

**ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH (served by the Missionary Society of St Paul)  
PARISH NEWSLETTER FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING 27th JULY 2024**

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*Welcome!*

*Mass Intentions for the Week*

<b>First Mass of Sunday, (Saturday)</b>	6.00pm	Mary Hughes, Ceciliya Manuelpillai RIP <i>(live streamed)</i>	
<b>Sun 28 July Seventeenth Sunday (B)</b>	8.30am	Celebrating Birthdays & Anniversaries during July, Sr Anne, Maria Olga Clea Dasilva RIP	
<i>(St Mary's Denton)</i>	9.30am	Bill Allen	
	10.30am	A. O. Okpala (family intentions) <i>(live streamed)</i>	
	6.00pm		
<b>Mon 29 July St Mary, Martha &amp; Lazarus</b>	9.15am	Maria & Anthony Archer,	
<b>Tues 30 July St Peter Chrysologus</b>	9.15am	Grigorij Virvinsky RIP (4th Anniv) <i>(live streamed)</i>	
<b>Wed 31 July St Ignatius</b>	<b><u>Adoration 10.00am-12noon</u></b>		
	12 noon	Ubbo Bakker RIP, Mary Hughes RIP	
<b>Thurs 1 Aug St Alphonsus</b>	9.15am <i>(St John's Church)</i>		
<b>Fri 2 Aug Feria</b>	9.15am	Ilya & Harry (wellbeing)	
<b>Sat 3 Aug BVM</b>	<b><u>Adoration after 10am Mass until 12.30pm (Reconciliation 11.30-12.30pm)</u></b>		
	10.00am	Mary Ujira Birthday thanksgiving	
	11.00am	<i>(St Katherine's, Shorne)</i>	
<b>First Mass of Sunday, (Saturday)</b>	6.00pm	Mary Hughes <i>(live streamed)</i>	
<b>Sun 4 Aug Eighteenth Sunday (B)</b>	8.30am	Carmel Loughrey & family, Vincent Kilcullen RIP (Anniv)	
<i>(St Mary's Denton)</i>	9.30am	Bill Trotman, Fr Innocent, Jason Chapman & Rose	
	10.30am	Fr Moses Int, Pauline & Fred Juma (17th Wedding Anniv) <i>(live streamed)</i>	
	6.00pm		

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

**Abimbola Koleosho** - Requiem at St John's Thurs 8th Aug @11am

**Madeleine Flood** - Reception into St John's 15th August, Requiem 16th July at 11am

**Ubbo Bakker** - 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....**

28: John William Lane, Albert Trotman, Laura Kathleen Newman, Sylvia Rosalie Butler

29: Joseph Conlan Shanahan, Michael Rossi, Jean Elizabeth Silwood, Ingrid Ursula Maynard, Baby Ellen Katie Bober, Clarice Masterson, Shirley Anne Wood

30: Violet Beatrice Gilbert, Theresa Laughland, John Beglen Boyle,

31: Daren Lee Gillingham, Catherine Kennelly, Alice Kelly

1: Dorothy Lindsay, Raymond Taylor, Norman McLennan

2: Julia Theresa Welsh, Doreen Rita Bruce, Frederick John Hardy, Carol Cook, Mary Geraldine Kerr

3: Florence Amelia Strickland, Joseph Costello

4: Henry Price, Eric Prior, Mary Bridget Higgins, Leo Christopher Byrne



***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.**

**Parish Summer Barbeque** Everyone is invited to our summer get together next Sunday 4th August after the 10.30am Mass. The Knights of St Columba are helping with the organisation. The car park will be closed during this time.

**International Mass** Our Annual International Mass Sunday 15th September 10.30am at St John's Catholic Comprehensive School. Please do let us know if you are able to help in any way. There is now a clipboard for anyone who would like to make a donation of food, drink, disposable items etc. *10.30am Mass that day will be moved to the Comprehensive; there will be no 9.30am Mass at Denton*

**Thursday Mass** will be at St John's Church during the summer holidays. We wish all the staff, pupils and their families a happy and safe summer.

**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***

**Confirmation Certificates** Those who have not collected theirs, call the office to arrange collection.

**Baptism** We welcome into our parish family Kenechukwu Dijememi, Evanna-Zara Omanchi and Keanu Castro Amarfo 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 9th Sept).

**Last weeks collections** £1370.63. 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 or Jacky Hardy, our new Gift Aid coordinator.

**First Friday Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus** will be held in the Church this Friday 2nd Aug. It will start at 2.30pm with Rosary, 3pm Divine Mercy Chaplet and Exposition, 3.30pm Mass. All are welcome to join us.

**There will be 24hours continuous Adoration on Friday 2nd August after 9.15am Mass until 10.00am Saturday 3rd August. If you are able, please sign the clipboard at the back of the Church so that we can be sure that there will always be someone with Our Lord.** Adoration also held on Wednesday 10-12 and Saturday 10.30-12.30pm

**First Saturday Devotions to the Immaculate Heart of Mary** On the first Saturday of each month a service will be held 11.30-12.30pm in the Church. Everyone is welcome to join us in prayer next Saturday 3rd August.

**World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly Sunday 28th July** Pope Francis has chosen to theme this year, 'Do not cast me off in my old age' (c.f. Ps 71:9). God never abandons his children, never. Even when our age advances and our powers decline, when our hair grows white and our role in society lessens, when our lives become less productive and can risk appearing useless. God does not regard appearances (cf. 1 Sam 16:7); he does not disdain to choose those who, to many people, may seem irrelevant. God discards no stone; indeed, the "oldest" are the firm foundation on which "new" stones can rest, in order to join in erecting a spiritual edifice (cf. 1 Peter 2:5). This is close to the liturgical memorial of Saints Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of Jesus. Please remember all Grandparents in your prayers.

**Table Top Sale** Thank you to everyone who supported our table top sale last Saturday. We raised £207.06 for Church Funds and SVP.

**Altar Servers Training & Practice** Next Saturday 3rd August @1pm.

**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.

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

**New Lectionary - Ambo Edition** We would like to thank all those generous people who have donated to the new lectionaries; enough money has been raised for the purchase. We will be organising the name plates soon.

**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.

**Catholic Charismatic Group** meetings 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.

**Appeal for Knitters?** Thank you to all those people who have made a shawl for our delighted parents getting their children baptised. We don't have any shawls left 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. Please call at the office if you have any queries.

***Please see the parish website for all our prayer groups.***