

**ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH (served by the Missionary Society of St Paul)
PARISH NEWSLETTER FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING 25th JANUARY 2025**

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Welcome!

Mass Intentions for the Week

First Mass of Sunday, (Saturday)	6.00pm	Marion Di Nonno & Maria Luisa Di Nonno RIP, Ramon & Liva's Father
Sun 26 Jan Third Sunday (C)	8.30am	Colonel & Mrs M Erhabor RIP, Kathleen Freeman RIP (Anniv), Patrick Coady RIP (8th Anniv)
<i>(St Mary's, Denton)</i>	9.30am	<i>(livestreamed)</i>
<i>(livestreamed)</i>	10.30am	(Youth Mass) Celeste Rossi RIP (Birthday), Mildred (Thanksgiving)
	6.00pm	Celebrating birthdays and anniversaries during January
Mon 27 Jan St Angela Merici	9.15am	Warren Farrar
Tues 28 Jan St Thomas Aquinas	9.15am	Mrs Carmen Zarb <i>(live streamed)</i>
Wed 29 Jan Feria		<u>Adoration 10.00am-12noon</u>
	12 noon	Elvira Haigh RIP
Thurs 30 Jan Feria	9.15am	<i>(St John's School)</i> William Gardner, Colonel & Mrs Erhabor
Fri 31 Jan St John Bosco	9.15am	American Fires (May God Bless them), Mildred (Thanksgiving)
Sat 1 Feb BVM		<u>Adoration after 10am Mass until 12.30pm (Reconciliation 11.30-12.30pm)</u>
	10.00am	Anne Brown
	11.00am	<i>(St Katherine's, Shorne)</i>
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)
<i>(St Mary's, Denton)</i>	9.30am	
<i>(livestreamed)</i>	10.30am	Giuseppe & Filomens Ditrolio RIP, Fiorindo Necchi-Ghiri RIP
	6.00pm	Szymon Lecznar RIP (3rd 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

Margaret Keegan - Requiem at St John's Thurs 27th Feb at 11am

Joan Wilcock - Requiem at St John's Fri 7th Feb at 10.30am

Karmen Balzan - 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....

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

27: Mary Leggatt, Cormac McDermott, Donald Herbert Silcock, John Joseph Carey, Leonardo Bove

28: Sister Benedict Smith, Mary Balzan, Nancy Gibson, Graham John Hunt, Margaret Butt, Patrick Coady, John Hall

29: Joan Pulett, Francis Joseph Reilly, Mervyn Oakley Peterson, David Joseph Ring, Janet Bagley

30: William James Gardner, Jean Quadling, Kevin Marriott,

31: Patrick Michael Costello, Albert James Coupland, Thomas Belford

1. James Hill, Mary Lawrence, Sister M. Gerard Murphy, Robert John Pender, Sr Michael (Elizabeth Maureen O'Kelly), Peggy (Margaret) Ann Gaade, Mary Philomena Kelly

2: Redmond McBrien, Hugh McSwiggan, Sister M. Evangelist Deady

May they rest in peace



Called to Bear Fruit The Archbishop's pastoral letter to us last Sunday 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 Mildred Franknero and Abel Bogacovs who were 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 £1,413.75. SPUC £327.29. 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.

Lourdes diocesan Pilgrimage 2025. Which will take place in August 22-28th. 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 have lots of information about the pilgrimage. Dcn John Fogarty, 07851019134 or johnfogarty@rcaos.org.uk

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.

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. 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.

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.

Holocaust Memorial Day, Monday 27th January, marks the 80th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau, the largest Nazi concentration camp complex, and the 30th anniversary of the genocide in Bosnia. Please join in the Evening Prayer of Remembrance @ 7pm in the Church.

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.**