

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH (served by the Missionary Society of St Paul)
PARISH NEWSLETTER FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING 2nd NOVEMBER 2024

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Welcome!

Mass  for the
Intentions *for the Week*

First Mass of Sunday, (Saturday)	6.00pm	Thanksgiving for Golden Wedding Anniv (Chris Moreton) <i>(live streamed)</i>
Sun 3 Nov Thirty-First Sunday (B)	8.30am	Deceased Sisters of Mercy, St Joseph's Convent of Mercy
<i>(St Mary's, Denton)</i>	9.30am	Fr Moses Intention
	10.30am	Joseph Ayodeji (Anniv), Janet Payne RIP <i>(livestreamed)</i>
	6.00pm	Deceased members of Onilenla & Ukarfu's
Mon 4 Nov St Charles Borromeo	9.15am	Jude Mordi RIP & family
Tues 5 Nov Feria	9.15am	Fr Moses (Birthday) & Fred Juma (Birthday) <i>(live streamed)</i>
Wed 6 Nov Feria	<u>Adoration 10.00am-12noon</u>	
	12 noon	Connolly & Freeman family, Rodney Owen RIP
Thurs 7 Nov Dedication of St George's Cathedral	9.15am	<i>(St John's Church)</i> Archie Wahab (Thanksgiving)
Fri 8 Nov Feria	9.15am	John Onaivi RIP
Sat 9 Nov Dedication of Lateran Basilica	<u>Adoration after 10am Mass until 12.30pm (Reconciliation 11.30-12.30pm)</u>	
	10.00am	Joan Mills RIP, Gabriel Connolly RIP
First Mass of Sunday, (Saturday)	6.00pm	Maria Teresa Brown RIP <i>(live streamed)</i>
Sun 10 Nov Thirty-Second Sunday (B)	8.30am	Mary McCloskey's Int
<i>(St Mary's, Denton)</i>	9.30am	Ubbo Bakker RIP & family
	10.30am	Jude Mordi RIP, KSC & their families, Elsa Canton RIP <i>(livestreamed)</i>
	6.00pm	



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

Thomas Nee - Requiem at St John's Tues 5th Nov @ 10.30am

Robert Vince - Requiem at St Katherine's Monday 18th Nov @ 10.30am

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....

- 3: Thomas Callaghan, Christian Pujoe, William Francis Kelly, Pauline Thornton, Pearl Thwaites, Margaret Louisa Mary Potter, Mick Lowry, Mary Winter, John Freeman
- 4: Ernie Moorcroft, Mary Frances Mills, Alexandra Piotrowicz, Victor James McFarlane, Dorothy Williams, Henrieta Leheny, Karen Cambridge,
- 5: Joseph Augustine Mulcahy, Roy Foreman, Dylan Taylor, P.Y. O'Donnell, Mary Ann May Buckingham, Nancy Money, Helen Edith Sheehy, Colin Egerton Turton Norman, Charles Falzon
- 6: Mary Anne Finnerty, Margaret Mulholland, Graham Bunn, Baby Gerard Lawrence Quinn, Bernard John McCarthy,
- 7: Margaret Smith, Daisy Clifford, Emily Daisy King, Arthur John Brayne, Sarah Ann Panter, Michael Curley
- 8: Nathan Gaymer, William Bruce, Sister M. Stanislaus McGlynn, Lesley Anne Chewter
- 9: Brian Hylands, Mary Celine Aleppo, Frances Agnes Milne, John Augustine Hartnett, Michael Joseph Burns, Elsie May Bantges
- 10: Clare Ryan, Kathleen Murphy, Joyce Beatrice Edwards, Faith Rosetta Blackman, Mary Teresa O'Toole, ***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 Bazaar This year's bazaar will be held at St John's Comp School on Saturday 30th Nov. (*only 3 weekends to collect your donations*). Christmas outfits optional! Father Christmas will be present for photographs, the famous Wheel of Fortune, Tombola, Games, Toys, Gifts, Refreshments, Cakes, World Foods, Repository and more. Draw tickets are now available. Tickets are 50p or £2.50 a book. We would be delighted if you could take and sell them to your family and friends and encourage them to come to the Bazaar. Please return counterfoils and money by placing in a marked envelope in the collection plate, one of the priests or parish office. **A box is available for donations for the bazaar - bottles, toys, teddies, unwanted gifts etc all gratefully accepted and needed.** There will be a meeting on Tuesday 7th November at 7pm in the coffee bar for helpers and ideas. Fr Moses looks forward to welcoming you all to this lovely annual gathering.

November Please collect an envelope and list deceased family & friends and place into the basket available on the altar. They will be remembered at all Masses during November and a Mass on 30th November at 6pm.

Remembrance Mass will be celebrated at St John's on Wednesday 13th November at 12 noon to remember and pray for all our family and friends who have died. We read out the names of those who have died in our parish during the last year and you are invited to light a candle for them and your family. We warmly invite everyone to join us for this annual Mass. Please, if you have lost anyone in the past 2 years, let us have the names through the secretary, welcomers, sacristans or Fr Moses so that we could include in the names to be read out.

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.

Book Club on 13th November 6.30-7.30pm in the coffee bar. It will be chaired by Mark Underwood, the book being A Tale of Two Cities. Fr Stephen will chair on 11th December, the book being his Tears and Torture. Everyone is most welcome.

Last weeks collections £1,270.28. **Next Week:** Second collection for Archbishop's Appeal - a Diocesan collection for key areas of ministry. Youth and Evangelisation, Our Faith in Action and Clergy Care and formation. Your support will enable innovative projects taking place within Catholic parishes and schools throughout South London and Kent. Every gift is welcome. Thank you for your continued generosity and to those people who pay by standing order and contactless.

Coffee Morning The SVP is most grateful for your support last week at the coffee morning. They raised £241.15 for the Sudan appeal. Winning raffle nos. 159, 86, 99. Thank you.

Foodbank We will be collecting for the foodbank at all Masses next weekend. Most needed items include Squash, coffee, hot chocolate, tinned meat, longlife milk. Thank you for your support.

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 11th Nov).

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 has just started 7.30-8.30pm. Please let Fr Moses know if you would like to join.

Booking Mass Intentions: Envelopes for Masses are available at the back of the Church, write the intention and put the stipend in the envelope. Please do not use the Dona Machine for Mass stipends

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.

Admission to Primary School 2025 If your child is due to start primary school from September 2025, applications will be open on line with KCC at www.kent.gov.uk/ola between Tuesday 5th November and Wednesday 15th January 2025. If you do not have access to the internet and require a paper form (RCAF), please contact the Primary Admissions Team on 03000412121 - Any queries, please contact St John's Catholic Primary School on 01474534546.

Open Morning at St John's Catholic Primary School - If your child is due to start school in September 2025, please bring your child along to our open morning on Saturday 16th November. Please telephone 01474361609 to book a start time: 11.00 11:30 12:00 or 12:30. We look forward to welcoming you to our school.

Harmony of Hope concert Featuring four artists including our parishioner Mark Underwood and a brilliant young marimba player. Saturday 23rd Nov 7.30pm at St George's Church, Gravesend DA11 0DJ. All proceeds to Hive Hope Foodbank (Northfleet), Dandelion Time and other Rotary supported charities.

Mother's prayer group will take place straight after the 9.15 mass on Friday 11th October. You are invited to join us if you could.

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.

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.