact the parish office.

**KSC Dinner Dance 3 August 5.30-9.30pm** Dear Parishioner, We are delighted to invite you to KSC Dinner/Dance and Fund Raising event. Please see flyer for full details. We wish to raise funds for St John's & Our Lady of the Assumption, Northfleet, particularly youth competitions. Tickets are £25 per person available from a member of the Knights. On the night there will be a grand raffle draw with great hampers and prizes. Please buy a ticket and enjoy a great evening with music, dance, relaxation and interaction.

**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 Thursday between 12-2pm in the Presbytery. Please note that the day and times may change each week.

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

**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.*

**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.

**Right of Life** Ask your MP to support the abortion time limit reduction amendment and oppose abortion up to birth Support an amendment to lower the abortion time limit from 24 weeks to 22 weeks and oppose abortion up to birth amendments. Research indicates that a significant number of babies born at 22 or 23 weeks gestation can now survive outside the womb. Collect a postcard today from the back of the church and post it to your MP in support of this amendment! Email your MP by visiting [righttolife.org.uk/littlefighters](http://righttolife.org.uk/littlefighters) and [righttolife.org.uk/uptobirth](http://righttolife.org.uk/uptobirth) before the debate on Wednesday 15 May.

