

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH (served by the Missionary Society of St Paul)
PARISH NEWSLETTER FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING 19th April 2025

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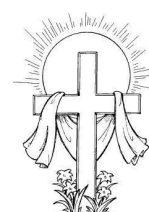
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Welcome!

Mass Intentions for the Week

	8.30pm Easter Vigil - Wahab family, Frances Murphy RIP (<i>live streamed</i>)	
Sun 20 April EASTER SUNDAY (C) (<i>St Mary's, Denton</i>)	8.30am Sisters of Mercy, Lady Veronica Ofili (Int)	
	9.30am Pet Kilcullen (1st Anniv)	
	10.30am Presenting Baby at Church, Angela Steves RIP, Jude Mordi RIP (<i>livestreamed</i>)	
	11.00am (<i>St Katherine's, Shorne</i>)	
	6.00pm Prem Sharma RIP (1st Anniv)	
Mon 21 Apr Octave of Easter	10.00am Private Int (Difficult Situation), Maura Dee & family	
Tues 22 April Octave of Easter	9.15am Eileen Dowler RIP (4th Anniv) (<i>live streamed</i>)	
Wed 23 April Octave of Easter	<u>Adoration 10.00am-12noon</u>	
	12 noon Martin O'Shaughnessey RIP & deceased family members, Rosa, Lucie, Rita, Madalina, Connie	
Thurs 24 April Octave of Easter	9.15pm (<i>St John's School</i>)	
Fri 25 April Octave of Easter	9.15am Shane Patrick Lindsay (Birthday)	
Sat 26 April Octave of Easter	<u>Adoration after 10am Mass until 12.30pm (Reconciliation 11.30-12.30pm)</u>	
	10.00am Pet Kilcullen RIP (1st Anniv)	
	6.00pm (<i>live streamed</i>) Michael Lowry RIP (1st Anniv) & Mick Lowry	
Sun 27 April Divine Mercy (<i>St Mary's, Denton</i>)	8.30am Killaly, Loughrey, O'Kane family, Kath Smyth	
	9.30am Sheila Goulding	
	10.30am Birthdays & Anniversaries celebrated in April, Jude Mordi RIP (<i>livestreamed</i>)	
	6.00pm Nijola & Jonathan Kelly RIP	



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

Robert (Bob) Bradshaw - Requiem at St John's Tues 22nd April at 11am

Jacqueline Elizabeth Blowers - Requiem at St John's Fri 16th May at 10.30am

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....

May they rest in peace

20: John Breslin, Tony Carey, Ellen Meaney, Gladys Potter

21: Antonia Maria Martin, Joyce Evelyn Irvine, Sonny Tobias Steven Whittam, Keith Christopher Hyland, Cynthia Sybil Stevens, Stephanie Doreen Florence Judge

22: William Herbert, Jason Hardy, James Groarke, Michael Grillo, Esther Theresa Pithman, Nora Gallagher, Dorothy Ellen Cross, Arturs Osipovs, Michael Brewer, Eileen Bridget Dowler, Dariusz Mielczarzewicz

23: Josephine Elizabeth McGowan, Giovanni Tramontano, Sister M. Carmel Boyle, George Henry Stocks, Adam Lawrence Colton, William John Colton, Bartley Gilhooly

24: Grace Sally, John McCrane, Josephine Morris

25: Arthur Ernest Strickland, Pamela Doreen Evers, Herbert Mark Martin, Christina Cecilia Murphy

26: Patrick Carlin, Martin Rodden, Sister M. Camillus Doyle, Lorna Anne Agley, Jonathan Patrick Laimons Kelly, Betty McNally,

27: Anthony Clarke, Ken Albert Kenna, Catherine Ellen Seagust, Ellen Dorothy Mayers, Ronald Leslie Roberts, Mary Patricia Sharpe

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.**

Welcome to our Easter Celebration and a warm welcome to our families, visitors and friends

Happy, and Grace-filled Easter! Christ is risen; He is alive!! Alleluia!!!

May we all rise up with Him to the new life of Easter;
a life of grace and peace, love and compassion!

Thank you to all for your support of God's work in our parish family

Once again, we wish you a happy and safe Easter! God bless.



Easter Vigil We warmly welcome Daniel Walton, Paulette Glover, Priscilla Okorefe, Joyce Livingstone, Osadolor Asemote, Egbe Asemota and Mercy Edobor Asemota who were Baptized, received and Confirmed and Kayleigh Bicknell, Jean Buckpitt, Ian Wakeman and Georgia Humphreys who were received and Confirmed at the Easter Vigil.

Family Parish Picnic - Galilee Day (Easter Monday) Please join us for 10am Mass 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.

Parish Pilgrimage to Walsingham We have had a wonderful response to our pilgrimage and we are continuing to collect 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.)

Divine Mercy Sunday Divine Mercy Sunday is the Sunday following Easter, this year 27th April. There will be a service at 3pm at St John's Church. The novena starts on Good Friday and ends on the following Saturday. In 1935 Our Lord asked St Faustina to promote the Divine Mercy Chaplet and particularly to say it as a novena before Divine Mercy Sunday. You are most welcome to join us for the Chaplet of Divine Mercy as a novena online via the parish website, follow the "Divine Mercy Chaplet" link at 3pm for about 15 minutes.

Last weeks collections £1,589.26 Thank you for your continued generosity and to those people who pay by standing order and contactless. **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.**

Next Sunday there will be a second collection for the maintenance of St George's Cathedral.

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/

Baptism We welcome into our parish family Lianna Rathod and Alex Gabco who were 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 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 Altar servers, families and friends.

Foodbank Thanks Thank you for your very generous donations last weekend. We were able to deliver 249.7kg of much needed food & other essentials to help local families.

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 you be interested in joining this, please visit: 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 Archbishop John is inviting all of us on Saturday 7 June.

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.

Please see the parish website for all our prayer groups;