

**ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH** (*served by the Missionary Society of St Paul*)  
**PARISH NEWSLETTER FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING 4th JANUARY 2025**

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**CHURCHES:** St John's, St Mary's Rochester Road Denton DA12 2JN, St Katherine's Malthouse Lane Shorne DA12 3DP

**Parish Priest:** Fr Moses Amune, msp

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**Parish Sister:** Sister Elizabeth O'Hara

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**Safeguarding Team:** Catherine Gurney, Henry Bodunrin

**Presbytery/ Parish office open 10am-3pm** Mon: Sr Elizabeth Tues, Wed & Thurs: Teresa Potter Fri: Jacky Hardy

**Schools:** St John's Catholic Primary 01474 534546

**St John's Catholic Comprehensive** 01474 534718

*Welcome!*

*Mass Intentions for the Week*

<b>First Mass of Sunday, (Saturday)</b>	6.00pm	Mr & Mrs Henry & Mollie Walsh RIP ( <i>live streamed</i> )
<b>Sun 5 Jan EPIPHANY</b>	8.30am	Nuala Doherty RIP (7th Anniv), Lisa Farrelly
<i>(St Mary's, Denton)</i>	9.30am	Jason Chapman RIP, Iris Elliott
	10.30am	Sr Helen, Tony Larkin RIP (7th Anniv) ( <i>livestreamed</i> )
	6.00pm	Sisters of Mercy, Teresa Tutty, Joan Wilcocks (wellbeing)
<b>Mon 6 Jan Feria</b>	9.15am	Mary Ralph, Sr Helen, Sam Brizzell RIP
<b>Tues 7 Jan Feria</b>	9.15am	Rex Pattison, Christine Cotral ( <i>live streamed</i> )
<b>Wed 8 Jan Feria</b>		<b><u>Adoration 10.00am-12noon</u></b>
	12 noon	Della Flaherty RIP (1st Anniv)
<b>Thurs 9 Jan Feria</b>	9.15am	( <i>St John's School</i> )
<b>Fri 10 Jan Feria</b>	9.15am	Vincent Freeman, Evelyn & Bill Allan
<b>Sat 11 Jan Feria</b>		<b><u>Adoration after 10am Mass until 12.30pm (Reconciliation 11.30-12.30pm)</u></b>
	10.00am	Edeh family (Thanksgiving)
<b>First Mass of Sunday, (Saturday)</b>	6.00pm	Fr Stephen (birthday) ( <i>live streamed</i> )
<b>Sun 12 Jan BAPTISM OF THE LORD</b>	8.30am	Margaret O'Kane. Carmel Loughrey & family
<i>(St Mary's, Denton)</i>	9.30am	Mrs P Harkin & family, Mr & Mrs D Shand, Bill Tortman RIP ( <i>livestreamed</i> )
<i>(livestreamed)</i>	10.30am	Jude Mordi RIP
	6.00pm	



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

**Elivera Haigh** - Requiem Tuesday 14th January @ 11am

**Colin John Webster** - Reception to St John's 22 Jan and Requiem Thurs 23 Jan at 11am

**Mike Leavey RIP** A former teacher of St John's Comprehensive School died in Dublin

*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....**

- 5: Michael Anthony Traversani, Angus McCay, Noreen Perry, Sr. M. Agnes Kershaw, Marie Jones
  - 6: Albert Lawrence, Mary Lawrence, Howard Nell, Anne Mary Baldwin, James Kelly, Margaret Chadwick, Godfrey Baker, Robert Ernest Dignam,
  - 7: William Hotchkiss, James Strickland, Betty Irene Bons
  - 8: Mrs. E.M. O'Neill, William Stevens, Michael Kane, Edward George Gordon Popham, Douglas Edward William Webster, Mary Patricia Holland, Agnes Toppin, Sylvia Alice Zilpah Harper, William Anthony Lynn, Victor Southwick
  - 9: Albert Henry George Russell, Philip Paul Faiers, Donald George Holdstock, Nuala Teresa Doherty
  - 10: Harold Miller, Peter John Geiss, Hazel Victoria D'Silva, Cornelius Patrick Murphy, Patrick Joseph O'Dowd, Robert Edward Walli, Thomas Leonard McFayden, David John Simmons, William George Morgan Marcel Davies
  - 11: Kathleen Fahy, Maureen Mary Rose Earle, Brigid Loughrey
  - 12: Alice Money, Margaret Fraser Money, Francis Herbert Money, Frank Money, Michael Joseph Sheehy, Bernard Seddon, Jean Mary Taylor, Peter Lyons, Andrew John Byrne, Eileen Sarah Button, Kazimiera Smith, Patrick Anthony McGaley,
- May they rest in peace***



## **2025: A Year of Favours! A year of Pardoning!! A year of Hope!!!**

Hope does not disappoint. May this Jubilee year be an opportunity to be renewed in hope. Seeing how we came together to celebrate Christmas so joyfully, I am confident that we are pilgrims of hope as a parish. Let us commit to being agents of hope in the way we interact with each other when we come together for the Holy Eucharist each week; may our parish, through each one of us be a welcoming family. Ask yourself whom did I smile at, or chat with after Mass rather than who smiled at or chatted with me?

Thank you very much for the various ways you have enriched the parish with your gifts, talents and skills. Please, forgive any lack of appreciation on our part; Lord, have mercy. We are most grateful for your Christmas offerings.

We wish Pupils and Staff returning to school this week a fruitful and joyful 2025.

**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. All are invited to this special occasion. We wish to thank you or your support and friendship, especially during the years that Fr Casimir, Fr Innocent and myself served as Parish Priests. If you see yourself as friends of MSP, please come to the Presbytery on the 14th January @8pm.

**Last weeks collections** £1,607.66. Thank you for your continued generosity and to those people who pay by standing order and contactless.

**Foodbank** We will be collecting at all Masses next weekend 11/12th Jan for the foodbank. The most needed items include ready made jelly, hot puddings, crackers, tinned veg & meat, shower gel. Thank you.

**Gift Aid** Thanks to everyone who signed up to Gift Aid recently. Our Gift Aid Coordinator can answer any queries by calling the office or email [gravesendgac@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:gravesendgac@rcaos.org.uk)

**Booking Mass Intentions:** Envelopes for Masses are available at the back of the Church, write the intention and put the stipend in the envelope and hand to one of the priests or call at the presbytery between 10-2pm if you would like a specific mass. We cannot always allocate a Mass on the date requested as it may have already been booked, however, your Mass may be shared if you wish. Please do not use the Dona Machine for Mass stipends.

**Baptism** 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 13th Jan @7pm). Please email the office.

**School Forms** We will be available to sign school forms on Friday 3rd Jan between 12-2pm in the Presbytery. Please note that the day and times may change each 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.

**Mother's prayer group** takes place straight after the 9.15 mass every Friday. You are invited to join us and pray for our children especially.

**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.

**Come and Rest in Me** Meets on online Wednesdays @8pm. Go to the parish website. There is no meeting on 1st Jan.

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

**School Memories** If you would like to share any memories you have while attending St John's School when it was situated in Edwin Street please email [paultuley@yahoo.com](mailto:paultuley@yahoo.com)

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

**Keep Fit** Everyone is welcome to join our gentle exercise class in the coffee bar on Wednesday at 1.15pm. Exercises may be done seated or standing. 30 minutes £3 a session.

**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).

**Crib** Thank you to the team of crib builders and maintaining the beautiful crib figures. The Kings have now arrived!

**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.**