

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH (served by the Missionary Society of St Paul)
PARISH NEWSLETTER FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING 29th MARCH 2025

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Welcome!

Mass  for the
Intentions *Week*

First Mass of Sunday, (Saturday)	6.00pm	Jon Anthony Tarbin RIP, Muriel Tarbin RIP <i>(live streamed)</i>
Sun 30 Mar Fourth Sunday of Lent (C)	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	<i>(Youth Mass)</i> Birthdays & Anniversaries Celebrated during March <i>(livestreamed)</i>
	6.00pm	Joan Owen, Teresa Tutty RIP
Mon 31 Mar Feria	9.15am	Sr Susan (Convent of Mercy, Eltham) wellbeing
Tues 1 April Feria	9.15am	Endaline (Private Int) <i>(live streamed)</i>
Wed 2 April Feria	10.00am Stations of the Cross	
	12 noon	John-Paul Galvin RIP (Ireland), Franco McDonnell RIP (4th Anniv)
	<u>Adoration 12.30pm-6pm</u>	
Thurs 3 April Feria	9.15am	<i>(St John's School)</i>
Fri 4 April Feria	9.15am	Teresa Ripinska RIP (5th Anniv)
	6.30pm Stations of the Cross	
Sat 5 April Feria	<u>Adoration after 10am Mass until 12.30pm (Reconciliation 11.30-12.30pm)</u>	
	10.00am	Taigh McCarthy RIP
	11.00am	<i>(St Katherine's, Shorne)</i>
First Mass of Sunday, (Saturday)	6.00pm	Deceased members of Moreton family <i>(live streamed)</i>
Sun 6 April Fifth Sunday of Lent (C)	8.30am	Joe & Theresa Smyth
<i>(St Mary's, Denton)</i>	9.30am	Robert (Bob) Bradshaw, Rita & family
	10.30am	Teresa Ripinska RIP (5th Anniv), Caterina Spano RIP <i>(livestreamed)</i>
	6.00pm	Geraldine Desmond 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

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....

30: Walter Grethen, Robert McGinlay, Patrick Halloran, Anne Phyllis Slater, Laurence Benedict O'Connell, Kathleen Fahey, John Twitchett, Mavis Gwendoline Twocock

31: Eileen McCarthy, Baby John Ryan Roger Habib, Kevin Thomas Wallis, Hannah Bizzell

1: Ada Catherine Bogan, Bernard Joseph Miller, George Beresford Kearns, Mary Ann Stewart

2: Peter Whitehead, Bridget Reardon, Stefan Krok, Victor Rubtsov, Mary Louise Fanning

3: Richard Humphrey, Daniel Bradley, Catherine Francis Lynch

4: William Kavanagh, Rosemary Owen,

5: Sister M. Gertrude Claffey, Joan Regan, Nellie Maloney, Margaret Hickman, Phyllis Jane Lloyd

6. Michael John Newman, Lilliam Graske, George David Ball, Ralph Redsell, Alice Hilda Tracey, Joseph Fanning,

Mary Frances O'Rourke

May they rest in peace

Mothering Sunday 30th March The fourth Sunday in Lent is Laetare or “Rejoice” Sunday. This day is also a celebration of our mothers and those who are like mothers, who have nurtured us. There is remembrance for those mother figures we have lost, through all means, and a thought to those who never had a positive relationship with their mothers. Let us be comforted by our heavenly mother, the Blessed Mary, and let her holy guidance move us through this day.

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 today, Sunday 30th March after 10:30 Mass. Please support the sale and enjoy some cake on Mothering Sunday. We wish to raise funds for the Walsingham Pilgrimage.

First Friday Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus will be held in the Church this Friday 4th April. It will start at 2.30pm with Rosary, 3pm Divine Mercy Chaplet and Exposition. Mass will be 3.45pm. All are welcome to join us.

There will be 24hours continuous Adoration on Friday 4th April after 9.15am Mass until 10.00am Sat 5th April. If you are able, please sign the clipboard at the back of the Church so that we can be sure that there will always be someone with Our Lord. Adoration also held on Wednesday 12.30-6pm and Saturday 10.30-12.30pm

First Saturday Devotions to the Immaculate Heart of Mary On the first Saturday of each month a service will be held immediately after Mass in the Church. Everyone is welcome to join us in prayer next Saturday 5th April.

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 mfkent@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.

Baptism We welcome into our parish family Samuel Demeter Surmaj 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 £1,393.00. Poor Parishes: £433.40. 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.

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.

Pastoral letter next weekend there will be a pastoral letter read at all Masses. Copies will be available.

Flame 2025 saw more than 10,000 young people from every part of England and Wales, as well as a group from Gibraltar and the Ukrainian national Chaplaincy, join chaplains, teachers, priests, bishops, and youth leaders, in selling out the OVO Arena Wembley in a huge explosion of faith and hope. Inspirational speakers included adventurer and television presenter Bear Grylls, who spoke about his book The Greatest Story Ever Told based on the Gospel – every attendee received a copy.

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.*