

**ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH (served by the Missionary Society of St Paul)
PARISH NEWSLETTER FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING 15th FEBRUARY 2025**

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Welcome!

Mass Intentions for the Week

First Mass of Sunday, (Saturday)	6.00pm	Brian Hardy RIP, Albert Guest RIP <i>(live streamed)</i>	
Sun 16 Feb Sixth Sunday (C)	8.30am	Mary Murphy RIP, Sisters of Mercy	
<i>(St Mary's, Denton)</i>	9.30am	Pradip Sharma (Healing)	
<i>(livestreamed)</i>	10.30am	Sola Jacobs (special intention), Jevina Lucas (Birthday 9th), Anthony Chukwunonso Okeli (Birthday t/g)	
	6.00pm	Maria Michalska	
Mon 17 Feb Feria	9.15am	Veronica Williams (Birthday)	
Tues 18 Feb Feria	9.15am	Maria Michalska <i>(live streamed)</i>	
Wed 19 Feb Feria		<u>Adoration 10.00am-12noon</u>	
	12 noon	Jeanette Pare (wellbeing)	
Thurs 20 Feb Feria	9.15am	<i>(St John's Church)</i> Sola Jacobs (Special Int), Donors Int	
Fri 21 Feb Feria	9.15am	Mrs Mary Gabadi 70th Birthday t/g	
Sat 22 Feb Chair of St Peter		<u>Adoration after 10am Mass until 12.30pm (Reconciliation 11.30-12.30pm)</u>	
	10.00am	Patricia	
First Mass of Sunday, (Saturday)	6.00pm	Hannah Charles, John & Nora O'Meara <i>(live streamed)</i>	
Sun 23 Feb Seventh Sunday (C)	8.30am	Bridie Loughlin (wellbeing), Eileen Webber (5th Anniv)	
<i>(St Mary's, Denton)</i>	9.30am	Birthdays & Anniversaries Celebrated in February	
<i>(livestreamed)</i>	10.30am	Cell 12 & 13 Word Sharing Group, Gerardina & Claudio Mercolongo RIP	
	6.00pm	Aivaras (Healing)	

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

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....

- 16: Thomas O'Brian, Robert Pearce, Claude Turner, Anthony Bailey, Jane Lynn, Margaret Mulholand
- 17: Emilia Savickis, Mary Agar, Andrew Murphy, Mary Philomena Pay, Douglas Lawrence, Gordon, Lucia Camilla Jones, Nuala Chapman, Eileen Turley, Joseph Savickis, Lucza Cernenoks, Bridget Mary Carey
- 18: Thomas David Butterfield, Family Spreugel, William Gerald Flynn, Bridget Lereille, Eileen Lynch, S. Gilbert, Ada Hilton, Ruth Birch, Michael Alfred Stapley, Doris Olive Joyce
- 19: Luigi Boffa, Sister M. Veronica Couchman, Doreen Minnie Hodge, Baby Arthur Antonio Jackson, Enid Anita Hedges, Patrick Finbar Crotty, Edward William Webster, Joan Beatrice McGlinn, David Kavanagh, Matilda Turner
- 20: Thomas Finton Byrne, Patrick Joseph Doyle, Theresa Laws, David William Brooks
- 21: Nancy Moore, Gwen Miller, James Little, Lionel Anthony Jackson, John Halligan, Francis Arthur Barnacle
- 22: Nicola Carnovale, Sister M. Francis Elmes, Mary Hills, Frankie Conroy, Henry May
- 23: James Comgall McBennett, Peter Joseph Hughes, Alan Thomas Ryder

May they rest in peace



Called to Bear Fruit Every parishioner/family is encouraged to take a copy of this book. 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. Indeed we are called to bear fruit abundantly. How are we doing prayerfully looking at the booklet either individually, as a family or with our neighbours? Well done to all who made efforts. May God's Spirit guide us. Amen

Baptism We welcome into our parish family Isla Poppy Coyne 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 March @7pm). Please email the office.

Last weeks collections £1,326.38. **This week:** there will be a second collection for Racial Justice. **Next Week:** A second collection for Clergy Support. The clergy in our Archdiocese have given so much and supporting priests in their retirement is one way to show your appreciation. Thank you for your continued generosity and to those people who pay by standing order and contactless.

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

Foodbank Thank you for your generous donations last weekend. We were able to deliver 172kg of much needed food & other essentials to support local families.

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.

Songs of Praise at St George's Cathedral St George's Cathedral is delighted to be working with Songs of Praise for their 2025 Easter Programme. If parishioners would like to be a part of it, they can apply for tickets through the parish office, which will take place on Saturday 15 March 2025 from 1-4pm.

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.

Hope in Adoration. As part of the Jubilee Year, Archbishop John is encouraging people to turn to the Lord Jesus in Eucharistic adoration and have their hopes "fulfilled by Christ". The campaign, Hope in Adoration, will share testimonies from parish priests and laity throughout the year on how Eucharistic adoration has helped them build a closer relationship with the Lord Jesus. Resources will also be made available for free and there is a comprehensive list of times of Eucharistic adoration in parishes across the Archdiocese. Find out more about the campaign at rcaos.org.uk/hopeinadoration. We are blessed to have 24 hour Adoration 1st Friday of the month.

KSC Council 977 Annual Dinner Dance and Fundraising 5th July 2025 at The Riverside Community Centre, Dickens Road, Gravesend DA12 2JY, Tickets: £30, 7-11pm. Dress code: This is a black tie event, Raffle Prizes to be won on the night. For tickets please contact Brother Michael Afeeva on 07958112644 or a member of the Knights of St. Columba.

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.

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

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.

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.

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.**