

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH (served by the Missionary Society of St Paul)
PARISH NEWSLETTER FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING 18th MAY 2024

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Welcome!

Mass Intentions for the Week

First Mass of Sunday, (Saturday)	6.00pm	John Meade RIP, Jim Bradley RIP (1st Anniv) <i>(live streamed)</i>
Sun 19 May PENTECOST (B)	8.30am	Sherin Paul
<i>(St Mary's Denton)</i>	9.30am	Paddy Flaherty & family, Malcolm Slade, Mary Carey RIP
<i>(live streamed)</i>	10.30am	Sr Elizabeth, Lesley Juma (9th birthday), Mr & Mrs Michael Afeeva (Thanksgiving)
	6.00pm	Michael Lowry RIP
Mon 20 May Mary Mother of the Church	9.15am	Margaret Lambert & Esther Gahan Intention
Tues 21 May Feria	9.15am	Danny Bradley RIP <i>(live streamed)</i>
Wed 22 May St Rita	<u>Adoration 10.00am-12noon</u>	
	12 noon	Mary McGillicuddy RIP
Thurs 23 May Our Lord Jesus Christ	9.15am	<i>(St John's School)</i>
Fri 24 May Feria	9.15am	Charles Langan RIP
Sat 25 May St Bede	<u>Adoration after 10am Mass until 12.30pm (Reconciliation 11.30-12.30pm)</u>	
	10.00am	Foundation Masses
First Mass of Sunday, (Saturday)	6.00pm	Matt Bowden, Maura Dee & family <i>(live streamed)</i>
Sun 26 May MOST HOLY TRINITY (B)	8.30am	Sherin Paul, Dan & Margaret O'Kane & family
<i>(St Mary's Denton)</i>	9.30am	Tommy Lydon RIP (Anniv)
	10.30am	Birthdays & Anniversaries during May <i>(live streamed)</i>
	6.00pm	Sylwestra Jasiak RIP (2nd Anniv), Rodney Matthews, Danuta, Waldemaz & Mariusz Zaborski RIP



Pentecost

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

Joseph Perrin - Requiem at St Johns Wednesday 29th May at 12 noon

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

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....

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

20: Valerie Ann McConnell-Lawlor

21: Dennis John Butterfield, John Fredrick Neal, Sister Juliana Pennelly, Arpad Zsige

22: John Stephen Little, George John Tuley, Maureen Mary McDonnell, Baby Anna Hedley, Bernard Ronald McLeavey

23: Theresa Mary Sims

24: Harry Mizzen, Desmond Byrne, Frances Beacon, Marjorie Knight

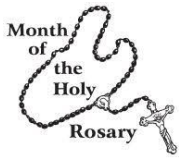
25: John Joseph Lane, Margaret Laura Parker, Joanne Wall, Paul Smith

26: Antony Gibson, Mary Phillips, Sr. Paschal Sheehy, Marie Ellen Dougal, Clive Stanley Robinson

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.**



May Devotions to the Blessed Virgin Mary During May the Rosary will be recited 30 minutes before all Masses, especially for peace, joy, love in all our parishioners.

Next Week: MSP Mission Appeal Once a year the archdiocese gives the parish opportunity to support the work of the MSP. As a parish we can sponsor the training of a priest and the education of a girl or boy. Please help us with our appeal next weekend 25/26th May in aid of our missionary work. Envelopes are available at the back of the Church for your donations.

Rome The first World Children's Day will take place in Rome on 26/27th May. Please remember in your prayers Fr Stephen and 26 children and parents who will be attending this event with children from all over the world with Pope Francis.

Sr Elizabeth Sr Elizabeth, our Parish Sister is responding to treatment. Please continue to keep her in your prayers.

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

Wedding Our prayers and congratulations to Ashbeni Kugathas and Vithusan Soosaiyah 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.

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.

Last weeks collections £1346.36. **Next week:** MSP Appeal. 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.

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 10th June).

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.

Foodbank Thank you for your generous donations last weekend. We were able to deliver 124.5 kg of much needed food & other essentials to help local families in need.

Day for Life There will be a Day for Life Novena, which will run from the 23 May to the Feast of the Visitation (31 May) and which will be available on the Bishops' Conference website.

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.

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.

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 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.*

Catholic maritime charity Stella Maris Invites parishioners to join an online update and thank you webinar on Tuesday 28th May from 7:30pm to 9:00pm. You will hear about the impact of your generosity on the lives of seafarers, fishers, and their families over the last year. To register for this virtual event, please visit www.stellamaris.org.uk/thankyou2024

Date for your diary We welcome back the popular Summer Concert featuring the Medway Singers along with the Meopham Brass Band on Saturday 13th July at 7.30pm. This fundraising event is for the Church Renovation project.