

**ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH (served by the Missionary Society of St Paul)
PARISH NEWSLETTER FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING 15th JUNE 2024**

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Welcome!

Mass Intentions for the Week 

First Mass of Sunday, (Saturday) <i>(live streamed)</i>	6.00pm	Private Intention, Sonia Planas RIP (Birthday)
Sun 16 June Eleventh Sunday (B)	8.30am	Sherin Paul, George Baldwin, Dan O'Kane, Derek Harris, Patrick Kenny RIP Joe Smyth RIP
<i>(St Mary's Denton)</i>	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)
Mon 17 June Feria	9.15am	Maria Teresa Brown RIP, Fred & Elsie Brown RIP, Mareen Murray RIP
Tues 18 June Feria RIP <i>(live streamed)</i>	9.15am	Barnabas Mungulube RIP (31/5/24), Tom Perrin
Wed 19 June St John Rigby	<u>Adoration 10.00am-12noon</u>	
	12 noon	Joanne Miethke RIP, Katarzyna (Birthday)
Thurs 20 June St Alban	9.15am	<i>(St John's School)</i>
Fri 21 June St Aloysius Gonzaga	9.15am	David Gurney RIP (6th Anniv)
Sat 22 June Ss John Fisher & Thomas More	<u>Adoration after 10am Mass until 12.30pm (Reconciliation 11.30-12.30pm)</u>	
	10.00am	Neil Dearman
First Mass of Sunday, (Saturday)	6.00pm	Fr Moses Amune <i>(live streamed)</i>
Sun 23 June Twelfth Sunday (B)	8.30am	Caetano Da Silva RIP
<i>(St Mary's Denton)</i>	9.30am	Paddy Flaherty RIP (23rd Anniv), John Perrin



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 - 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...*

- 16: 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
- 17: Audrey Lumsden, Margaret Tingle, Herbert Reginald Barrows, Iris Clara Thorley, Annie Iris (Babs) Strong, Eileen Dorothy Yates, Joyce Ellen Thompson
- 18: Francis Joseph Freeman, Jimmy Green, Irene Margaret Kavanagh, Edith Agnes Thompson, John Keane,
- 19: Baby John Strickland, Elsie Ethel Finn, Bridget Griffen, Jacqueline Rossi, Jeano Razahegyi,
- 20: Frances Dorothy Durrant,
- 21: Thomas Samuel Clarke, Sister M. Brigid Casey, Mary Christina Sands, Catalina Torrejon Robinson, Sister Agatha Nicholl
- 22: Kathleen Mullinder, William John Patrick Herbert, Baby Joshua Anthony Bradbrook. Margaret Mary Clarke
- 23. Elizabeth Bertha Maud Taylor, Ethel Callaghan, Doreen Moore, Annie Mary Theresa Murdock, Francis Mary O'Brien, Mary Frances Gannon, Patrick Flaherty, Francis Joseph Kerrigan



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.**

Happy Fathers Day to all our Fathers and thank you for all that you do. May God bless you on this special day.

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 *this Tuesday 25th June @7.30pm.*

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 are available from the parish office or ask a steward. Please save the date.

Last weeks collections £1428.67. **This 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 Viola Chizaram Awulonu and Daniela Hadova 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 8th July).

First Holy Communion This weekend we welcome 67 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. Thank you to those who have prepared the children so beautifully.

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 Thank you for your donations last weekend; 216.8kg were donated to help families in need.

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

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

Fr Moses Amune MSP Please join us if you are able, at 9.15am Mass on Tuesday 2nd July. Fr Moses is celebrating his 30th Priestly Ordination. After Mass we will have a little celebration in the coffee bar.

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.

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.

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.

KSC 'Let Life Flourish' 12 hours Adoration Friday 28th June at 9pm to Saturday 29th June at 9pm. This will be LIVE streamed YouTube and Facebook Live. This adoration is organised by the Knights of St. Columba alongside SPUC (Society for the Protection of the Unborn Child) Please do join us at St. John's Church for this special adoration - There is a booking form at the back of the Church, please sign your name to confirm your attendance.

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.

Appeal for Knitters? Thank you to those people who have made a shawl for our delighted parents getting their children baptised. We don't have shawls for them to purchase. If you would like to knit/crochet a shawl we can reimburse the cost of the wool. We are not looking at any specific pattern although they need to be white. (last year we had over 80 baptisms in the parish). Please call at the office if you have any queries.

Date for your diary - Our annual International Mass Sunday 15th September 10.30am at St John's Catholic Comprehensive School. More details soon. Can your community help to sing a part of the Mass? Please email the office for any ideas or help you are able to give. *There will be no 10.30am Mass at St John's Church that day.*

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.***