

**ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH (served by the Missionary Society of St Paul)
PARISH NEWSLETTER FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING 8th JUNE 2024**

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Welcome!

Mass Intentions for the Week

First Mass of Sunday, (Saturday)	6.00pm	Private Intention (<i>live streamed</i>)
Sun 9 June Tenth Sunday (B)	8.30am	Sherin Paul, Josephine McEniff RIP, Brian & Valerie Gardener 62nd Anniv Mary & Rita Abor (Birthday thanksgiving)
(St Mary's Denton)	9.30am	Marie & Samantha Hughes, Anna Pender RIP (1st Anniv)
	10.30am	Lolo Ezinne Nwosu RIP (2nd Anniv) (<i>live streamed</i>)
	6.00pm	Jacobs family Int
Mon 10 June Feria	9.15am	Sr Elizabeth (wellbeing)
Tues 11 June St Barnabas	9.15am	Arthur Twocock RIP (14th Anniv) (<i>live streamed</i>)
Wed 12 June Feria	<u>Adoration 10.00am-12noon</u> 12 noon Kathleen Bodunrin (Birthday), Wahab family	
Thurs 13 June St Anthony of Padua	9.15am	(St John's School)
Fri 14 June Feria	9.15am	John & Mary, Jim Molloy & McCarthy family
Sat 15 June BVM	<u>Adoration after 10am Mass until 12.30pm (Reconciliation 11.30-12.30pm)</u> 10.00am Kathleen & Frank Freeman	
First Mass of Sunday, (Saturday)	6.00pm	Private Intention (<i>live streamed</i>)
Sun 16 June Eleventh Sunday (B)	8.30am	Sherin Paul, George Baldwin, Dan O'Kane, Derek Harris, Patrick Kenny RIP
(St Mary's Denton)	9.30am	Betty Clifton RIP, Mrs Kilcullen (90th Birthday)
	10.30am	Private Intention (<i>live streamed</i>)
	6.00pm	Michael Dee & deceased Dee family, Eileen Gurney RIP (1st Anniv)

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

William Wooley - Requiem at St John's Mon 24th June @ 11.30am

Audrey Veronica Gray - Requiem at St John's Tues 25th June @ 12.30pm

Babab Tunte Ijoyah 0 Requiem at St John's 19th July @ 12noon

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...*

- Eveline Eleanor Cope, Giuseppe Morzilli, Catherine Morgan, Sister Teresa Leahy, Annie Patricia Sharp, Kathleen Duff, Sister M. Alphonsus Dalton, Emily Isabel McLauchlan, Dympna Callaghan, Andree Magnier
- June Higgins, Enid James, Edward Maxwell-Harrison, Thomas Francis Killian, Anna Pender
- Frederick John Hall, Eileen Barclay, Arthur Michael Twocock, Susan Lucy Thorne,
- Frank William Hunt, Eileen May Butterfield, Marie Gracie Pointu, Helen Mary Griffin, Una Elizabeth Davey
- John Joseph Feehan, Maffeo Francesca
- Patricia Grant, Michela Grillo, William Hawkins, Bernard Thomas Giles, Elizabeth McLennan, Theresa Margaret Hammond
- Martin Louis Boffa, Thomasina Cairney Connor, Joan Ramsey, Josephine Mary Long,
- Reg Sands, Teresa Mary Clarke, Eileen May Jones, Gerard Doherty, Terence David McSweeney, Sister M. Gertrude Russell, Sister M. Gerard O'Brien, Susan Jean Heritage



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.**

Parish Pastoral Plan During the covid, we did look at 'Some Definite Service' together as a parish; may I invite you to a general meeting to look at the pastoral needs on Tuesday 25th June @7.30pm.

Churches Together There will be a picnic at the prom today Sunday 9th June 1-4pm and there will be testimony at the gathering. It would be lovely to support this event and meet some people from the Churches in Gravesend. Please bring something to share.

Fr Jude's Induction You are invited to celebrate the Induction of Fr Jude as Parish Priest in Meopham this Friday 14th June at 7pm conducted by Bishop Paul Hendricks.

Confirmation This year our young people will be Confirmed on **Saturday 6th July** at 11am & 2.30pm. This means that morning Mass will be at 9.15am. **There will be no 10am Mass, Adoration or Confessions that day.**

Summer Concert The popular Medway Singers will combine with Meopham Brass Band and Lauren Lynn to treat us to a very warming, relaxing evening on **Saturday 13th July at 7.30pm**. Proceeds for the Church Renovation projects. Tickets are £10 to include a drink and nibbles; and will soon be available. Please save the date.

Southwark Archdiocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage Archbishop John warmly invites you to join him as he leads the pilgrimage, from 23-30 August 2024. Details of this can be found on the Archdiocesan website: rcaos.org.uk. Experience the unique spirituality of Lourdes, along with people from parishes around the Archdiocese.

Foodbank Collection at all Masses this weekend 8/9 June. Thank you for your support for local families in need.

Last weeks collections £1186.79. A further £726.45 came in for the MSP appeal. Frs Stephen and Moses are most grateful on behalf of the MSP. **Next week:** Day For Life. The focus for this year will be opposition to assisted suicide (euphemistically called 'assisted dying'). *"The Lord is my Shepherd – Compassion and Hope at the End of Life"* 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 We welcome into our parish family James Moraes Francisco and Sean Egbuchu 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 10th June).

First Holy Communion Next Saturday we welcome the children from St John's RC School who will be making their First Holy Communion at 1pm and 3.30pm. Please remember them 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

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.

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 are designing a 'memory book' for Fr Innocent, there is a link on the website for Parishioners to add their memories and messages of congratulations. Please complete by 21st June. A card is also available at the back of the church if you would like to sign it.

Church Garden Thank you to our team of gardeners. The Church garden is looking lovely and a lot of work has gone into maintaining it. Special thanks to Mary Gaskill, Janet, Sean and Henri.

KSC Dinner Dance 3 August 5.30-9.30pm Please see flyer for full details. Tickets are £25 per person available from a member of the Knights. Please buy a ticket and enjoy a great evening with music, dance, relaxation and interaction.

St Francis de Sales Parish Fete on Saturday 8th June 12-4pm on the field of our Lady of Hartley

Altar Servers Summer Break 29th July-1st Aug. Please see the poster and applications in the porch.

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.

Book club You are invited to come to the Rotary Club of Gravesham and Ebbsfleet to their monthly book club conversation at St Johns Coffee bar this Wednesday 12th June at 6.30pm. The books to be discussed are Animal Farm and the Alchemist. The anchor of this programme is Fr Stephen Ojapah.

200 Club May Winners 1st: £55 - Joe Balzan, 2nd: £35 - William Power, 3rd: £25 - Sunday teas, 4th: £15 - Mary Gaskill. We held the draw on Wednesday 5th June in the Coffee Bar. Thank you for your support.

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 all our prayer groups.**