

**ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH (served by the Missionary Society of St Paul)
PARISH NEWSLETTER FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING 8th MARCH 2025**

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Welcome!

Mass Intentions for the Week

First Mass of Sunday, (Saturday)	6.00pm	Sr Simeon (wellbeing), Karina McGinley RIP (1st Anniv) <i>(live streamed)</i>
Sun 9 March First Sunday of Lent (C)	8.30am	Loughrey, O'Kane, Killaly family
<i>(St Mary's, Denton)</i>	9.30am	Frances Costen (Birthday)
<i>(livestreamed)</i>	10.30am	Patient Sunday RIP, Sebastian Iheanacho RIP
	6.00pm	Stanislawa Kowal RIP
Mon 10 Mar Feria	9.15am	Donors Intention
Tues 11 Mar Feria	9.15am	Foundation Masses <i>(live streamed)</i>
Wed 12 Mar Feria		10am Stations of the Cross
		12 noon Parishioners
		Adoration 12.30pm-6pm
Thurs 13 Mar Feria	9.15am	<i>(St John's School)</i> Ken Hughes RIP
Fri 14 Mar Feria	9.15am	Donors Intention
		6.30pm Stations of the Cross
Sat 15 March Feria		Adoration after 10am Mass until 12.30pm (Reconciliation 11.30-12.30pm)
	10.00am	Joseph Patrick Blake RIP (Birthday)
First Mass of Sunday, (Saturday)	6.00pm	Eileen Dowler RIP, Deceased Roche & Newman families <i>(live streamed)</i>
Sun 16 Mar Second Sunday of Lent (C)	8.30am	Sr Elizabeth (Birthday)
<i>(St Mary's, Denton)</i>	9.30am	Teresa Tutty
<i>(livestreamed)</i>	10.30am	Br Michael Akinrele, Supreme Knight (Thanksgiving)
	6.00pm	Donors Intention



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

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

Teresa Tutty - Requiem at St John's Mon 31st March at 2pm

Robert (Bob) Bradshaw RIP

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....

- 9: Michael Maher, Ruben Brond, Elenor Matheson, Baby Niamh Nevada Wood, Ellen Teresa Taylor, Pamela June McCarthy, Marion Robinson, Frederick Richard William Harris
- 10: Francis Hatchett, Anthony Kerrigan, Marion Robinson, Raymondo Marcantonio, George Pearton, Freda Meaney
- 11: Daphne Wanda McBennett, Betty Joan Bay, Cecilia Butler
- 12: Michael Sheehy, Elizabeth Lynds, Eric William Cottrill, Alexander McNally, Cecilia Rosa Russell
- 13: Kathleen O'Callaghan, Sgt. Dennis Clifford, James Patrick Brown, Rita Hair, Gerald Patrick Brennan, Margaret Rose Bourne, Jeffrey Tony Edward Hussey, Ellen Nora Walker
- 14: Kathleen Fitzgerald, Martin Joyce, Elizabeth Kathrina Murphy, William John Ryan, Dorothy Whitby
- 15: Ely May Crook, Mary Cree Rodden, Joyce Bridget Mary Markey, Vivienne Hyland
- 16: Mary Mullarkey, Helen Clair Kelly, C. Simmons, Ann Roxburgh Munn, Ian Daniel Byrne, Peter David McSwiggan, Mary Alice Gilhooly, Malcolm Thomas Slade



May they rest in peace

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.**

Lent We wish to appeal for active and regular participation at the masses, attendance to the **Station of the Cross** and the sacrament of **penance/reconciliation/confession** during this special season of grace. Above all, let us pray for one another, the Church and the world. *Please collect a Lenten leaflet with all the dates of services up to Easter Sunday.*

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 donation). There is also a selection of children's booklets.

Novena 10th-18th to St Joseph The Novena prayer will take place each day 30 minutes before Mass and Sunday 5.30pm. We pray this novena to St. Joseph the Worker for nine days, culminating on the Solemnity of Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin. We can pray this novena to ask for Joseph's special care over a particular intention such as help in an area of our lives needing discernment.

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

St Patrick Monday 17th March is the feast of St Patrick. Fr Joe will be distributing shamrock on Saturday 15th March at the 6pm Mass.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Christ is really present in the Blessed Sacrament; come and talk heart to heart with Him, either on Wed (12.30-6pm - please sign up so that there will always be someone with Our Lord) or Sat after 10am Mass until 12.30pm; or 1st Friday 24 hour Adoration.

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; please put your name on the list by the end of March. 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 Louie-Jack William Barnett and Eleanora-Mary Ikhuria 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 £1,548.51. **Next Sunday** there will be a second collection for CAFOD. Pope Francis' appeal for solidarity and justice. Today, 54 countries - including Kenya - are in a debt crisis, paying to service debts which takes money from services like health and schools. And as we enter Lent, anchored in the hope of Christ please keep our global brothers and sisters in your thoughts and prayers. Thank you for your continued generosity and to those people who pay by standing order and contactless.

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.

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

Foodbank We will be collecting donations for the foodbank at all Masses this weekend 8/9th March. Most need items are coffee, tinned meat/veg/fish, peanut butter, crackers. Thank you for your support.

Gift Aid The new gift aid envelopes are now available. Please collect from the Sacristy after Mass.

Care not Killing Please see the information in the porch and sign the petition to reject any proposal to legalise assisted suicide.

Date for your diary: Archdiocesan Jubilee Celebration Day at The Friars, Aylesford 7 June 2025. Led by Archbishop John Wilson, we will gather as an Archdiocese at The Friars, Aylesford for a day of prayer, reflection, celebration, and fun.

Flame 2025 We wish our young people going to Wembley Arena a wonderful fulfilling day. We are sorry that not everyone was able to go as the tickets had all been sold out.

Archbishop John Wilson's visit last Sunday was heartwarming. We are very grateful for your contribution and the Archbishop John thanks you all for making him so welcome. You may listen to his homily on our parish website.

LENT: Stations of the Cross Friday evening at 6.30pm (Confessions 5.30-6.15pm) & Wednesday @10am

Please see the parish website for all our prayer groups;