

**ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH (served by the Missionary Society of St Paul)
PARISH NEWSLETTER FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING 16th NOVEMBER 2024**

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Welcome!

Mass Intentions for the Week

First Mass of Sunday, (Saturday)	6.00pm	David Lloyd RIP, Jose Rene Echavez Mondejar RIP (birthday) <i>live streamed</i>
Sun 17 Nov Thirty-Third Sunday (B)	8.30am	Joe & Theresa Smyth
<i>(St Mary's, Denton)</i>	9.30am	Marie Hughes (Birthday thanksgiving), Deceased Goulding & Palmer Family & Friends
	10.30am	Hailey Juma (Birthday), Elsa Canton RIP, Deceased Brothers KSC <i>(livestreamed)</i>
	6.00pm	Protection (Private Int)
Mon 18 Nov Feria	9.15am	Celestine Dike Birthday thanks, Hailey Juma (Birthday)
Tues 19 Nov Feria	9.15am	Michael Feeley RIP <i>(live streamed)</i>
Wed 20 Nov Feria		<u>Adoration 10.00am-12noon</u>
	12 noon	Alison Best RIP, Jose Rene Echavez Mondejar RIP (birthday)
Thurs 21 Nov Presentation of BVM	9.15am	<i>(St John's School)</i>
Fri 22 Nov St Cecilia	9.15am	
Sat 23 Nov BVM		<u>Adoration after 10am Mass until 12.30pm (Reconciliation 11.30-12.30pm)</u>
	10.00am	Betty O'Connor (wellbeing)
First Mass of Sunday, (Saturday)	6.00pm	Birthdays & Anniversaries celebrated during November <i>live streamed</i>
Sun 24 Nov CHRIST THE KING (B)	8.30am	Sr Delores Int, Annie Nyland & deceased Nyland & Loughlin family, Olga Dsilva 20th Anniv
<i>(St Mary's, Denton)</i>	9.30am	Deceased members of McDonach & McGinlay families
	10.30am	Mary & Ron Winter, Jude Mordi RIP, KSC & families <i>(livestreamed)</i>
	6.00pm	



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

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

Eileen Mary Lloyd - Requiem at St John's Fri 29th Nov @10.30am

Alison Best - *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....

May they rest in peace

17: Patrick Henry Evans, Sister M. Patrick Duignan, Sister M. Aloysius Duignan, Marion Edith Baker, David Samuel John Nowell, Norah Pattison, Victor Knell, Nicholas Falcone (funeral)

18: Lydia Cutler, Rev Frank O'Byrne, Eileen Anne Mitchell, Brian Norman Gugias, Janet Evelyn McLauchlan, Ashleigh Wallis

19: Frederick Luck, Maria Giovanna Ciantanni, Gladys Stedman, Tom Horry, Nicholas Dimpers, Grace Cecilia Chesson, Terry Henry Cox, Cedrick Akpaloo

20: Ada Elizabeth Simmons, Rose Ryan, Jean McAuliffe, Mary Theresa O'Toole,

21: Dora Cuthbertson, Ersilia Zazzi, Emmeline Walker, Pdraig John McDonagh, Brian Thomas McDonald, Terrance James Day

22: Christopher Fitzpatrick, Julia Nicholl, Michael Valera Nolan, Alfred William Waghorne, Richard Keith Martin, Sister M. Joseph Larkin, Winifred Foster, Emma Frances Rann, Beatrice Scott, Michael Farrell

23: John Christopher McCarthy, John Patrick McDonald, Mamie Macklin, Thomas Bergin, John James Fountain, Celeste Ross, Joseph McFarlane Queen

24: Richard Taplin, William McCarthy, Mary Jones, James McGinty, Margaret Leddy, James Jones, Maria De Freitas



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 1 weekend 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. Please take and sell them to your family and friends and encourage them to come to the Bazaar. 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 urgently needed to make the Bazaar a success.**

Mission Appeal Please welcome Fr. Martin Goba CSSp who will be making a mission appeal for the Holy Ghost Fathers.

Assisted Suicide Statement Our Archbishop John has requested with only two weeks remaining until the parliamentary debate and vote, the bishops urge Catholics and all who share our belief in the sanctity and value of every human life to urgently contact their local MP, expressing their opposition and requesting that they either oppose or abstain from supporting the Bill. *Please collect a copy of the Bishops letter at the back of the Church.* A bill has been introduced to Parliament by Kim Leadbeater MP to legalise assisted suicide. We know that assisted suicide laws in other jurisdictions have had devastating consequences for the poor, disabled and marginalised. You can contact your MP by writing to them at House of Commons, London, SW1A 0AA.

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.

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.

Last weeks collections £1,140.75. Archbishop's Appeal £527.20: **This Week:** Collection for the Holy Ghost Fathers - **Next Week:** Catholic Youth Sunday. Thank you for your continued generosity and to those people who pay by standing order and contactless.

Baptism We welcome into our parish family Frank Zajdek and Henry Zajdek 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.

Red Wednesday - Wednesday 20th November is set aside by ACN (Aid to the Church in Need) as a day to pray for persecuted Christians around the world. We are only too familiar now with the stories of kidnapped priests in Nigeria, but men, women and children all over the world are prevented from practising their faith, or imprisoned, injured or killed if they do. See ACN's website www.acnuk.org for more information and to make a donation. Thank you

School forms Fr Moses will be available to sign forms on Tues 10am-12 noon or Thurs 5-6pm at the Presbytery.

Foodbank Thanks Thank you for generous donations last weekend. We were able to deliver 129.8 kg of much needed food & other essentials to support local families in need.

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

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.

Needed Volunteer work in the Presbytery for 2 hours a week to help with hoovering.

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.

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 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.

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

Advent booklets are available at the back of the Church including children's booklets.

Please see the parish website for all our prayer groups.