

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

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Welcome!

Mass Intentions for the Week

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), Philip Rodden, John Matthews RIP
<i>(St Mary's, Denton)</i>	9.30am	Teresa Tutty, Paddy McCaffrey RIP (15th Anniv)
<i>(livestreamed)</i>	10.30am	Br Michael Akinrele, Supreme Knight (Thanksgiving), Halina Madejczyk RIP
	6.00pm	Pushu RIP
Mon 17 Mar St Patrick	9.15am	Patricia Aduba (welfare)
Tues 18 Mar Feria	9.15am	Maria Fatima Gomes, Leonardo De Sousa (<i>live streamed</i>)
Wed 19 Mar St Joseph	10am Stations of the Cross	
	12 noon	Teresa Coleman RIP, Teresa Tutty RIP
	Adoration 12.30pm-6pm	
Thurs 20 Mar Feria	9.15am	<i>(St John's School)</i>
Fri 21 Mar Feria	9.15am	Djamila
	6.30pm Stations of the Cross	
Sat 22 March Feria	Adoration after 10am Mass until 12.30pm (Reconciliation 11.30-12.30pm)	
	10.00am	Karena McGinley RIP
First Mass of Sunday, (Saturday)	6.00pm	Waissen & McGinley families, Delivert & Custry families (<i>live streamed</i>)
Sun 23 Mar Third Sunday of Lent (C)	8.30am	Zillah Shenton RIP (B/d)
<i>(St Mary's, Denton)</i>	9.30am	Bessie Trotman
<i>(livestreamed)</i>	10.30am	Bob Bradshaw RIP
	6.00pm	Teresa Tutty RIP



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

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

Robert (Bob) Bradshaw RIP - Requiem at St John's Tues 22nd April 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: Mary Mullarkey, Helen Clair Kelly, C. Simmons, Ann Roxburgh Munn, Ian Daniel Byrne, Peter David McSwiggan, Mary Alice Gilhooly, Malcolm Thomas Slade
- 17: Helena Claire, Gerald Byrne, William James, Patrick McCarthy, Mary Kearney Smith, Cornelius Doris, Melanie Mulheran, Catherine Anne Pollard, Michael Joseph Finn
- 18: Sarah Sharkey, Elizabeth Miller, Gladys Dougal, William Christopher Keegan, Margaret Lyons, Frederick William Bateman, Francis Roy Henry, Baby Charlie Taylor,
- 19: Michael Kavanagh, Michael Neil Davies, William James Thomson, Ellen Elizabeth Long, Paul Thomas Finch, Mario Ciantanni
- 20: Ted Rayfield, James Lahiff, Ernest Edward Heinave, John Clifford, William Joseph Dolan, Eileen Winifred Nell, Sheila Mary Dunham, Kathy Desmond, Hilda Florence Elizabeth Bateman, John Christopher Matthews
- 21: Samuel Henry Perrin, Maria Cutillo, Bessie Maud Trotman, Billie Picciola, Margaret Sharp, Noel Christopher Moran, Stella Marie Bove
- 22: Major John O'Neill, Thomas James Lear, Dennis Traveller, Agnes Crisp, Marie Fowell, Dorothy May Took, Richard Erangey, Alexander Brierley Hodgkinson, James Flynn
- 23: Winifred Irene King, Rev. Fr. Anthony Crean, Bill Smith, Thomas Fredrick Bailey, Sister M. Patricia Metcalfe, Sister M. Zita Callinane, Maria Lappin, Gerard Francis McKenna, William Joseph Maloney,

May they rest in peace



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.

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 so that we may book another coach if necessary. 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 Eden Ajayi 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 7th April @7pm). Please email the office.

Last weeks collections £1,450.07. **This week:** there will be a second collection for CAFOD (envelopes available at the back of the Church). **Next Sunday** there is a second collection for Poor Parishes. 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. We try and put the intention on any date specified but it is not always possible - if you would like a specific date please try and request early.

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

Foodbank Thank you for your generous donations last weekend. We were able to deliver 101.8kg of much needed food and other essentials to help local families in need.

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

Care not Killing sign the petition to reject any proposal to legalise assisted suicide.

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 Afieva on 07958112644 or a member of the Knights of St. Columba.

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 (15th March). We are sorry that not everyone was able to go as the tickets had all been sold out.

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.

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.

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;

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.**