

**ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH (served by the Missionary Society of St Paul)
PARISH NEWSLETTER FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING 11th JANUARY 2025**

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Welcome!

Mass Intentions for the Week

First Mass of Sunday, (Saturday)	6.00pm	Fr Stephen (birthday) <i>(live streamed)</i>	
Sun 12 Jan BAPTISM OF THE LORD	8.30am	Margaret O'Kane. Carmel Loughrey & family, Eileen Burn	
<i>(St Mary's, Denton)</i>	9.30am	Mrs P Harkin & family, Mr & Mrs D Shand, Bill Trotman RIP <i>(livestreamed)</i>	
<i>(livestreamed)</i>	10.30am	Jude Mordi RIP	
	6.00pm	Dick Thackery RIP	
Mon 13 Jan St Hilary	9.15am	Sean Coady	
Tues 14 Jan Feria	9.15am	Sola Jacobs Intention <i>(live streamed)</i>	
Wed 15 Jan Feria	<u>Adoration 10.00am-12noon</u>		
	12 noon	Connie Saccasan & Gorgina Segni	
Thurs 16 Jan Feria	9.15am	Ubbo Bakker <i>(St John's School)</i>	
Fri 17 Jan St Anthony	9.15am	Annie Brizzell RIP	
Sat 18 Jan BVM	<u>Adoration after 10am Mass until 12.30pm (Reconciliation 11.30-12.30pm)</u>		
	10.00am	Anne Miller	
First Mass of Sunday, (Saturday)	6.00pm	Paul Adamek & family <i>(live streamed)</i>	
Sun 19 Jan Second Sunday (C)	8.30am	Margaret O'Kane RIP (Anniv), Fred Brown RIP (Anniv)	
<i>(St Mary's, Denton)</i>	9.30am	Teresa & Anthony Symms <i>(livestreamed)</i>	
<i>(livestreamed)</i>	10.30am	Jude Mordi RIP, St Anthony of Padua (Thanksgiving)	
	6.00pm	Sarah Mohammed & family	

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

Elvera 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....

- 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,
- 13: Joseph Cullen, Elizabeth O'Donoghue, Elizabeth Adelaide Stevens, George Dartnell, Winifred Grace Inkpen, Mary Fowler, Christopher Joseph Redmond, Sarah Webster
- 14: Liam Slattery, Josephine Ann Sullivan, Mary Theresa Morgan
- 15: Johanna Fello, Albert Seradi, Sister M. Clare Doyle, Sheila Cecilia Dawe, Rev. Fr. Hugh Bridge, Darren McCormack
- 16: James Bradley, Mary Carlin, Louisa Rose Murray, Patrick Thornton, William Charles Wright, Lorenz Anton Knoebl, Philip Charles Higgins, Robert Anthony Freeman
- 17: Charles Biles, Mabel Sanderson, Ronald Alfred Gillett, Dorothy Clare Hill, Dora Kathleen Hafner, John Anthony Thompson
- 18: Andrew Sharkey, Ian Pujoe, Claire Tiltman, Dennis McFarlane, Sister M. Cecilia Donnelly, Sister M. Teresa Thomas, James Blair, Kathleen Conway, Margaret O'Kane, Davina Glennis Leddy
- 19: Eileen Morris, Joseph Debono, Edward Reilly, Mary Donohue, Christopher Finn, Maria Grazia Rossi, Ruth Ellen Tulip, Marie Patricia Savill, Hugh O'Donnell, Maurice Lloyd Barrett,

May they rest in peace



FLAME 2025 Saturday 15th March 2025 at OVO Arena, Wembley for the largest Catholic gathering of young people in England and Wales and has a range of exciting speakers and prayer activities. Flame Congress Tickets cost £29 plus travel of £20, totaling to £49. The Parish has subsidised tickets so each person will pay £25. This price £25 will be inclusive of train tickets, more information to follow. To book please contact the Youth Co-ordinators Millicent Afeeva 07932633608 or Marie Hughes 07941657407 (Denton). We would like many young people to attend this event to build their faith. **Deadline for booking is Sunday.**

Please welcome Karen Thompson who will be speaking at Mass regarding School Governors and will leave an information leaflet at the back of church that could be picked up if any one is interested.

Baptism We welcome into our parish family Violet Rose Gath 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 13th Jan @7pm). Please email the office.

Monthly tea/Coffee Today there will be tea and coffee served in the Coffee Room after 10.30 am Mass. You are most welcome to the Coffee bar after Mass for the refreshments and some social get-together.

Last weeks collections £1,124.72. Thank you for your continued generosity and to those people who pay by standing order and contactless.

Pastoral letter read next weekend at all masses from Archbishop John. Copies will be available.

Christian Unity 18-25th January. The Church observes 8 days of prayer for Christian Unity

Foodbank We will be collecting at all Masses this 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.

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.**

Gift Aid Our Gift Aid Coordinator Jacky Hardy can answer any queries by calling the office or email 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.

School Forms We will be available to sign school forms on Tues 14th Jan between 2-4pm 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

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.

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.**