

**ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH (served by the Missionary Society of St Paul)
PARISH NEWSLETTER FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING 23rd NOVEMBER 2024**

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Welcome!

Mass Intentions for the Week

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
	9.30am	Deceased members of McDonach & McGinlay families
<i>(St Mary's, Denton)</i>	10.30am	Mary & Ron Winter, Jude Mordi RIP, KSC & families, Pauline Mbatl Birthday thanksgiving <i>(livestreamed)</i>
	6.00pm	
Mon 25 Nov Feria	9.15am	Sylvester James Petey RIP (4th Anniv)
Tues 26 Nov Feria	9.15am	Pawel Menczyk (40th b/d), Patrick O'Connell (20th Anniv), Dermot & family <i>(live streamed)</i>
Wed 27 Nov Feria	<u>Adoration 10.00am-12noon</u>	
	12 noon	Alison Best RIP, Fr Joe Smith
Thurs 28 Nov Feria	9.15am	<i>(St John's School)</i>
Fri 29 Nov Feria	9.15am	Fr Moses Intention
Sat 30 Nov St Andrew	<u>Adoration after 10am Mass until 12.30pm (Reconciliation 11.30-12.30pm)</u>	
	10.00am	Francis Boleyi
First Mass of Sunday, (Saturday)	6.00pm	November Remembrance Family & Friends, James Bradley <i>live streamed)</i>
Sun 1 Dec FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (C)	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)



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

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

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

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

25: John Roger Harkin, Michael Tiburtius Connolly, Rose Marie Gurney, Gertrude Mary Brewer

26: James Joseph Hardy, Catherine Mahon, Tomas Douglas Palmer, Patrick Francis O'Connell, Ronald Winter, Brian Ralph Chesson, Michael Ryan

27: Mary Byrne, Mary Hollyer, Adriana Seradi

28: Thelma Lyons, John Keith Rattray, Elizabeth 'Lila' White

29: Mary Merriman, Robert Leaman, Maureen Keeling, Edna Nielsen

30: James Bradley, Edward Leggatt, Cyril Friend Morris. Kathleen Patricia Starkey, Sybil Philbin, Bridget Mary McCormack

1: Richard Maurice Taplin, Caroline Margaret Edwards, Emily Lines, Phyllis Joan Lane, Patricia Dike, Anthony Martin



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

Our parish bazaar will be held *next Saturday 30th November at 12 noon*
St Johns Comprehensive School Rochester Road DA12 2JW .



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.

Fr Moses & Fr Stephen look forward to welcoming you all to this lovely annual gathering.

Bring your family and friends.

There is still time to drop off any donations during the week.

Draw tickets are still available and the draw will take place at the Bazaar.

Thank you for all your very generous donations and support.



Mission Appeal Fr. Martin Goba CSSp thanks you for his warm welcome and generous appeal which came to £856.90

Christ the King This Sunday 26th November, immediately after the 10.30am Mass, please join us for a small procession with the Blessed Sacrament (weather permitting) to celebrate Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe.

Assisted Suicide 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.

Bishop John Hine RIP Please remember in your prayers Bishop John who died this week.

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.

Advent Books Advent starts next week (1st Dec). We now have the 'Day by Day' (daily reading) and 'Walk With Me' (daily reflection) booklets available at the back of the Church @ £1 or 60p for the Infant/Junior booklet.

Last weeks collections £1,522.99. **This Week:** Catholic Youth Services. As we come to the end of the Church Year we wish to thank you for your continued generosity and to those people who pay by standing order and contactless.

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

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. Please 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

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.

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.

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.

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

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).

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

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.