

**ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH (served by the Missionary Society of St Paul)
PARISH NEWSLETTER FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING 21st SEPTEMBER 2024**

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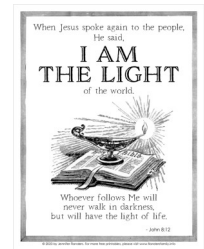
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Welcome!

Mass Intentions for the Week

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| First Mass of Sunday, (Saturday) | 6.00pm | Tony Dyzart RIP (Anniv) Mossie Meade RIP (Anniv) <i>(live streamed)</i> |
| Sun 22 Sept Twenty-Fifth Sunday (B) | 8.30am | James O'Kane & family, Geoffrey Finan RIP (15th Anniv) |
| <i>(St Mary's, Denton)</i> | 9.30am | Ubbo Bakker RIP & Bakker family |
| | 10.30am | Fr Moses & family, Uche Perpetual (Private Int) <i>(livestreamed)</i> |
| | 6.00pm | Sr Kitty Killian RIP |
| Mon 23 Sept St Pius of Pietrelcina | 9.15am | Caroline & Carlo |
| Tues 24 Sept Our Lady of Walsingham | 9.15am | Baby Bertie RIP <i>(live streamed)</i> |
| Wed 25 Sept Feria | <u>Adoration 10.00am-12noon</u> | |
| | 12 noon | Maryann Byrne Int |
| Thurs 26 Sept Feria | 9.15am | <i>(St John's School)</i> |
| Fri 27 Sept St Vincent de Paul | 9.15am | Maureen Murray RIP (birthday) |
| Sat 28 Sept BVM | <u>Adoration after 10am Mass until 12.30pm (Reconciliation 11.30-12.30pm)</u> | |
| | 10.00am | Nwanneka Adube (wellbeing) |
| First Mass of Sunday, (Saturday) | 6.00pm | KSC Council 977 10th Anniv thanksgiving <i>(live streamed)</i> |
| Sun 29 Sept Twenty-Sixth Sunday (B) | 8.30am | Elaine Lesley Roydes (Birthday) |
| <i>(St Mary's, Denton)</i> | 9.30am | Fr Moses & family |
| | 10.30am | Birthdays & Anniversaries celebrated during September <i>(livestreamed)</i> |
| | 6.00pm | |



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

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

Jude Mordi - 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....

- 22: Michael Glynn, Bert Barber, Mary McGee, Joseph Robert Killaly
 - 23: Mary O'Neill, Eugene Horvath, Beryl Styles, Victor DaSilva
 - 24: Joseph Higgins, James Magee, Janet Ellis, Yvonne Catherine Williams, Aidrid Bautista Locker,
 - 25: Charles Byrne, Thomas Noel McCarthy, Patricia Jean Drayner. James O'Kane, Winifred Bailey, Julie Catherine McGough
 - 26: Kieron Jones, Ken Lane, Patricia Olga Tuley, Sister. M. Anne Mary Lazzarini, Daniel Patrick McGee
 - 27: Bernard Crilly, Edward Hewitt, Ronald Newman, Robert McHugh
 - 28: Peter Brownfield, Iris Blaker, Maureen Monica Tizzard
 - 29: Catherine E. Browning, Lorraine McGee, Bernard William Evans, Albert Edward Lockley, Vera Phyllis Coomber, Frank Higgins, Rebecca-Rose Ivyanne Coyne,
- 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 We are a living Church, we showed how blessed we are as a parish family in our celebration last Sunday. Thank you to everyone who helped in any way with the catering, preparations and their active support and participation during the just concluded International Mass. Lets to this again next year! Please see photographs on the parish website (with thanks to Shamack)

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. Please, do remember them all and the whole team in your prayers. However, if you feel inspired to journey with them on a more deeper and personal level, or perhaps feel inspired to join the team, particularly our previous RCIA candidates, please do pray about this and speak to either of the Priests, Catherine Gurney or myself, Lucy Mateta.

Baptism We welcome into our parish family Jayson Balaz, Laura Buncikova Sidelkova, Anderson Akahome and Mia Seker 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 14th Oct).

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

Last weeks collections £1,146.46. Catholic Agency for the Support of Evangelisation £257.49. Thank you for your continued generosity and to those people who pay by standing order and contactless.

KSC Council 977 - 10th Anniversary Thanksgiving Mass on Saturday 28th September with a little celebration in the coffee bar afterwards. Please keep them in your prayers.

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

Afternoon for Readers to introduce the new translation for the Lectionary led by Bishop Paul Hendricks at St Thomas of Canterbury, CT1 2HJ on Sat 2nd Nov 2-4pm

Parish Bazaar We will hold our first meeting next Wednesday, 30th Sept in the coffee bar @ 1pm. This years bazaar will be held at St John's Comp School on Saturday 30th Nov.

St Faustina During the Saturday 6pm Mass we are installing an image of St Faustina.

Singing Fr Stephen and some of our Parishioners have produced an inspiring song titled 'The Magnificat' sung in six different languages, English, Hausa, Polish, Tamil, Swahili and Igbo. It was released during the International Mass. They are planning and preparing for the video production. If any parishioner would like to financially support the video production please speak to Fr Stephen or call the office.

Fr Stephen Ojapah msp has written a book titled 'Tears and Torture; 33 Days in Kidnappers Den'. The book will be launched formally on the 8th October at the University of Surrey in Guilford at 6pm. Parishioners who would like to attend should indicate by calling the parish office or email so we can see if a coach could be booked. If you wish to purchase a copy of the book (minimum donation £15) they will be available from a steward after Masses, the Repository or contact the office. The book is also available on Amazon.

Missio a parish volunteer is needed. Please speak to Father if you might be interested.

Banns of Marriage Lester Tony Travassa (Hampton Crescent, Gravesend) wishes to marry Bernice Ana Carvalho; if you have any objection to this marriage, please come and talk to the priests in the parish.

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 or speak with Millicent Afeevea (07932633608)

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

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.

Mustard Seed Bible study every day @ 8.30pm; Lectio Divina on Fridays @ 7.30pm. Please go to the parish website .
Please see the parish website for all our prayer groups.