

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH (served by the Missionary Society of St Paul)
PARISH NEWSLETTER FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING 3rd MAY 2025

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Welcome!

Mass Intentions for the Week

First Mass of Sunday, (Saturday) 6.00pm *(live streamed)* Jenny Klair, Kathleen Barrette (60th birthday)

Sun 4 May Third Sunday of Easter 8.30am Hughie O'Kane & family

(St Mary's, Denton) 9.30am

10.30am Jude Mordi RIP, Oshieke Otsu (20th birthday) *(livestreamed)*

6.00pm Maria Bogusz RIP (Birthday), Zdzislaw Bogusz RIP

Mon 5 May Feria 10.00am Agnes Rees RIP

Tues 6 May Feria 9.15am Private Intention *(live streamed)*

Wed 7 May Feria **Adoration 10.00am-12noon**

12 noon Jackie Dunne, Joseph Anthony Perrin RIP (1st Anniv)

Carmela & Lorenzo Saccasan

Thurs 8 May Feria 9.15pm *(St John's School)*

Fri 9 May Feria 9.15am Omar Wahab

Sat 10 May Feria **Adoration after 10am Mass until 12.30pm (Reconciliation 11.30-12.30pm)**

10.00am Jenny Klair

First Mass of Sunday, (Saturday) 6.00pm *(live streamed)* Lucas Gallagher (ill)

Sun 11 May Fourth Sunday of Easter 8.30am Patricia Aduba RIP

(St Mary's, Denton) 9.30am

(livestreamed)

10.30am Jude Mordi RIP, Bialosa Okotcha RIP

6.00pm



Happy Workers Bank Holiday! We value your productivity. God bless.



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

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

Rita Abeydeera - Requiem at St John's Thurs 15th May at 1pm

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....

4: Molly McNally, Mieczyslaw Chyba, Antony David Senior, Doreen Mary Mulcahy, Christine Veronica Walsh

5: Josephine McGowan, Kathleen Vera Boyer, Anne Christine Dimpers

6: Clara Elizabeth Medhurst, Joseph Glynn, Sr. M. Bernadette McManus, Harry Wilcocks, Jadriga Koluzs

7: Christopher Anthony Brooke, Joseph Anthony Perrin

9: June Lily Loveridge, Catherine Morgan, John William Hart, Patricia Joan Keelan

10: Agnes King, Siter M. Magdalen Maguire, Thomas Richard Cribb, Vivienne Margaret Neary, Carol Ann Stevens,

11: Grace Frances Witherden, Elizabeth McGoran, Constance Mary Hayes, Kevin Joseph Doyle, Babab Tunte Ijoyah

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.**

Parish Pilgrimage to Walsingham 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. (or Marie Hughes). **We would like to confirm the numbers** 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.)

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. Booklets available @ £3.50 each.

Last weeks collections £1,177.32, St George’s Cathedral £368.47. **This week:** There will be a second collection to help fund the trip to Walsingham. **Next Sunday:** a second collection for Priests Training Fund which helps to meet the cost of training students for the priesthood and the permanent diaconate. Thank you for your continued generosity and to those people who pay by standing order and contactless. ***We are ever so grateful.***

Youth retreat for 13-17 years old on 10th May 11am-4pm at Chatham. £5 per Child and £8 for Families (Lunch included). The Parish will coordinate transportation services to and from Chatham. Parents should contact Millicent Afeeva, Pauline Juma, and Marie Hughes (Denton) for more information.

MSP Mission Appeal 17/18 May Every year the Diocese allows one Congregation to make an appeal for support of their Mission work; this year it happens to be MSP. Please support the work we do with the girl child, youths, the poor in missions like Chad and South Sudan

Baptism We welcome into our parish family Emmanuel Okoro, Collins Okoro and Eloise Bicknell 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 this Monday 5th May. Mass will be celebrated at 11.30am. Everyone is welcome to attend especially our Altar servers, families and friends.

Wedding Our prayers, congratulations and best wishes to Sabrina Soosaiah and Devin Jenis on their wedding at St John’s. Please make an appointment to see the Parish Priest if you would like to get married at St John’s.

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.

Foodbank We will be collecting donations for the Foodbank next weekend 10th & 11th May. The most needed items are Tinned Fruit & Veg, Tuna, Biscuits & Crackers, Squash, Couscous & Longlife Milk. Thank you for your support.

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 mflkent@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.

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), where you register for 90-minute ministry sessions for children and young people Pre-booking for these sessions begins at 11 am this Monday 5 May. Places are limited - first come, first served. Please book only for your own children or grandchildren. For those who miss out, there are other children’s activities, notably a novel ‘Saints Treasure Trail’ which has been developed especially for this celebration.

Assisted suicide Bill - less than 2 weeks left! Report Stage of the assisted suicide Bill is 16 May. It is vital that you contact your MP urgently about this issue. Please take action now and visit www.righttolife.org.uk/ASVote to email your MP - it takes just 30 seconds! If you have the time, please also visit your MP.

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.

Wednesday Teas You are welcome to come into the Coffee Bar after the 12 noon Mass on Wednesdays for refreshments and friendship. ***Please see the parish website for all our prayer groups;***