

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

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

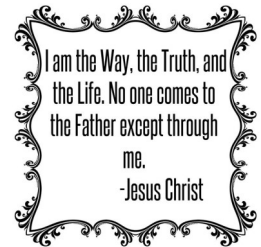
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**St John's Catholic Comprehensive** 01474 534718

*Welcome!*

*Mass Intentions for the Week*

<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>(livestreamed)</i>
	6.00pm	Pat Bongs RIP
<b>Mon 16 Sept St Cornelius</b>	9.15am	Sr Delores
<b>Tues 17 Sept Feria</b>	9.15am	Henri Aron (Birthday) <i>(live streamed)</i>
<b>Wed 18 Sept Feria</b>		<b><u>Adoration 10.00am-12noon</u></b>
	12 noon	Margaret Lambert RIP
<b>Thurs 19 Sept Feria</b>	9.15am	<i>(St John's School)</i> Sherin Paul
<b>Fri 20 Sept St Andrew Kim Tae-gon</b>	9.15am	Michelle (Wisdom)
<b>Sat 21 Sept St Matthew</b>		<b><u>Adoration after 10am Mass until 12.30pm (Reconciliation 11.30-12.30pm)</u></b>
	10.00am	Jillian Bradley (Wellbeing)
<b>First Mass of Sunday, (Saturday)</b>	6.00pm	Tony Dyzart RIP (Anniv) Mossie Meade RIP (Anniv) <i>(live streamed)</i>
<b>Sun 22 Sept Twenty-Fifth Sunday (B)</b>	8.30am	James O'Kane & family
<i>(St Mary's, Denton)</i>	9.30am	Ubbo Bakker RIP & Bakker family
	10.30am	Fr Moses & family <i>(livestreamed)</i>
	6.00pm	Sr Kitty Killian



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

**Josephine Reason** - Requiem at St John's Monday 30th Sept @ 11am

*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....**

- 15: Eileen Grant, Sr Catherine (Margaret Mary Doherty),
- 16: Ann Ryan, James Cyril Upton, Desmond Pascal McGrath, Lucy Cassar
- 17: Brian Thomas McDonach, Muriel Ann Jones, Anita Rourk,
- 18: Anne Teresa Wells, Elvire Elodie Russell, Rose Killaly, Joyce Rita Erangey, Geoffrey Stephen Finan, Arthur Robert Smith, Constance Pamela Luxon
- 19: Victor Ernest Elsey, Sheila Stapley, Angela Mary Clarke,
- 20: Catherine Hall, John Ayres, William Gerrard Fahey, Mary Margaret Amos, Doreen Margaret Bavidge, Mona Godbeer, Mary Thornton, Kathleen Maisie Jones, Sean Joseph Mathers, Lorraine Webster, Michelina Angelamaria Ferrara
- 21: Sister M. Ignatius Sheedy, Michael Jennings, Anthony Patrick Dyzart, Kathleen Turner, Liam Declan McArdle,
- 22: Michael Glynn, Bert Barber, Mary McGee, Joseph Robert Killaly



**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** Welcome to our Mass and to all visitors and friends. We are a living Church. Please welcome the Mayor of Gravesham, Cllr Daniel Adewale King who is joining us today along with our fellow clergy and Bishop Paul Hendricks.

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

**RCIA You are welcome to the Catholic Church.** Are you searching or want to review your faith or may be interested in joining the Catholic community, or wish to be Confirmed. A new course will start on Wednesday 2nd October. Contact the office or speak to one of the priests. God Bless.

**Fr Moses** Thank you for your prayers. May our Merciful God receive my brother Stephen into His eternal kingdom.

**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 14th Oct).

**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** £1,111.73. Catholic Education Service £398.64. ***This 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.

**Foodbank** We will be collecting donations for the Foodbank at all masses next weekend, 21/22nd Sept. The most needed items are Tinned Meat, Tinned Fish, Tinned Veg, Cereal Bars, Squash, Instant Noodles, Jam, Honey & Chocolate Spread. Thank you for your generous support for local families in need.

**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 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.***

**Mustard Seed** Bible study every day @ 8.30pm; Lectio Divina on Fridays @ 7.30pm. Please go to the parish website .

**Praying the Psalms** Archbishop John has launched a campaign encouraging people to make praying the Psalms a part of their daily lives. He said 'it is in the Psalms that you will find the Lord Jesus'. Prayer videos of the Psalms will be released across the Archdiocese's social media channels regularly in the coming weeks and months. <https://www.rcsouthwark.co.uk>

**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.