

**ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH (served by the Missionary Society of St Paul)**  
**PARISH NEWSLETTER FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING 24th MAY 2025**

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**Parish Sister:** Sister Elizabeth O'Hara

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**Presbytery/ Parish office open 10am-3pm** **Mon:** Sr Elizabeth **Tues, Wed & Thurs:** Teresa Potter **Fri:** Jacky Hardy

**Schools:** St John's Catholic Primary 01474 534546

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*Welcome!*

*Mass Intentions for the Week*

**First Mass of Sunday, (Saturday)** 6.00pm (*live streamed*) Peter & Mary Anne Hughes RIP

**Sun 25 May Sixth Sunday of Easter** 8.30am Sherin Paul RIP, Dan & Margaret O'Kane & family

(*St Mary's, Denton*) 9.30am Tommy Lydon RIP (Anniv)

(*livestreamed*)

10.30am Ruth McKaife RIP, Colonel Michael & Caroline Erhabor, Millicent & Michael Afeeva (Wedding Anniv wishes)

6.00pm Przemek Krawczak (birthday)

**Mon 26 May St Philip Neri**

**10.00am** Exilda (70th Birthday), Helen & Steve (Wedding Blessings)

**Tues 27 May St Augustine**

9.15am (*live streamed*) Edward A Ototcha RIP (17th Anniv)

**Wed 28 May Feria**

**Adoration 10.00am-12noon**

12 noon Esther Gahan

**Thurs 29 May ASCENSION**

9.15pm (*St John's Church*) Christopher Eze

12 noon Private Intention

7.00pm Margaret Lucas RIP, Olutoye Olatunde (50th b/d)

**Fri 30 May Feria**

9.15am Sherin Paul RIP

**Sat 31 May Feria**

**No Adoration and Mass today**

**First Mass of Sunday, (Saturday)** 6.00pm (*live streamed*) Dan Walton, Chantal Amon (60th Birthday)

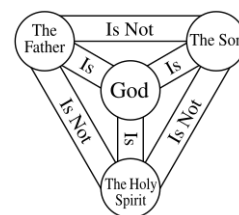
**Sun 1 June 7th Sunday of Easter** 8.30am Sherin Paul RIP, Joseph Gallagher RIP, Kathleen & Frank Freeman

(*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)

6.00pm



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

Monica Haden who died 15th May 2025

*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***

25: John Joseph Lane, Margaret Laura Parker, Joanne Wall, Paul Smith

26: Antony Peter Gibson, Mary Catherine Phillips, Sr. Paschal Sheehy, Marie Ellen Dougal, Clive Stanley Robinson

27: Paul Joseph McCabe, Pat Dillow, Kathy Dillow, Maria Magdelane Leeman, Michael Nyzalowski, Eric Marrant, Roger Stevenson William Wooley, Peter Marcantonio

28: John Somerville Scott, Kathleen Moriarty

29: Elizabeth Horan, Sister M. Berchmans Byrne, Iris Hilda McDonnell, Eileen Hunt, Thomas Francis Lydon, Edward Delaney, Audrey Veronica Grey

30: David William Deadman, Francis Lloyd, Patricia Flynn, James Joseph Keane

31: Florence Grace Martin, James John Madden, James O'Connell, Winifred Jenner, Agnes O'Brien, Ben Fletcher, Kathleen Duff, Peter John Harmon, Patrick Arthur Dillon Dignam, James Joseph Keane

1: Francis Taplin, Fr Patrick McNulty, Margaret Mitchell, Bridget Dolan, William Tutton, Doris Hilda Donovan, Martin John Quinn

**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.**

***Next Saturday 31st May - There will be no 10am Mass, Adoration or Confessions***

**Parish Pilgrimage to Walsingham** We have now booked the coaches for the pilgrimage to Walsingham and all the seats have been allocated. On **Saturday 31st May the coach will be leaving at 7am prompt outside the Church. Please arrive from 6.30am so that we can get everyone seated.** We will be leaving Walsingham at 4pm. It would be advisable to bring a packed lunch and refreshments for the day.

**Ascension** This Thursday is the feast of the Ascension of Our Lord and is a Holyday of Obligation. Masses are 9.15am, 12 noon and 7pm.

**Last weeks collections** £1,475.34, MSP Mission Appeal £1,167.09. **Next 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 47 young people who will be Confirmed this Sunday by Bishop Paul Henricks. We thank the dedication of those who have prepared them for this big day.

**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.

**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 9th June @7pm). Please email the office.

**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.

**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).

**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.

**Relic of Blessed Carlo Acutis** visiting St George's Cathedral - 26-29 June. St George's Cathedral. On Thursday 26 June, an evening of adoration and veneration of the relic for young adults is taking place. An exhibition will also be on display at the Cathedral from 19 June to 7 July. Visit: [stgeorgescathedral.org.uk](http://stgeorgescathedral.org.uk) for more information.

**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.

**Archbishop John Wilson** It is with deep joy and thanksgiving, we welcome the election of Pope Leo XIV as the 266th Successor of Peter and 267th Pope of the Catholic Church. Let us rejoice and give glory to God for the gift of our new Holy Father. Please join me in praying for Pope Leo XIV, asking the Lord to bless him abundantly. And let us thank God for this great gift to the Church and to the world.



**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](mailto:Dartford@rcaos.org.uk), Tel:01322 220075. Applications in the porch.

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