

**ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH (served by the Missionary Society of St Paul)  
PARISH NEWSLETTER FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING 12th April 2025**

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*Welcome!*

*Mass for the  
Intentions  for the  
Week*

<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, Sr Anne's Profession Anniv
<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), Adalia Onakinor (4th B/d) <i>(livestreamed)</i>
	6.00pm	Zuzanna Lecznar RIP (3rd Anniv), Jan Kuglarz RIP (1st Anniv)
<b>Mon 14 Apr Holy Week</b>	9.15am	Joseph Gallagher RIP, Dorothy & John Lindsay
<b>Tues 15 April Holy Week</b>	9.15am	Holly Durant (Health & wellbeing), Michael Lowry RIP 1st Anniv) <i>(live streamed)</i>
<b>Wed 16 April Holy Week</b>		<b>Chrism Mass at St George's Cathedral @11.30am</b>
	6.30pm	Private Intention (Difficult situation)
<b>Thurs 17 April MAUNDY THURSDAY</b>	8.00pm	Mass of the Last Supper followed by watching until midnight.
<b>Fri 18 April GOOD FRIDAY</b>	10.00am	Children's Stations of the Cross
	3.00pm	Solemn Liturgy (The Passion of the Lord) <i>(live streamed)</i>
<b>Sat 19 April HOLY SATURDAY</b>		<b>Reconciliation/Confessions 11.30-12.30pm</b>
	8.30pm	<b>Easter Vigil</b> - Wahab family, Frances Murphy RIP <i>(live streamed)</i>
<b>Sun 20 April EASTER SUNDAY (C)</b>	8.30am	Sisters of Mercy, Lady Veronica Ofili (Int)
<i>(St Mary's, Denton)</i>	9.30am	Pet Kilcullen (1st Anniv)
	10.30am	Presenting Baby at Church, Angela Steves RIP <i>(livestreamed)</i>
	11.00am	<i>(St Katherine's, Shorne)</i>
	6.00pm	Prem Sharma RIP (1st Anniv)



**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....**

- 13: Charlotte Enefer, Ellen Byrne, Alfred Gregory, Patrick Joseph Kelly, James Marsh, Lily Biles, Teresa Turner, Peter Lynam
- 14: William Gallagher, Doreen Chyba, Hetty Bowman, Anne Frain, Betty Harris, Iside Alba Pope, Mary-Ann Finch, Peter John Smith,
- 15: Sid Hollyer, Sister M. Bernard Dunne, Baby Immacolata Jackson, Elizabeth Lilian Kelly, Michael Joseph Lowry
- 16: Mary Violet Clarke, Sister M. Berchmans Roden, Patrick Lucas, Catherine Mary Scutts
- 17: Mary Anne Mullarkey, Ethel Dorothy Hardy, Carmela Alexander, Mary Deborah Calvo, Philomena Harrison
- 18: James Fredrick Chapman, Mary Matilda Vaughan, Baby George Smith, Wendolin Boehm
- 19: George William Brown, Mary Ann Brennan, Peter Marrant, Hugh O'Kane, Milica Mira Smyth, Michael Joseph McDermott, Gerardo Esposito, Ellen Clent,
- 20: John Breslin, Tony Carey, Ellen Meaney, Gladys Potter

***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.**

**Palm Sunday** Palms will be blessed and distributed at all the masses this weekend. It is the beginning of Holy week; please make a note of the changes of services this week.



**Easter Family Craft Afternoon** Join us in the coffee bar 2-4pm this Sunday 13th April.

**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 Wesołego Alleluja)** There will be services for the blessing of food at 10am and 11am in the Church on 19th April.

**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 as the coaches need to be paid. Please do let us know if you are unable to come that day if your name was on the list.

**Family Parish Picnic - Galilee Day (Easter Monday)** Please join us for Mass at 10am at St John's then we will make our way down to the river front (by the cafeteria area) for a family and friends afternoon. Bring as many people as you can and bring food, games, chairs, rugs etc for a fun and entertaining afternoon.

**Last weeks collections** £1,198.48 Thank you for your continued generosity and to those people who pay by standing order and contactless. On **Good Friday** there will be a collection for Holy Places of Palestine. ***Your Easter offering is for our Priests at St John's. Envelopes are available at the back of the Church. We are ever so grateful.***

**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/)

**Baptism** 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 12th May @7pm). Please email the office.

**Altar servers Rally at The Friars, Aylesford** on May Day bank holiday 5th May. Mass will be celebrated at 11.30am. Everyone is welcome to attend especially our servers, families and friends. Altar servers are encouraged to attend with family and friends.

**Easter Booklets** There are Easter booklets available at the back of the Church. Donations in the newspaper box.

**Assisted suicide Bill** - *postcards available* Committee Stage of the assisted suicide Bill has ended. It is now weaker and less safe than it was before. 300+ amendments that sought to strengthen safeguards in the Bill and protect vulnerable groups were rejected by Bill supporters, including protection for people with disabilities and domestic abuse victims. Please take action now - collect a red and white postcard, fill out your details and post it to Dr Lauren Sullivan MP

**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

**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

**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).

**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.

**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.

**Divine Mercy Chaplet** The Divine Mercy Chaplet will be online at 3pm Monday - Friday. See the parish website for how to join the online meetings as well as the prayers if you wish to say the Chaplet privately.

***Please see the parish website for all our prayer groups;***