

**ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH** *(served by the Missionary Society of St Paul)*  
**PARISH NEWSLETTER FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING 22nd FEBRUARY 2025**

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

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*Welcome!*

*Mass Intentions for the Week*

<b>First Mass of Sunday, (Saturday)</b>	6.00pm	Hannah Charles, John & Nora O'Meara <i>(live streamed)</i>
<b>Sun 23 Feb Seventh Sunday (C)</b>	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)
<b>Mon 24 Feb Feria</b>	9.15am	Eileen Faulks
<b>Tues 25 Feb Feria</b>	9.15am	Andy Gray (ill) <i>(live streamed)</i>
<b>Wed 26 Feb Feria</b>		<b><u>Adoration 10.00am-12noon</u></b>
	12 noon	Lesley Rowdon (Birthday), Tony Larkin
<b>Thurs 27 Feb Feria</b>	9.15am	<i>(St John's School)</i> Aelita Cice (ill)
<b>Fri 28 Feb Feria</b>	9.15am	John Fitzgerald Gardner
<b>Sat 1 March St David</b>		<b><u>Adoration after 10am Mass until 12.30pm (Reconciliation 11.30-12.30pm)</u></b>
	10.00am	Mary Obare RIP, Margaret de Sousa
	11.00am	<i>(St Katherine's, Shorne)</i>
<b>First Mass of Sunday, (Saturday)</b>	6.00pm	Damian Obare RIP, Annie Newman RIP (Anniv) <i>(live streamed)</i>
<b>Sun 2 March Eighth Sunday (C)</b>	8.30am	Thanksgiving
<i>(St Mary's, Denton)</i>	9.30am	Iris Elliott (Birthday), Sheehy Sisters (wellbeing)
<i>(livestreamed)</i>	10.30am	<b>(Youth Mass)</b> Mrs V Brett & family, Rita & Kizito Bodunrin (B/d), Restoration
	6.00pm	Thanksgiving, Private Intention, John Pink RIP

"I AM GIVING YOU A NEW  
 COMMANDMENT, THAT YOU LOVE ONE  
 ANOTHER. JUST AS I HAVE LOVED YOU,  
 SO YOU TOO ARE TO LOVE ONE  
 ANOTHER. BY THIS EVERYONE WILL  
 KNOW THAT YOU ARE MY DISCIPLES, IF  
 YOU HAVE LOVE AND UNSELFISH  
 CONCERN FOR ONE ANOTHER."  
 JOHN 13:34-35 AMP

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

**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

**Patrick Joseph Flood** - Service at St John's Wed 26th Feb at 1.30pm

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

**Amelia Love** - Service at Thanessview Crematorium Tues 11th March at 4pm

*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....**

23: James Comgall McBennett, Peter Joseph Hughes, Alan Thomas Ryder

24: Alfred Tiller, Catherine Odd, Louisa Amelia Sullivan, Ellen Mollie Patricia Moore, Marina Ventskene

25: Hilda Veronia Chick, Kathleen Finnerty, Horace Cecil Medhurst, John McGowan, Ivy Louise Savage, Mark James Fraher,

26: James Joseph Coleman, Colin Burgess, Sheila Jeffs Mulheran

27: William Edward Boyer, Frankie Conroy, Dorothy May Leggatt

28: Liam O'Callaghan, Edmund Dobbins, Ella O'Bryan, Cedric Edsall, James Frederick Little, Andy Bradley,  
 Baby John Fitzgerald Gardner

1: Wilfred George Dalton, Anita Ayres,

2: Fr. Peter McPolin, Willie Strain, Violet Doris Durkin, Virgiglia Hill, Sarah Philomena Harper

***May they rest in peace***



**Archbishop's Visit to our Parish** Next Sunday, 2nd March Archbishop John Wilson will be celebrating the 10.30am Mass. The KSC will be serving refreshments after the Mass. He wants to meet you after Mass.

**Lenten booklets** Lenten booklets are now available at the back of the Church. There are 2 different books, one with readings of the day and one with reflections of the day (£1). There is also a selection of children's booklets to purchase.

**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.

**Thank you** Fr Moses and Fr Stephen wish to thank all those who managed to join us for the Silver Jubilee Mass at the Cathedral last Friday. We had a great turnout from the parish and celebrated a beautiful Mass. Fr Mark Odion, Regional Superior has sent a letter of thanks (available on the noticeboard).

**Pilgrimage of Hope to Walsingham - Saturday 31st May** As Pilgrims of Hope, let us make a Parish Pilgrimage of hope to Walsingham together; it's half term so you can come with all the family on a One Day Parish Family Trip. It will be quality time with each other and with God. Come one, Come all!! There is a clipboard at the back of the Church for names. Children travel free and we want to make the day affordable for all.

**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 Henrietta Osarenkhoe and Zach Santos 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 March @7pm). Please email the office.

**Last weeks collections** £1,377.98. Racial Justice £200.10. **This week:** A second collection for Clergy Support. 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

**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](http://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.

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

**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.

**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.**