

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH (served by the Missionary Society of St Paul)
PARISH NEWSLETTER FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING 21st JUNE 2025

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Welcome!

Mass Intentions for the Week

First Mass of Sunday, (Saturday) 6.00pm *(live streamed)* Julia O'Meara, Maria & Anthony Archer (1st Wedding Anniv)
Jan Kuglarz RIP (Birthday) Marlene Delivert (wellbeing)

Sun 22 June CORPUS CHRISTI 8.30am Paddy Flaherty RIP, Martin Quinn RIP, Caetano DaSilva RIP
(St Mary's, Denton) 9.30am Sister Simeon (Teresa Gallagher)
(livestreamed, Youth Mass) 10.30am Jude Mordi RIP, Jenny Klair (wellbeing), Baby Joshua Bradbrook RIP
6.00pm Pankaj Sharma (47th Birthday)

Mon 23 June Feria 9.15am Caetano DaSilva RIP, Private Intention (Thanksgiving)

Tues 24 June Nativity of St John the Baptist 9.15am *(live streamed)* Helen Patti (Birthday)

Wed 25 June Feria **Adoration 10.00am-12noon**
12 noon Bill Smyth RIP (4th Anniv)

Thurs 26 June St John Rigby 9.15am *(St John's Church)*

Fri 27 June Most Sacred Heart of Jesus 9.15am Margaret Perrin RIP

Sat 28 June Immaculate Heart of BVM **Adoration After 10am Mass until 12.30pm, Reconciliation 11.30-12.30pm**
10.00am

First Mass of Sunday, (Saturday) 6.00pm *(live streamed)* Mary & Patrick Morrissey RIP, Kevin Dowler RIP

Sun 29 June St Peter & St Paul 8.30am
(St Mary's, Denton) 9.30am Birthdays & Anniversaries celebrated in June
(livestreamed, Youth Mass) 10.30am
6.00pm



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

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

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

22: Kathleen Mullinder, William John Patrick Herbert, Baby Joshua Anthony Bradbrook, Margaret Mary Clarke

23: Elizabeth Bertha Maud Taylor, Ethel Callaghan, Doreen Moore, Annie Mary Theresa Murdock, Francis Mary O'Brien, Mary Frances Gannon, Patrick Flaherty, Francis Joseph Kerrigan

24: Joseph Maurice D'Auray, Gerrard O'Flynn, Tertius Metcalf, Antonio Webster, Philip Anthony Neale Martin, Vincent Gerald Canton, Frances McGinness, Jessie May Twichett

25: Alfred William James Strickland, Barry Holland, Roger Harkin, Jack Buckley, Kenneth George Argent, Bridget Theresa Martin, Francis (Frank) Redmond, Philip Leach, William Smyth

26: Reginald Panter, Sister M. Kevin Carr, Vera Magee, Lilian Eva Doyle

27: Lydia Geraldine Maxwell Harrison

28: Thomas Hugh Gallagher, Matthew O'Neill, Catherine Kelly, Stephen Clive Finch, Julia Mary Lear, Albert Stapley, Patrick Joseph Smithers, Przemyslaw Zawadzki

29: Elizabeth Jessie Costello, Sister M. Teresa Donnelly, Frank Edward Alfred Aldrich, Alexandra Maud Pender, Patrick Joseph Cummins, Mary Miles, Valarie Ann Ricketts, Dorothy May Jackson, Kiwi Rockett,

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.**

St John's Primary School As part of the School Culture Day celebration, parishioners are invited to a Whole School Mass at the Primary School, starting at 9am on Friday June 27th.

Thursday Mass 9.15am Mass this Thursday 26th June will be held in the Church. There is no School Mass on that day.

Last weeks collections £1,241.30. Day for Life £252.72. Second collection next weekend for Peter's Pence. Thank you for your continued generosity and to those people who pay by standing order and contactless. Thanks also to our parishioners who have signed up for Gift Aid, increasing their donations by 25% at no extra cost to them.

We are ever so grateful.

Confirmation Certificates are available for collection from the Sacristy after any Mass.

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 14th July @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 Thanks We were able to deliver 152kg of food and other essentials to help local families in need. Thank you as always for your support.

Altar Servers New Servers are welcome to join us. For more information please speak to Fr Stephen, Fr Moses, Graham or Jacky after any Mass.

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 Whilst the Coffee Bar is being refurbished there will be no refreshments after Mass. We look forward to meeting again once the work is complete.

MSP Youth Event. MSP is inviting young people for a social and spiritual experience that includes sports, singing, games and prayers at St John's Comprehensive School on Saturday 2nd August from 10.30am to 5pm.

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.

Supporting Marriages in Southwark To celebrate Jubilee 2025 a one-day Building a Better Marriage event will be held during 2025. The day starts at 9.30am and finishes at 4.30pm.

It is free to attend and to book please contact Carole on 07983 524727 or email: mflkent@rcaos.org.uk. The dates and location of the events are:

28 June – St Raphael Church, Kingston Upon Thames

5 July - St Thomas More, Dulwich

13 September – St George's Cathedral, London

4 October – Holy Cross, Catford

1 November – St James the Great, Petts Wood

Catechetical Institute Every parishioner, as well as teachers and parents in our school, has free and unlimited access to the workshops created by the world-renowned Catechetical Institute. From Scripture to parenting workshops, to catechetical training and mentoring, there is something for everyone. For information on how to register your free account visit <https://aec.rcaos.org.uk/franciscan>.

Lourdes Pilgrimage St Anselm's Dartford Parish are organizing a pilgrimage to Lourdes from October 27th – 30th at a cost of £399 per person. More information and application forms are available at the back of the Church

Please see the parish website for all our prayer groups