

**ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH (served by the Missionary Society of St Paul)
PARISH NEWSLETTER FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING 19th OCTOBER 2024**

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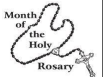
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Welcome!

Mass Intentions for the Week

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| First Mass of Sunday, (Saturday) | 6.00pm | <i>live streamed</i> | |
| Sun 20 Oct Twenty-Ninth Sunday (B) | 8.30am | | Susan Hares RIP, Molly Maguire RIP |
| <i>(St Mary's, Denton)</i> | 9.30am | | Roy Goulding RIP |
| | 10.30am | | Stephen Walsh & deceased members of Walsh family, Br Michael Akinrele (Private Int) <i>(livestreamed)</i> |
| | 6.00pm | | Alaksandre Petelczyc RIP (30 days) |
| Mon 21 Oct St Margaret Clitherow | 9.15am | | Pauline Juma (Birthday), Judith Young RIP (7th Anniv) |
| Tues 22 Oct St John Paul II | 9.15am | | Bev Thompson RIP <i>(live streamed)</i> |
| Wed 23 Oct Feria | | <u>Adoration 10.00am-12noon</u> | |
| | 12 noon | | Christian Murphy RIP, Agnes Mizzen RIP |
| Thurs 24 Oct St Anthony Mary Clare | 9.15am | <i>(St John's School)</i> | 7.00pm KSC farewell to Jude Mordi RIP |
| Fri 25 Oct Feria | 9.15am | | Poor People |
| Sat 26 Oct BVM | | <u>Adoration after 10am Mass until 12.30pm (Reconciliation 11.30-12.30pm)</u> | |
| | 10.00am | | |
| First Mass of Sunday, (Saturday) | 6.00pm | | Birthdays & Anniversaries celebrated during October <i>live streamed</i> |
| Sun 27 Oct Thirtieth Sunday (B) | 8.30am | | Dan O'Kane RIP |
| <i>(St Mary's, Denton)</i> | 9.30am | | Anne Dolan (ill) |
| | 10.30am | | Jude Mordi RIP (Birthday) <i>(livestreamed)</i> |
| | 6.00pm | | Maria Bogusz RIP (4th Anniv), Zdzislaw Bogusz RIP (2nd Anniv) |



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

Patricia Kavanagh - Requiem at St John Thurs 24 Oct @ 2pm

Jude Mordi - Reception 24 Oct @ 6.30pm and Requiem Mass Fri 25 Oct @ 11.30am

Georgina 'Gina' Leach - Requiem at St John's Thurs 31 Oct @ 12.30pm

Thomas Nee - Requiem at St John's Tues 5th 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... *May they rest in peace...*

- 20: Stella Maria Hunt, Pearl Thwaites, Raymond Gray, Colin Barry Pantry, Gerard Patrick Morgan, Anthony Cronin
- 21: Paul Bailey, Edward Loftus, Baby Ryan Pearton, Martin Kevin Pender, Patricia Mary Kane, Roseann Farrell, Margaret Curling
- 22: Robert Gartland, George Souter, Carlota Cornelio, Charles Hammond, Miriama Pokutova., Joan Lilian Napper, Agnes Mizzen
- 23: William Burns, Neal Hathaway, Edward Cassidy, Maria Hollands, Robert Ernstzen, Mary Josephine Gill, Eileen May Rigden
- 24: Elizabeth Wilders, Margaret Mary Ellen Danzey, Malcolm Anthony Crane
- 25: Geraldine Elizabeth Currie, Kenneth Macklin, Kathleen Ada Draper, Marek Bunda, Derek Rimmer, Mary Theresa Griffin
- 26: Ann Money Thomson, Thomas Leonard Rayfield, Stephen James Williamson, Eileen Couchman
- 27: Sylvester Healy, Sheila Mary Ring, Anne Catherine Davis, Peggie Britton, Anna Brenchley, Shirley Elizabeth Wakefield, Miriama Pokutova, Sheila Wilders, Teresa Bains

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.**

Holy Rosary October is the month of the Holy Rosary and will be said 30 minutes before every Mass Monday to Saturday morning and 5.30pm on Sunday. Everyone is welcome, please join us. Our Lady of the Rosary, pray for us.

Harvest This weekend, 20th October, we will celebrate Harvest Sunday. We welcome the pupils from St John's Primary School to the 10.30am Mass and they will bring their offerings for the foodbank and participate in the Readings and Mass. We will be collecting at all masses for the foodbank this weekend.

Baptism We welcome into our parish family Rudie Costello Murphy who was 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 11th Nov).

Wedding Our prayers, congratulations and best wishes to Nikodem Kedziora and Alyssa Paala on their wedding this weekend at St John's. Please make an appointment to see the Parish Priest if you would like to get married at St John's.

Last weeks collections £1,174.58. **This Sunday**: second collection for Missio which support foreign missions. Thank you for your continued generosity and to those people who pay by standing order and contactless.

Knights of St Columba will be having a farewell Mass for Brother Jude Mordi RIP on Thursday 24th Oct at 7pm. All are welcome to join us.

Coffee Morning. Our SVP group invites you all to a coffee morning after 8.30am & 10.30am Masses next Sunday 27th October in aid of SVP South Sudan Appeal. All proceeds will be donated to support the work of SVP in South Sudan.

School form signing Fr Stephen will be available to sign school forms on Wednesday 3-6pm.

Parish Bazaar This years bazaar will be held at St John's Comp School on Saturday 30th Nov. 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. Please do let us know if you are able to donate to the raffle. A box is available for donations for the bazaar - bottles, toys, teddies, unwanted gifts etc all gratefully accepted. We are also looking for help or new stalls/ideas. Contact the office or talk to Father.

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

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 Stephen know if you would like to join.

200 club Draw September Winners 1st: £55 - Jensen Garratt, 2nd: £35 - Josephine Perrett, 3rd: £25 - Mary Gaskill, 4th: £15 - Ita Hannon. We held the draw on Wednesday 9th October in the Coffee Bar. This was the final draw as it has been decided not to renew subscriptions this year. Thank you for your support over the years.

Fr Stephen Ojapah msp has written a book titled 'Tears and Torture; 33 Days in Kidnappers Den'. 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.

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.

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.

Mother's prayer group will take place straight after the 9.15 mass on Friday 11th October. Join us if you can .

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.

Archbishop John invites young adults (18-40) to join him at St George's Cathedral for "An Evening with Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati" on Thurs 31st Oct at 6:30 pm. No tickets necessary, just turn up.

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.

Please see the parish website for all our prayer groups.