

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH (served by the Missionary Society of St Paul)  
PARISH NEWSLETTER FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING 30th NOVEMBER 2024

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*Welcome!*

Mass  for the  
Intentions *Week*

<b>First Mass of Sunday, (Saturday)</b>	6.00pm	November Remembrance Family & Friends, James Bradley <i>(live streamed)</i>
<b>Sun 1 Dec FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (C)</b>	8.30am	Angela Loughrey RIP (2nd Anniv), Deirdre & family
<i>(St Mary's, Denton)</i>	9.30am	Stephanie Scowen (Recovery), Angela Loughrey RIP (2nd Anniv)
	10.30am	Dwight Garcia, Patrick Nelson RIP <i>(livestreamed)</i>
	6.00pm	Pawel Menczyk (40th b/d)
<b>Mon 2 Dec Feria</b>	9.15am	Pauline Bardoe RIP
<b>Tues 3 Dec St Francis Xavier</b>	9.15am	Vivian A Lindsay 68th Birthday thanksgiving <i>(live streamed)</i>
<b>Wed 4 Dec Feria</b>	<b><u>Adoration 10.00am-12noon</u></b>	
	12 noon	Sr Helen Rose, Katie Doris
<b>Thurs 5 Dec Feria</b>	9.15am	<i>(St John's School)</i>
<b>Fri 6 Dec Feria</b>	9.15am	Josie Hall, Alan & Susan Basco (38th Wedding Anniv)
<b>Sat 7 Dec St Ambrose</b>	<b><u>Adoration after 10am Mass until 12.30pm (Reconciliation 11.30-12.30pm)</u></b>	
	10.00am	Stephen Dowler RIP (2nd Anniv)
	11.00am	<i>St Katherine's, Shorne</i> Catherine Teresa Goba RIP
<b>First Mass of Sunday, (Saturday)</b>	6.00pm	M Francisco Trevasso & Emilia (Good health) <i>(live streamed)</i>
<b>Sun 8 Dec SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (C)</b>	8.30am	Angela Loughrey RIP (2nd Anniv), Ann Miller
<i>(St Mary's, Denton)</i>	9.30am	Deceased members of Trotman/Rowdon family, John Fitzpatrick RIP (1st Anniv)
	10.30am	Jude Mordi RIP, Boniface family thanksgiving <i>(livestreamed)</i>
	6.00pm	Norma Zita RIP (9th anniv)

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

**Alison Best** - Requiem at St John's Friday 13th December @1.30pm

*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***

- 1: Richard Maurice Taplin, Caroline Margaret Edwards, Emily Lines, Phyllis Joan Lane, Patricia Dike, Anthony Martin
- 2: Lawrence Finnerty, Margaret Georgina Kavanagh, Lena Mary Thomson, Ursula Agnes Heaver, Richard Smith, Audrey Mary Evans (Tutton), Pauline Bardoe
- 3: Elizabeth Hannah Griffin, William John Sparks, Pat Traveller, Sister M. Aidan Byrne, Norma Maffeo Zita
- 4: Margaret Mary Scott, Mary Catherine Holliday, Dennis William Buckley, Kay Upton, David Boyle, Phyllis Joan Lane, Theresa Bernadette Smyth, Michael Murphy
- 5: James Pope, Nathan George Crane, Henry Joseph Farrell, Patricia Josephine Hall, Angela Theresa Loughrey
- 6: Edward William Sanderson, Danuta Cernohorska, Percival Long, Audrey Norman, Abigail Colette Leavy
- 7: Nicola Vincenzo Crane, Bertha May Rattray, Steven Gary Banks, Stephen Kevin Dowler
- 8: Alexander Gloag Fisker Henery, James Patrick Hyland, Joyce Rimmer, Jennifer Ann Chapman



**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** Thank you to everyone who so generously donated, supported and/or gave up their time for our Parish Bazaar on Saturday. All the news next week.

**Advent Books** We have booklets available at the back of the Church @ £1 or 60p for the Infant/Junior booklet. Please collect our Advent/Christmas Card with events and Masses for the season.

**Last weeks collections** £1,138.60. Catholic Youth Services £379.84. Thank you for your continued generosity and to those people who pay by standing order and contactless.

**Gift Aid Giving Presentation** Next weekend at all Masses there will be a short presentation about gift aid.

**Christmas Lunch** There will be a lunch for our older members of the parish on Wednesday 11th December after 12 noon Mass in the Coffee Bar. Please put your name on the list at the back of the Church as we only have room for 30 people and let us know if anyone might benefit from the gathering.

**Confirmation** The preparation programme for young people in Years 8-13 at school or 13 years of age by 1 September 2025, who are interested in being confirmed in 2025 begins in January 2025. To register for the programme please complete the Google Form: <https://forms.gle/Getb9fGoGsNY1JTX9>

***A Confirmation Preparation Assistant is required (Classes start in January 2025). Please see Fr Moses***

**New Lectionaries** As we start a new Church Year (C) we will be using the new Lectionary; a revised translation of the Scripture readings for Mass and the Sacraments. The new translation is intended to be more faithful to the original languages and biblical scholarship. Thank you to those people who donated towards the new lectionaries.

**Carol Concert** Save the date! Sunday 15th December 7.30pm in the Church. We are delighted to welcome back the Medway Singers and Lauren Lynn. Suggested ticket price £5 (children free).

**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 email the office.

**Foodbank** We will be collecting donations for the Foodbank at all Masses next weekend, 7th/8th December. The most needed items are Longlife Milk, Squash, Peanut Butter, Honey, Small Christmas Sweets & Treats. Thank you as always for your generous support.

**First Friday Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus** will be held in the Church this Friday 6th Dec. It will start at 2.30pm with Rosary, 3pm Divine Mercy Chaplet and Exposition. All are welcome to join us.

**There will be 24hours continuous Adoration on Friday 6th Dec after 9.15am Mass until 10.00am Sat 7th Dec. If you are able, please sign the clipboard at the back of the Church so that we can be sure that there will always be someone with Our Lord.** Adoration also held on Wednesday 10-12 and Saturday 10.30-12.30pm

**First Saturday Devotions to the Immaculate Heart of Mary** On the first Saturday each month a service is held 11.30-12.30pm in the Church. Everyone is welcome to join us in prayer next Sat 7th Dec.

**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 talk to Fr Moses or Stephen 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.

**Southwark Archdiocese Rosary Prayer Project** Everyone is warmly invited to join this Archdiocese-wide prayer initiative, praying a decade of the Rosary each day for priests and parishes in their deanery. For details see the poster on the noticeboard, pick up an invitation leaflet at the back of church or email [southwarkrenewal@gmail.com](mailto:southwarkrenewal@gmail.com).

**Book Club** Wed 11th December, 6.30-7.30pm in the coffee bar. Free refreshments. Everyone most welcome. Fr Stephen will chair discussion of his book Tears and Torture.

**Carol Singing for Christian Aid** Sat 14th December, 2.30-3.00pm at St George's Centre opp. Sports Direct. Everyone most welcome to join in.

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

**Mrs Charity Eze Ugochukwu** Please call the Presbytery soonest. (Best call Tues-Thurs 10.30-3pm)

**Mother's prayer group** will take place straight after the 9.15 mass every Friday. 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.

**Time With the Word** Meets on Tuesday, Wednesday @8pm. Go to the parish website

**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.*