

**ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH** *(served by the Missionary Society of St Paul)*  
**PARISH NEWSLETTER FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING 7th SEPTEMBER 2024**

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*Welcome!*

*Mass Intentions for the Week*

<b>First Mass of Sunday, (Saturday)</b>	6.00pm	Travasso family (Health & Happiness), Maria Lawrence (b/d) <i>(live streamed)</i>
<b>Sun 8 Sept Twenty-Third Sunday (B)</b>	8.30am	Sr Helen Rose Ryan (80th birthday), Sophie Naz, Francis Loreto RIP
<i>(St Mary's Denton)</i>	9.30am	Ubbo Bakker RIP
	10.30am	Monsignor Adibe RIP, Martin Duggan RIP, Gerardina Malanga RIP, Afeeva family (Thanksgiving) & Selinam (Birthday) <i>(live streamed)</i>
	6.00pm	
<b>Mon 9 Sept St Peter Claver</b>	9.15am	Sr Magdalene (Birthday wishes)
<b>Tues 10 Sept Feria</b>	9.15am	Julie Benning RIP (28/8) <i>(live streamed)</i>
<b>Wed 11 Sept St Ambrose</b>		<b><u>Adoration 10.00am-12noon</u></b>
	12 noon	Pat Bongs RIP
<b>Thurs 12 Sept Feria</b>	9.15am	<i>(St John's Church)</i> Archie Wahab
<b>Fri 13 Sept St John Chrysostom</b>	9.15am	Jillian Bradley
<b>Sat 14 Sept Exaltation of the Holy Cross</b>		<b><u>Adoration after 10am Mass until 12.30pm (Reconciliation 11.30-12.30pm)</u></b>
	10.00am	
<b>First Mass of Sunday, (Saturday)</b>	6.00pm	Henri & Marie 50th Wedding Anniversary Thanksgiving <i>live streamed</i>
<b>Sun 15 Sept Twenty-Fourth Sunday (B)</b>	8.30am	Joe & Rose Killaly RIP (Anniv)
		<b>INTERNATIONAL MASS</b>
	10.30am	Samuel Osadebamwen Asuen (88th Birthday), Mua (Thanksgiving) <i>(live streamed)</i>
	6.00pm	



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

**Daniel Patrick Keelan** - Service at Thamesview Crematorium Thurs 12th Sept @1pm

*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....**

- 8: Cornelius Cosgrove, William Fleury, John Regan, Johannes Chyba, Hector Keeshan, Mary Davies
- 9: Ada Juetta Ellen Ashenden, Sister M. Margaret Mary Fitzpatrick, Elizabeth Sarah Neville
- 10: Annie Burns, Rodney Dennis Rixson, John Barty Callaghan, Baby Faith Elize Hope Smith, Elizabeth Mary Coleman, Giuda Taddeo Gatt
- 11: Elizabeth Kavanagh, Riccardo Gasparutti, Glen Findlater Campbell
- 12: Gerry Mooney, Anne Shirley Vince, Gerald Michael O'Regan
- 13: Rebecca Ellen Neal, Ronals Ernest Jones
- 14: Margaret Anne Brown
- 15: Eileen Grant, Sr Catherine (Margaret Mary Doherty),



***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.**

**International Mass Our Annual International Mass is next Sunday 15th September 10.30am at St John's Catholic Comprehensive School DA12 2JW. We are blessed with diverse nationalities in our parish. Let us celebrate our fraternity with a very special International Mass. Please come along in national dress and some food to share if you wish. Invite your friends, family and neighbours. The Mayor of Gravesham, Cllr Daniel Adewale King will be joining us.**



*There will be no 10.30am Mass at St John's or 9.30am Mass at Denton next Sunday.*

**Today Sunday 8th we will have a meeting during the Knights coffee morning to finalize any plans.**

**World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation** Pope Francis has established 1st September, encouraging the Catholic community around the world to pray for our common home. The World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, celebrated on 1 September, kicks off the *Season of Creation*, a time of sustained prayer and action. It runs until 4th October, the feast of St Francis of Assisi and as a parish we will celebrate this time.

**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 9th Sept).

**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***

**Last weeks collections** £1,284.86. ***This Week:*** There is a second collection for Catholic Education Service. ***Next Week:*** There will be a second collection for Catholic Agency for the Support of Evangelisation. Thank you for your continued generosity and to those people who pay by standing order and contactless.

**Youth Retreat** The next Diocesan Youth Retreat for 13-17 year olds will be on Saturday 12 October at St. John Fisher School, City Way, Rochester, ME1 2AE. The day will be delivered by the Dominicans on the theme of "Prayer". Don't miss out! Group leaders and parents book at [tinyurl.com/retreat12oct](http://tinyurl.com/retreat12oct) or speak with Millicent Afeeva (07932633608)

**200 Club August Winners** 1st: £55 - John Perrin, 2nd: £35 - Carol Lynn, 3rd: £25 - Jacky Hardy, 4th: £15 - S. Turner. We held the draw on Wednesday 4th Sept in the Coffee Bar. Thank you for your support.

**Service of hope & healing** You are warmly invited to the annual service of hope & healing for those that have been harmed by abuse and for those that work with or support those that have been harmed on 25<sup>th</sup> September @ 6.30pm St George's Cathedral, SE1 7HY

**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.

**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

**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.

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

**Catholic Charismatic Group** meetings Fridays at 7pm in the Church. You're all welcome to come and listen, pray and share your faith.

**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 11th Sept at 6.30pm. The anchor of this programme is Fr Stephen Ojapah.

**Fr Moses** Please remember Fr Moses and his family in your prayers as he goes to Nigeria for the funeral of his brother Stephen Ayayi Amune May God's mercy rest Stephen in peace.

***Please remember in your prayers our teachers, children and parents as they returned to school.***

**Prayer 'Season of Creation'**

Father, Lord of all creation, we praise you with all your creatures and the whole universe that comes forth from the work of Your hands. We acknowledge the privilege and responsibility that You give us as stewards of Your creation.

In our ignorance we have done damage to our common home and our brothers and sisters are suffering.

Through faithfully following your Son guide and direct us to prepare for a better future. Teach us to contemplate You in the beauty of the universe, for all things speak of You.

Give us the grace to recognise, respect and protect all You have created, using wisely all that you have entrusted to us.

Holy Spirit, who first hovered over the dawn of creation and drew order out of the chaos help us to build your kingdom of justice, love, peace and beauty where the poor of the earth are crying out. You, who live and reign, world without end, Amen.