

**ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH** (*served by the Missionary Society of St Paul*)  
**PARISH NEWSLETTER FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING 22nd MARCH 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	Waissen & McGinley families, Delivert & Custry families ( <i>live streamed</i> )
<b>Sun 23 Mar Third Sunday of Lent (C)</b>	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
<b>Mon 24 Mar Feria</b>	9.15am	Mary & Edward Gallagher
<b>Tues 25 Mar The Annunciation</b>	9.15am	Teresa Tutty RIP ( <i>live streamed</i> )
<b>Wed 26 Mar Feria</b>	<b>10am Stations of the Cross</b>	
	12 noon	Gregorio Mendonca
	<b>Adoration 12.30pm-6pm</b>	
<b>Thurs 27 Mar Feria</b>	9.15am	<i>(St John's School)</i>
<b>Fri 28 Mar Feria</b>	9.15am	Deceased members of Moreton family
	<b>6.30pm Stations of the Cross</b>	
<b>Sat 29 March Feria</b>	<b>Adoration after 10am Mass until 12.30pm</b>	<b>(Reconciliation 11.30-12.30pm)</b>
	10.00am	Eva Felicia
<b>First Mass of Sunday, (Saturday)</b>	6.00pm	Jon Anthony Tarbin RIP, Muriel Tarbin RIP ( <i>live streamed</i> )
<b>Sun 30 Mar Fourth Sunday of Lent (C)</b>	8.30am	Mavis Twocock RIP (5th Anniv), Teresa Tutty RIP, Joe & Theresa Smyth RIP (Wedd Anniv)
<i>(St Mary's, Denton)</i>	9.30am	Vinnie Grant RIP
	10.30am	Birthdays & Anniversaries Celebrated during March ( <i>livestreamed</i> )
	6.00pm	



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

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

**Martin Thomas Quinn** - Requiem at St John's Tues 15th April at 11am

**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....**

- 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,
- 24: Egidio Ferrara, James Anthony Tutty, William Desmond Pithman, Rosemary Vivienne Gray, Jean Fawcett
- 25: Teresa Holland, Edgar Hodgkinson, Laurence Campbell Kingston, Anthony John Martin, Ronald Stuart, Laurence John Lee
- 26: Walter Tasker, Rosemarie Brown, George William Wipfler
- 27: Norman Albert Potter, Margaret Doris Perkins, Pauline Byrne, Anna Wencyl, Mary Rose McDermott
- 28: Frederick Samuel Hall, Patrick O'Dea, Iris May Houlihan, Elizabeth Harris, Deborah Maria Sweetman, Louis Lauder, Philomena Nolan
- 29: Vincent Thomas Windsor, Fred Benton, Dezider Horvath, Jon Anthony Tarbin, Helmet Hevers
- 30: Walter Grethen, Robert McGinlay, Patrick Halloran, Anne Phyllis Slater, Laurence Benedict O'Connell, Kathleen Fahey, John Twitchett, Mavis Gwendoline Twocock

***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.*

**Bake Sale** next Sunday 30th March after 10:30 Mass (Mothering Sunday) This is to raise funds for the Walsingham Pilgrimage.

**Mass in Celebration of the Sacrament of Marriage, July 12th, at St George's Cathedral.** If you are celebrating your 1st/10th/25th/40th/50th/60th + wedding anniversary this year, please let us know as soon as possible, providing the following details: your names in the format John and Mary Smith, your home address, your parish, and the anniversary you are celebrating, so you can receive an invitation from the Archbishop for the renewal of vows during Mass. Spaces are limited. Contact Carole at [mflkent@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:mflkent@rcaos.org.uk). As the title of your email, please write your location e.g.Gravesend. Contact the parish office or speak to one of the Priests if you would like us to send the information.

**Remote 360 Exchange:** Transform Your Future: Study at University Without Traditional Qualifications! May 2025 intake is now open, offering British Citizens or those with access to public funds, the chance to study at university without the need for prior qualifications. Graduate courses are also available. University Application Made Easy, Flexible Learning, Financial Support. Contact Rautha at 074 353 69126 or [remote360exchange@outlook.com](mailto:remote360exchange@outlook.com)

**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.

**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.

**Baptism** We welcome into our parish family Ian Aminkeng 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** £1,419.48. CAFOD: £334.73. **This week:** there will be 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.

**Care not Killing** Please sign the petition to reject any proposal to legalise assisted suicide at the back of the Church.

**Book club** You are invited to the Rotary Club of Gravesham and Ebbsfleet to their monthly book club conversation at St Johns in the Coffee bar on Wednesday 9th April at 6.30pm. The anchor of this programme is Fr Stephen Ojapah.

**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

**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 (including this Wednesday 26th March)**

**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.**