

**ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH (served by the Missionary Society of St Paul)  
PARISH NEWSLETTER FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING 18th JANUARY 2025**

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*Welcome!*

*Mass Intentions for the Week*

<b>First Mass of Sunday, (Saturday)</b>	6.00pm	Paul Adamek & family ( <i>live streamed</i> )	
<b>Sun 19 Jan Second Sunday (C)</b>	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	
<b>Mon 20 Jan St Fabian</b>	9.15am	Teresa Tutty (wellbeing)	
<b>Tues 21 Jan St Agnes</b>	9.15am	Nora McCaffrey (wellbeing) ( <i>live streamed</i> )	
<b>Wed 22 Jan Feria</b>	<b><u>Adoration 10.00am-12noon</u></b>		
	12 noon	Maura Dee (wellbeing)	
<b>Thurs 23 Jan Feria</b>	9.15am	( <i>St John's School</i> ) Mollie Walsh RIP (Anniv)	
<b>Fri 24 Jan St Francis de Sales</b>	9.15am	Simon Freeman	
<b>Sat 25 Jan Conversion of St Paul</b>	<b><u>Adoration after 10am Mass until 12.30pm (Reconciliation 11.30-12.30pm)</u></b>		
	10.00am	Eda Kilcullen (wellbeing)	
<b>First Mass of Sunday, (Saturday)</b>	6.00pm	Elvira Haigh RIP ( <i>live streamed</i> )	
<b>Sun 26 Jan Third Sunday (C)</b>	8.30am	Colonel & Mrs M Erhabor RIP, Kathleen Freeman	
<i>(St Mary's, Denton)</i>	9.30am	<i>(livestreamed)</i>	
<i>(livestreamed)</i>	10.30am	<b>(Youth Mass)</b> Celeste Rossi RIP (Birthday)	
	6.00pm	Celebrating birthdays and anniversaries during January	

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

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

**Angela Teresa Ritchie** - Reception 5th Feb and Requiem at St John's Thurs 6th Feb at 11.30am

**Margaret Keegan** - details soon

*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....**

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,

20: Thomas O'Toole, Gloria Williams, Kathleen Freeman, Doris Dock, Lily Beatrice Mary Sutherland, Kathleen Kelly, Bernadette Ellen Mary Walsh

21: Richard Herbert, Robert Jackson Cuthbertson, Margaret Reilly, Luisa Zazzi, Brian Francis Murray, Mary Teresa Taylor,

22: John Waller, Dr. Michael Francis McDonnell, Winifred Money, William Kelly, Baby Francis Rossi Ficchi, Patrick Barrett

23: Sister Catherine Cahill, James Ryan, Terence Anthony Patrick Flynn, Gaynor Ann Webster, Gerry Duncan, Mary Ann Prior, Mary Walsh

24: Bridget O'Brien, George Matthew McConkey, Kazimir Chyba, Maria Grazia Smith, James William Lillie, Lily Roberts, Jacob Campbell Knell

25: Olive Johnson, William Walsh, Joyce Chidgey, Frances Deeprose, Peter Patrick McConnell-Lawlor, Anne Bernadette Laffey

26: Jeremiah O'Donoghue, Mary Agnes Fitzgerald, Thomas John Clanchy, James Joseph Coleman, Henry Alfred Soder, Marie Frances Ann Birch, Mavis Schwieso, Frederick Schwieso, Catherine Crowley, Aina Treiguts

***May they rest in peace***



**Pastoral letter** will be read this weekend at all masses from Archbishop John. Copies will be available. There are also booklets "Called to Bear Fruit" for everyone at the back of the Church.

**Foundation Governors** Following on from my appeal for Foundation Governors last week should you wish for anymore information there are still some leaflets at the back of the church and my email is karen.thompson@st-johns-gravesend.kcsp.org.uk. Thank you Karen Thompson.

**Baptism** We welcome into our parish family Valerie Kaur Campbell 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** £1,220.25. This weekend we are holding an appeal for the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) and there will be a second collection. Thank you for your continued generosity and to those people who pay by standing order and contactless.

**Lourdes diocesan Pilgrimage 2025.** Which will take place in August 22-28th. A meeting will take place at St Henry & St Elisabeth Church , 53 Broadway, Sheppey, ME121TS, at 2pm on Sat, Jan 25th, at the kind invitation of Fr Aklilu. This jubilee year is the perfect opportunity for us to travel together "on pilgrimage" with Our Lady of Lourdes. Bishop Paul Hendricks and Dcn John Fogarty will have lots of information about the pilgrimage to share with you on the day and we look forward to seeing you there. Please let Dcn John know if you would like to attend or if you would like more information. Dcn John Fogarty, 07851019134 or johnfogarty@rcaos.org.uk

**Christian Unity** 18-25<sup>th</sup> January. The Church observes 8 days of prayer for Christian Unity

**Foodbank.** Thank you for your generous donations last weekend. We were able to deliver 178.1 kg of food & other essentials to help local families in need.

**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. Please let the Priests or the office know if you would need transportation.

**Archbishop John Wilson** has written a new book entitled The Romero Rosary. With introductory chapters about St Oscar Romero and the rosary, this beautiful and creative new book contains reflections on the traditional mysteries of the rosary (*Joy, Light, Sorrow & Glory*) and the *NEW* Romero Mysteries (*Charity, Compassion and Mercy, & Justice and Peace*) - all illumined for reflection and prayer by the words of St Oscar Romero. The book is available from Pauline Bookshops and online at [www.paulineuk.org](http://www.paulineuk.org). The Archbishops warmly invites everyone to the book launch on Wednesday 12 February at 6.00 for 6.30pm at Amigo Hall, adjacent St George's Cathedral, Southwark, South London. SE1 7HY.

**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 Wed 22nd 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.

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

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

*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.**