

**ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH (served by the Missionary Society of St Paul)
PARISH NEWSLETTER FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING 1st FEBRUARY 2025**

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Welcome!

Mass Intentions for the Week

First Mass of Sunday, (Saturday)	6.00pm	Margaret Gaade RIP (4th Anniv) <i>(live streamed)</i>
Sun 2 Feb Presentation of the Lord	8.30am	Sean Coady (Birthday wishes)
(St Mary's, Denton)	9.30am	Stephanie Scowen RIP
<i>(livestreamed)</i>	10.30am	Giuseppe & Filomens Ditrolio RIP, Fiorindo Necchi-Ghiri RIP, Dean Onakinor (15th Birthday)
	6.00pm	Szymon Lecznar RIP (3rd Anniv)
Mon 3 Feb St Laurence & St Blaise	9.15am	Stephen Cottrell RIP (Birthday)
Tues 4 Feb St Henry	9.15am	Private Intention <i>(live streamed)</i>
Wed 5 Feb St Agatha	Adoration 10.00am-12noon	
	12 noon	Sergio Paukiu (Blessings)
Thurs 6 Feb St Paul Miki & Companions	9.15am	<i>(St John's School)</i> Mildred (Thanksgiving)
Fri 7 Feb Feria	9.15am	Lesley Hogan (Birthday)
Sat 8 Feb BVM	Adoration after 10am Mass until 12.30pm (Reconciliation 11.30-12.30pm)	
	10.00am	Michael Stone RIP
First Mass of Sunday, (Saturday)	6.00pm	<i>(live streamed)</i>
Sun 9 Feb Fifth Sunday (C)	8.30am	David Powell RIP (Anniv)
(St Mary's, Denton)	9.30am	
<i>(livestreamed)</i>	10.30am	
	6.00pm	Zillah Shenton RIP (11th Anniv)



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

Angela Teresa Ritchie - Reception 5th Feb and Requiem at St John's Thurs 6th Feb at 11.30am
Joan Wilcocks - Requiem at St John's Fri 7th Feb at 10.30am
Carmen Josephine Balzan - Requiem at St Johns Thurs 20th Feb at 11am
Hayley Teresa Mills - Service at Thamesview Crematorium Mon 24th Feb at 12 noon
Carmen Zarb - Requiem at St John's Mon 24th Feb at 10.45am
Helena Labacova - Service at Thamesview Crematorium Tues 25th Feb at 12 noon
Margaret Keegan - Requiem at St John's Thurs 27th Feb at 11am
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....

- 2: Redmond McBrien, Hugh McSwiggan, Sister M. Evangelist Deady
- 3: Stanley Pouton, Peter Denham, Bill Hudson, June O'Donoghue, Mary Cullen, Thomas George O'Neill
- 4: John Joseph Hall, Roy Frederick Green, Stephen Gibbons, Alison Traversari, Elizabeth Helen McCarthy, Winifred Marjorie Ring, Eileen Mary Harlow, Peter Joseph Walsh
- 5: Norah Cassidy, Michael Merriman, Mary Teresa Perrin, Eugene Gallagher, Sister M. Agnes Doherty, Vera May Corrigan, Elaine Rita Coldwell
- 6: Winifred Lock, Daniel Benedict Curran, Joan Mary Dimpers, Victor William Thorne
- 7: Jack Mortlock, Helen Margaret Jarvis, James Lawrance Corrigan,
- 8: Patrick Joseph Meaney, Mary McGrath, Nikolajs Cernenoks, Baby George Moule, Fiorindo Mecchi-Ghiri, Margaret Adel Flaherty
- 9: Denise McGee, Eileen Green, Joan Eileen Mullen, Mary Alice Ferguson, Sheila Ann Trimmer, Sheila Maureen Bates, Bronislaw Bednarek, Thomas John Gooda, Dorothy Irene Blair, Elizabeth Kate Farrell

May they rest in peace



St Blaise There will be a blessing of throats during the Mass on Monday, on the feast of St Blaise.

Called to Bear Fruit The Archbishop's pastoral letter offers us great opportunities in our parish to foster hope, faith, joy and love. It is a call for us to start and develop Small Christian Communities. Most of us have neighbours in our locality who are/were Catholics. Do not be afraid to reach out to them, arrange a meeting to look at the booklet 'Called to Bear Fruit' together.

Archbishop's Visit to our Parish (2nd March, 2025): Archbishop John Wilson will be celebrating the **10.30am** Mass on the 2nd of March. This would offer us opportunity to meet and interact with our Chief Shepherd in the archdiocese. As we are blessed with diverse nationalities, it will be good to celebrate the gifts that each of us bring to enrich the parish family. Would you like to present to the archbishop something unique to your culture to the archbishop at the end of the Mass? Then please meet Fr Stephen or Fr Moses (for more clarification) by the 15th of February

Baptism We welcome into our parish family Eddie Wiltshire 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 preparation session before the baptism (the next session is Monday 10th Feb @7pm). Please email the office.

Last weeks collections £1,303.57, Youth £367.05. Thank you for your continued generosity and to those people who pay by standing order and contactless.

Altar Servers There will be a training/practice session on Saturday 8th February at 1pm in the Church. Please make every effort to attend.

Jubilee Year 2025 - Pilgrims of Hope Rosaries. All Parishioners are invited to attend: Every Thursday at 07:30 pm via ZOOM, Meeting ID - 895 3351 1576 Passcode: 856705. Please see the Parish website for a clickable link to the Pilgrims of Hope Rosaries - this is run by the Order of the Knights of St. Columba

Missionary Society of St Paul will be celebrating their Silver Jubilee of serving in the UK. A special Mass will be held at St George's Cathedral on Friday 14th February at 6.30pm by Archbishop John. All are invited to this special occasion. We wish to thank you or your support and friendship. Please let the Priests or the office know if you would need transportation.

Foodbank We will be collecting donations at all Masses next weekend 8th/9th Feb. the most needed items are , Tinned Fruit/Veg/Meat/Mackerel, Hot Chocolate, Coffee, Squash, toiletries. Thank you for your support for local families in need.

Old Palm Crosses There is a basket available at the back of the Church to collect old palm crosses which can be burnt and made into ash for Ash Wednesday 5th March.

Mass of the Sick Next Sunday 9th Feb @ 6pm. There will be an opportunity for Anointing of the Sick.

First Friday Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus will be held in the Church this Friday 7th Feb. 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 7th Feb after 9.15am Mass until 10.00am Sat 8th Feb. 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. The Choir group will be doing praise and worship during this time 7-9pm.

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 of each month a service will be held immediately after Mass in the Church. Everyone is welcome to join us in prayer next Saturday 8th February.

Assisted Suicide All parishioners are invited to a special talk on Thurs 13 Feb at 7.30pm at St Michael's parish hall, Chatham. The speaker is Dr. Cajetan Skowronski, a specialist geriatric and palliative care doctor in the NHS, and national media commentator. He will discuss the serious dangers of the assisted suicide bill, healthcare realities, and what we can do. Refreshments served. Car park on site. Chatham train station 30 seconds away.

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.

Wednesday Teas You are welcome to come into the Coffee Bar after the 12 noon Mass on Wednesdays for refreshments and friendship.

Building a Better Marriage If any married couples missed the recent Building a Better Marriage day at St John's, you'll be delighted to learn that there will be more events this year. Please see the poster in the porch for dates.

Please see the parish website for all our prayer groups.

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.**