

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH (served by the Missionary Society of St Paul)
PARISH NEWSLETTER FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING 31st MAY 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

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| First Mass of Sunday, (Saturday) | 6.00pm | (live streamed) Dan Walton, Chantal Amon (60th Birthday), Marjorie & James O'Connell RIP |
| Sun 1 June 7th Sunday of Easter | 8.30am | Sherin Paul RIP, Joseph Gallagher RIP, Kathleen & Frank Freeman |
| (St Mary's, Denton) | 9.30am | Birthdays & Anniversaries celebrated in May |
| (livestreamed, Youth Mass) | 10.30am | Colonel Michael & Caroline Erhabor, Jessica Afeeva (Birthday wishes) Caroline Cox RIP (2nd Anniv), Jude Mordi RIP |
| | 6.00pm | Private Intention |
| Mon 2 June Feria | 9.15am | Sherin Paul RIP (Anniv) |
| Tues 3 June St Charles Lwanga | 9.15am | (live streamed) Private Intention |
| Wed 4 June Feria | <u>Adoration 10.00am-12noon</u> | |
| | 12 noon | Josephine McEniff RIP (Birthday), Private Int |
| Thurs 5 June St Boniface | 9.15pm | (St John's School) |
| Fri 6 June Feria | 9.15am | John Knight RIP |
| Sat 7 June Feria | <u>Adoration After 10am Mass until 12.30pm, Reconciliation 11.30-12.30pm</u> | |
| | 10.00am | Monica Haden RIP |
| | 11.00am | (St Katherine's, Shorne) |
| First Mass of Sunday, (Saturday) | 6.00pm | (live streamed) Blackie-Kelly Family, Joyce Glanfield |
| Sun 8 June PENTECOST Sunday | 8.30am | Roy Cattermole RIP (B/d) |
| (St Mary's, Denton) | 9.30am | Anna Pender RIP (2nd Anniv) |
| (livestreamed, Youth Mass) | 10.30am | Kathleen Bodunrin (B/d), Sebastian Vincent Perinpanayagam RIP, Jude Mordi RIP |
| | 6.00pm | Teresa Heyes (welfare) |



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



Michaela Galliers - Requiem at St John's Tues 17th June at 11am

Colman Flaherty - Requiem at St John's Mon 23rd June at 11.30a

Joyce Pointu - Requiem at St John's Tues 24th June 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....

May they rest in peace

- Francis Taplin, Fr. Patrick McNulty, Margaret Mitchell, Bridget Dolan, William Charles Tutton, Doris Hilda Donovan, Martin John Quinn
- Grace Jordan, William Mullan, Elizabeth Lane, Bridget Kelly, Mark Anthony Gaskill, Pauline Doris Lott, Sherin Paul
- Ida Guselli, Robert Raymond Attwell, George Alfred Johncock, Brenda Chamberlin Heesom,
- Cyril Henry King, Marianne Louise Schmidt, Sister M. Teresa Moreland, Rosa Muro Grillo, Brian Harkin, Elsie Ede, Caroline Florence Cox
- Mary Gray, Baby David Rixson, John O'Durmott, Daniel Joseph O'Connor, Patrick Gerard Kennedy, Margaret Kathleen Byrne, Agata Turtakove
- Bridget Herbert, Bridget Anne Rumley, Julia Curran, Peter Udoji, Paul Jonathan James Carter, Henry Charles Sidney Love
- Edward Grant, Sister M. Eithne McNeely, Albert Henry Mills
- Vera Audrey Edgeler, Charles Outred, Sebastian Perinpanayagam

Take part in a spiritual “Pilgrimage to Pentecost” Starts each Friday 2 May - 7th June in person at St John's @ 7pm, Scripture reflections in a specially written course booklet, six weekly filmed talks pre-recorded at diocesan Jubilee shrines and churches and the closing Mass at the at The Friars, Aylesford on Saturday 7 June.

Jubilee Celebration at Aylesford Priory Archbishop John is inviting us all to join him at Aylesford Priory on Saturday 7 June, 10 am-5 pm, for our Archdiocese of Southwark Jubilee Celebration Day. It promises to be a great event! For more information, visit [aec.rcaos.org.uk/jubilee celebration](http://aec.rcaos.org.uk/jubilee%20celebration).

Last weeks collections £1,297.74, MSP Mission Appeal (from previous week) £607.34.

This week: World Communication Day. Thank you for your continued generosity and to those people who pay by standing order and contactless. ***We are ever so grateful.***

Confirmation Please remember in your prayers the 5 candidates that will be Confirmed at 6pm Mass this Sunday.

Baptism We welcome into our parish family Roman Charles Johnson 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 9th June @7pm). Please email the office.

First Friday Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus will be held in the Church this Friday 6th June. 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 6th June after 9.15am Mass until 10.00am Sat 7th June. 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 7th June.

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.

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.

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.

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

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 if you would like a specific mass. We cannot always allocate a Mass on the date requested as it may have already been booked, however, your Mass may be shared if you wish. Please do not use the Dona Machine for Mass stipends.

Summertime 2025: 6th Aug – 9th Aug: Altar Servers Trip to Westminster Pastoral Centre, £189. For aged 11-16. We commend this excellent residential trip for altar servers and those who regularly attend mass on the weekend. In an event that has now gone on for more than 20 years, it is a few days for deepening one's catholic faith, in a great social atmosphere, including football, sports and visit to Thorpe Park. For more details of how to get to the venue, with a coach laid on at St. Anselm's Dartford, see your parish priest for a form, or contact Fr. Stephen Boyle, chaplain to the Guild of St. Stephen, Dartford@rcaos.org.uk, Tel:01322 220075. Applications in the porch.

Walk the Augustine Camino for Mary's Meals 1 - 8 September. During this Jubilee Year we would be delighted if you joined us as Pilgrims of Hope on some or all of the Augustine Camino, starting at Rochester Cathedral, finishing at the Shrine of St Augustine in Ramsgate. The pilgrimage will take us to four of the designated Jubilee churches and shrines in Southwark Archdiocese: The Friars, Aylesford, St Jude's Shrine, Faversham, St Thomas of Canterbury, Canterbury, St Augustine's Shrine, Ramsgate. Please contact Roy Peachey, roy.peachey@marysmeals.org.uk or 07593 447297.

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.***

Please see the parish website for all our prayer groups