

**ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH** *(served by the Missionary Society of St Paul)*  
**PARISH NEWSLETTER FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING 5th April 2025**

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*Welcome!*

*Mass Intentions for the Week*

<b>First Mass of Sunday, (Saturday)</b>	6.00pm	Deceased members of Moreton family, M J George RIP <i>(live streamed)</i>
<b>Sun 6 April Fifth Sunday of Lent (C)</b>	8.30am	Joe & Theresa Smyth, Patrick Quille, Liam Ogle
<i>(St Mary's, Denton)</i>	9.30am	Robert (Bob) Bradshaw, Rita & family
	10.30am	Teresa Ripinska RIP (5th Anniv), Caterina Spano RIP, Isabelle 5th Birthday <i>(livestreamed)</i>
	6.00pm	Geraldine Desmond RIP
<b>Mon 7 Apr Feria</b>	9.15am	Pauline Byrne, Grace Kouassi (Birthday)
<b>Tues 8 April Feria</b>	9.15am	Canon Eamonn Mundy RIP, Teresa Tutty RIP <i>(live streamed)</i>
<b>Wed 9 April Feria</b>	<b>10.00am Stations of the Cross</b>	
	12 noon	Wahab family, Joseph & Anthony Saccasan
	<b><u>Adoration 12.30pm-6pm</u></b>	
<b>Thurs 10 April Feria</b>	9.15am	<i>(St John's Church)</i> Pavithra Jeevaratnam (Thanksgiving)
<b>Fri 11 April Feria</b>	9.15am	Eileen Faulks
	<b>6.30pm Stations of the Cross</b>	
<b>Sat 12 April Feria</b>	<b><u>Adoration after 10am Mass until 12.30pm (Reconciliation 11.30-12.30pm)</u></b>	
	10.00am	Geraldine Desmond RIP
<b>First Mass of Sunday, (Saturday)</b>	6.00pm	Andrew Gray <i>(live streamed)</i>
<b>Sun 13 April PALM SUNDAY (C)</b>	8.30am	Teresa Tutty RIP
<i>(St Mary's, Denton)</i>	9.30am	Ken Hughes RIP
	10.30am	Thanksgiving to St Anthony of Padua, Jeeva & Monica, Elzbieta Madejczyk (65th Birthday), <i>(livestreamed)</i>
	6.00pm	Zuzanna Lecznar RIP (3rd Anniv), Jan Kuglarz RIP (1st Anniv)

The only one qualified to throw a stone, didn't.



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

**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....**

- 6: Michael Newman, Lilliam Grasko, George David Ball, Ralph Redsell, Alice Hilda Tracey, Joseph Fanning, Mary Frances O'Rourke
- 7: Cecilia Mary Hazell, Ronald Fleury, Victor James Long, Benjamin Westrap, David Westrap.
- 8: Con Cregan, James Cyril Upton, Canon Eamonn Mundy, John Joseph Mullen, Maria Martin, Sister Mary Vincent, Sarah Rayfield, Carmela Puglisi
- 9: John Vincent Joyce, John Joseph Mulholland, Louise Noreen Horry, Rose Taylor, Elizabeth Anne Rimmer, Marina Brenda Canton, Patrick Neeson, Baby Angel Jaques, Joseph Edward George Grant, Philip Anthony Murphy, Helen Ervin, Florence Wardle
- 10: Richard Edward Leggatt, Ann Elizabeth Watfts, Sheila Mary North
- 11: Moya Talbot, Sister M de Sales Garland, Edward Charles Ryan, Guiseppe Papa
- 12: Joan Adams, Fr. John McNally, Vincent John McDonagh Chadwick, Barry Herbert Wenham, Kevin Joseph McKay, Steven Cottrell, James Harold Cook, Shirley Joan Pantry
- 13: Charlotte Enefer, Ellen Byrne, Alfred Gregory, Patrick Joseph Kelly, James Marsh, Lily Biles, Teresa Turner, Peter Lynam

***May they rest in peace***

**Pastoral letter** This weekend there will be a pastoral letter read at all Masses regarding the End of Life Bill. Copies are available at the back of the Church.

**Next Sunday** is Palm Sunday and the beginning of Holy week. Palms will be blessed and distributed at all masses. Please take a leaflet with all the times of services.

**Parish Pilgrimage to Walsingham** We have had a wonderful response to our pilgrimage and would like to start collecting the money for the coach. Please would you put your name on an envelope with how many seats you require. Adults @ £20 and children free. Your envelopes may be put into the collection plate, handed to one of the priests or the parish office. (St Mary's monies may be given to Marie Hughes). We would like to confirm the numbers by the 30th April so that the coaches may be confirmed and paid.

**Parish Lenten Service of Reconciliation/Confession** Please join us next Saturday at 10am.

**Easter Family Craft Afternoon** Please join us in the coffee bar 2-4pm next Sunday 13th April.

**Jubilee Shrines** We are encouraged to make a pilgrimage at some stage during this year. In so doing, it is possible to obtain a plenary indulgence. [rcaos.org.uk/faith/jubilee-2025/designated-jubilee-churches-and-shrines/](https://rcaos.org.uk/faith/jubilee-2025/designated-jubilee-churches-and-shrines/)

**Jubilee Celebration at Aylesford Priory** – update. Archbishop John is inviting all of us to the Southwark Archdiocesan Jubilee Celebration at The Friars, Aylesford on Saturday 7 June. It promises to be a great day. Find out more from the poster in the porch or by visiting [aec.rcaos.org.uk/jubileecelibration](https://aec.rcaos.org.uk/jubileecelibration) Pre-booking for the 90-minute ministry sessions for children (KS1+2) and young people (KS3+4) will commence at 11am on Wednesday 30 April at [aec.rcaos.org.uk/jubileecelibration](https://aec.rcaos.org.uk/jubileecelibration). The organisers are also asking for volunteers to help on the day. If you might like to help, register to volunteer at [bit.ly/southwarkhelper](https://bit.ly/southwarkhelper).

**Baptism** We welcome into our parish family Autumn Houlihan 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** £1,233.87. Thank you for your continued generosity and to those people who pay by standing order and contactless.

**Wednesday 16th April** There is no midday Mass or Exposition on that Wednesday as the Chrism Mass will take place at St George's Cathedral at 11.30am. Mass at St John's will be at 6.30pm.

**Holy Saturday Blessing of Food (Swieconka Wesolego Alleluja)** There will be services for the blessing of food at 10am and 11am in the Church on 19th April.

**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.

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

**Walking Pilgrimage** There is a walking pilgrimage from St George's Cathedral (2 June) to the Friars, Aylesford (7 June) Should your parishioners be interested in joining this, please visit: [haec.rcaos.org.uk/pilgrimage2025](https://haec.rcaos.org.uk/pilgrimage2025)

**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

**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.

**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.

**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.

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

**Stay behind for Personal Reflections on faith journeys after Friday Stations of the Cross**

***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.**