

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH (served by the Missionary Society of St Paul)
PARISH NEWSLETTER FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING 7th JUNE 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  *for the*
Intentions *Week*

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), Nuala Doherty RIP (B/d), Sr Augustine

(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 Mo
6.00pm Teresa Heyes (welfare)

Mon 9 June Mary, Mother of the Church 9.15am Mary & Rita's b/d thanksgiving

Tues 10 June Feria 9.15am *(live streamed)* Private Intention

Wed 11 June St Barnabas

Adoration 10.00am-12noon

12 noon Wahab family, Patricia Hurst

Thurs 12 June Our Lord Jesus Christ 9.15pm *(St John's School)*

Fri 13 June St Anthony of Pauda 9.15am Frs Moses, Stephen & Joe and all parishioners: Thank you - Exilda

Sat 14 June BVM

Adoration After 10am Mass until 12.30pm, Reconciliation 11.30-12.30pm

10.00am Private Intention (Thanksgiving)

First Mass of Sunday, (Saturday) 6.00pm *(live streamed)* Sr Elizabeth

Sun 15 June THE MOST HOLY TRINITY 8.30am Dan O'Kane, George Baldwin, Joe Killaly, Derek Harris,
Roy Cattermole RIP (1st Anniv), Patrick Kenny RIP (2nd Anniv)

(St Mary's, Denton) 9.30am Hilda Mordi (Birthday wishes)

(livestreamed, Youth Mass) 10.30am Michael Johnson RIP
Jude Mordi RIP

6.00pm



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

8: Vera Audrey Edgeler, Charles Outred, Sebastian Perinpanayagam

9: Eveline Eleanor Cope, Giuseppe Morzilli, Catherine Morgan, Sister Teresa Leahy, Annie Patricia Sharp, Kathleen Duff,
Sister M. Alphonsus Dalton, Emily Isabel McLauchlan, Dympna Callaghan, Andree Magnier

10: June Higgins, Enid James, Edward Maxwell-Harrison, Thomas Francis Killian, Anna Pender

11: Frederick John Hall, Eileen Barclay, Arthur Michael Twocock, Susan Lucy Thorne,

12: Frank William Hunt, Eileen May Butterfield, Marie Gracie Pointu, Helen Mary Griffin, Una Elizabeth Davey

13: John Joseph Feehan, Maffeo Francesca

14: Patricia Marie Grant, Michela Grillo, William James Hawkins, Bernard Thomas Giles, Elizabeth McLennan,
Theresa Margaret Hammond

15: Martin Louis Boffa, Thomasina Cairney Connor, Joan Ramsey, Josephine Mary Long,

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 A wonderful day was had by the 118 parishioners who came to Walsingham. Some comments included 'spiritual and engaging', 'a time of prayer and reflection', 'the entrance procession was a blessed moment'. The young people spoke about Adoration and enjoyed having a day with the parish. One child enjoyed lunch and another the coach journey. Thank you to everyone who joined us and to those that organized the day. Please see the photographs in the porch.

First Holy Communion Please welcome and remember in your prayer the children from St John's Primary School who will be making their First Holy Communion next Saturday afternoon.

Last weeks collections £1,337.64, World Communication Day £245.92. Thank you for your continued generosity and to those people who pay by standing order and contactless. ***We are ever so grateful.***

Confirmation Certificates will be handed out after the 10.30am Mass this Sunday.

Baptism We welcome into our parish family Hazel McMahon 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.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Christ is really present in the Blessed Sacrament; come and talk heart to heart with Him, either on Wed 10.00-12 or Sat after 10am Mass until 12.30pm; or 1st Friday 24 hour Adoration.

Foodbank We will be collecting donations for the Foodbank at all Masses next weekend 14th&15th June. The most needed items are Tinned Veg, Fruit & Kidney Beans, Tinned Tuna, Tinned Meat, Instant Mash, Squash & Crackers. Thank you for your support.

Altar Servers Our next training & practice will be on Sat 21st June at 1pm in the Church. Please do your best to attend. New Servers are welcome to join us. For more information please speak to Fr Stephen, Fr Moses, Graham or Jacky after any Mass.

Church Garden Thank you to our team of gardeners. The Church garden is looking lovely and a lot of work has gone into maintaining it. Special thanks to Mary Gaskill, Janet and Sean.

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.

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.

Monthly Tea/Coffee -Today there will be tea and coffee served in the Coffee Room after 10.30 am Mass. You are most welcome to the Coffee bar after Mass for the refreshments and some social get-together.

Book club You are invited to the Rotary Club of Gravesham and Ebbsfleet to their monthly book club conversation at St Johns in the Coffee bar on Wednesday 11th June at 6.30pm. The anchor of this programme is Fr Stephen Ojapah.

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. Please contact Roy Peachey, roy.peachey@marysmeals.org.uk or 07593 447297.

Rosary of Hope Cafod, Missio, Aid to the Church in Need and Stella Maris in this Jubilee Year will pray the Rosary of Hope online on Tues 10 June at 7pm—Register at: cafod.formstack.com/forms/jubilee_year_rosary_of_hope. Pope Leo XIV said, "Our blessed mother Mary always wants to walk with us, be close to us, she always wants to help us with her intercession and her love." He invited us to pray together, "for all of the Church, and for peace in the world."

Please see the parish website for all our prayer groups