

**ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH (served by the Missionary Society of St Paul)  
PARISH NEWSLETTER FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING 6th JULY 2024**

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**Parish Sister:** Sister Elizabeth O'Hara

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**Churches Together Rep:** Jude Mordi

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

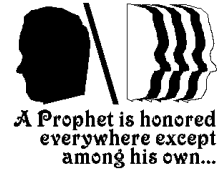
**Schools:** St John's Catholic Primary 01474 534546

**St John's Catholic Comprehensive** 01474 534718

*Welcome!*

*Mass Intentions for the Week*

<b>First Mass of Sunday, (Saturday)</b>	6.00pm	David Rawlinson RIP <i>(live streamed)</i>
<b>Sun 7 July Fourteenth Sunday (B)</b>	8.30am	Bridget Hardy RIP (Anniv)
<i>(St Mary's Denton)</i>	9.30am	Ubbo, Sheila & family
	10.30am	Fr Moses Amune MSP, Nora Kapinya (16th birthday) Samuel Konare (15th birthday) <i>(live streamed)</i>
	6.00pm	Colm McGee RIP
<b>Mon 8 July Feria</b>	9.15am	Sr Elizabeth
<b>Tues 9 July Feria</b>	9.15am	Francis Sheehy (wellbeing) <i>(live streamed)</i>
<b>Wed 10 July Feria</b>	<b><u>Adoration 10.00am-12noon</u></b>	
	12 noon	Murphy family
<b>Thurs 11 July St Benedict</b>	9.15am	<i>(St John's School)</i>
<b>Fri 12 July Feria</b>	9.15am	Fr Innocent Abonyi (25th Anniversary)
<b>Sat 13 July BVM</b>	<b><u>Adoration after 10am Mass until 12.30pm (Reconciliation 11.30-12.30pm)</u></b>	
	10.00am	Colonel Mike & Caroline Erhabor RIP
<b>First Mass of Sunday, (Saturday)</b>	6.00pm	Paul Carter RIP, Agata & Wojciech Stawiarski (thanksgiving) <i>(live streamed)</i>
<b>Sun 14 July Fourteenth Sunday (B)</b>	8.30am	Sr Paul (feast day)
<i>(St Mary's Denton)</i>	9.30am	Tom Dunne RIP
	10.30am	Maria & Anthony Archer (Blessings) <i>(live streamed)</i>
	6.00pm	Fr Moses Amune (Celebrating 30 years ordained)



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

**Bababtunde Ebele 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;*

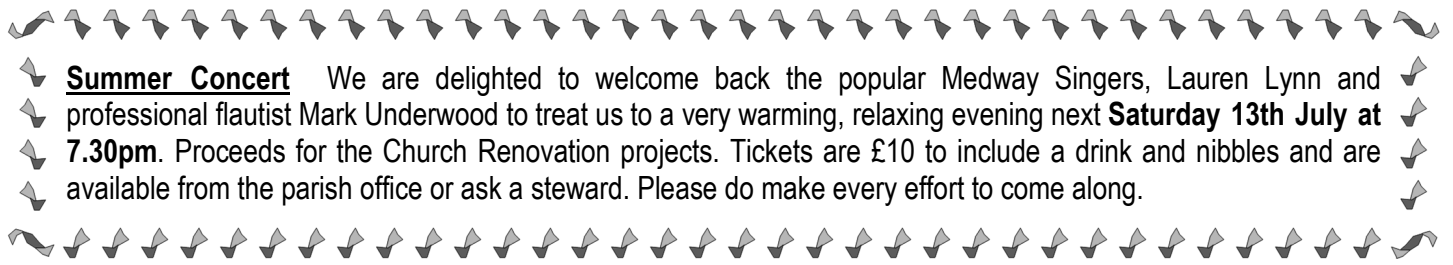
**Please pray for those whose Anniversaries occur at this time including....**

- 7: Robert Francis McGinley, Patrick Arthur Ray, Joseph Patrick Connolly, David Wilson, Margaret Mary Lovatt
- 8: Robert Matheson, Anthony Hand, Margaret Murphy, Alban Adolphin Toppin, Joan Winifred Martin
- 9: Agnes Jessie Smith, Bernard O'Kane, Sister M. Anthony Dunne, Bridget Eileen Buckley,
- 10: Wlodzimiers Paskiewicz, Theresa Ann Green, Joseph Benedict McLoughlin, Rachael Riley
- 11: Julia May Lear, Michael Joseph Regan
- 12: Ellen Buckley, Susan Southward
- 13: Marjorie O'Connell, Thomas Parsons, Bernard Peard, Martin Riley, Michael Joseph O'Meara
- 14: Robin Anthony Whitaker, Thomas Gibson, Violet Margaret Chilmaid



***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.**



**Summer Concert** We are delighted to welcome back the popular Medway Singers, Lauren Lynn and professional flautist Mark Underwood to treat us to a very warming, relaxing evening next **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 do make every effort to come along.

**Confirmation** We congratulate our young people who were Confirmed **this Saturday 6th July** at 11am & 2.30pm.

**First Holy Communion Preparation for Children at Non Catholic Schools** Application forms are now available at the back of the Church. Sr Elizabeth will start preparation classes on Saturday 28th September. **Please return completed forms to the parish office or hand to one of the Priests**

**Diaconal Day** On Sunday 14 July we are celebrating our first Archdiocesan Diaconal Day, during which we pray for the Permanent Deacons serving in our Archdiocese as well as we pray for new vocations to this ministry. If you are a man between 21 years to 58 years, prayerful, with the desire to love God and God's people, you are involved in services within your parish and community, you have tried many things and still feel drawn to a closer relationship with Christ and His Church you might possibly be called to be a Permanent Deacon? If you require further information about the Permanent Diaconate, please speak to your Parish Priest, or contact the Diaconate Formation Director via e-mail: [ianblack@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:ianblack@rcaos.org.uk).

**Foodbank** We will be collecting donations for the Foodbank at all Masses next weekend 13th & 14 July. The most needed items are, Tinned Veg & Meat, Crackers & Biscuits, Tinned Custard, Baked Beans, Honey and Squash. Thank you

**Altar Servers** Our next training session will take place next Saturday 13th July at 1pm in the church. If you have made your first communion & would like to join us, please come along & find out more.

**Monthly Book Club** You are all invited to the monthly book club discussion organized by the Rotary Club of Gravesend and Ebbsfleet on Wednesday 10th July in the Coffee Bar.

**St John's Primary School** There is a vacancy for a Lunchtime Play Supervisor. Please see the noticeboard.

**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 8th July).

**Last weeks collections** £1169.81. Peter's Pence; £344.13. **Next week second collection:** Stella Maris. A Catholic charity supporting seafarers worldwide relying on voluntary contributions. They provide practical and pastoral care to all seafarers regardless of nationality or belief. Thank you for your continued generosity and 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.

**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

**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.

**200 Club June Winners** 1st: £55 - Sunday Teas, 2nd: £35 - Bridie Loughlin, 3rd: £25 - C. Moreton, 4th: £15 - Betty Matthews. We held the draw on Wednesday 3rd July 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.

**Keep Fit** Everyone is welcome to join our gentle exercise class in the coffee bar on Wednesday at 1.15pm. Exercises may be done seated or standing. 30 minutes £3 a session.

**30th Priestly Ordination Anniversary** I wish to thank you all for your prayers and support; I cherish the Primary School cards from the children greatly. God bless. Fr Moses

**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/ help. *10.30am Mass that day will be moved to the Comprehensive; there will be no 9.30am Mass at Denton*

**New Lectionary - Ambo Edition** The Lectionary, which is the book that contains the Scripture readings for Mass and the Sacraments, is changing as part of the continuing process of revising liturgical translations. The changes are intended to make the biblical translations more faithful to the original languages. The set of 4 volumes cost £695 and we require sets for our Churches and Schools. If you are interested, we would like to invite people of the parish, to make a donation of £175 (There would be 4 donations of £175 for each set). A donor Bookplate will be inserted in the front page saying who it was presented by. Please contact Fr Moses or Fr Stephen if you would like to sponsor one of the sets or email the office.