

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH (served by the Missionary Society of St Paul)
PARISH NEWSLETTER FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING 13th SEPTEMBER 2025

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Welcome!

*Mass for the
Intentions of the Week*



First Mass of Sunday, (Saturday) 6.00pm (*live streamed*) Maria Lawrence, Sean Boyle RIP

Sun 14 Sept Exaltation of the Holy Cross (C) 8.30am Cilia Heyes (welfare),
Kieron & Maria (Wedding prep)

(*St Mary's, Denton*) 9.30am For Parishioners

(*livestreamed*)

10.30am Giorgia Onova (Birthday Blessings, Jude Mordi RIP,
Lesley Juma (exam success))

6.00pm Private Intention

Mon 15 Sept Our Lady of Sorrows 9.15am Agnes (Birthday Thanksgiving)

Tues 16 Sept Ss Cornelius & Cyprian 9.15am (*live streamed*) Jacky Hardy (Birthday), Brian Gardner (86th Birthday)

Wed 17 Sept FERIA

Adoration 10.00am-12noon

12 noon Emmanuel Adeniran-Obale RIP

Thurs 18 Sept FERIA

9.15am (*St John's school*)

Fri 19 Sept FERIA

9.15am Piotr (Mayher) Majcher (faith & healing) David & Grzegorz Mycka (Birthday Thanksgiving)

Sat 20 Sept

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

St Andrew Kim Tae-gon & Companions 10.00am Henri & Marie Augustin

First Mass of Sunday, (Saturday) 6.00pm (*live streamed*) Michael & Caroline Erhabor RIP, Aleksandra Petelchyc RIP (1st Anniv)

Sun 21 Sept Twenty-Fifth Sunday(C) 8.30am Joe & Rose Killaly RIP, Sr Magdalene (birthday), Phillipe DiBont (birthday)
Kieron & Maria (Wedding Prep)

(*St Mary's, Denton*) 9.30am **No Mass**

International Mass

10.30am All Parishioners, Richard Onovo (Birthday), Thanksgiving for Fr Moses,
Jude Mordi RIP

6pm Children's Liturgy

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

Alexander Frater - Requiem at St John's Tues 16 Sept at 11am

May God console their families.

May the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace;



Please pray for those whose Anniversaries occur at this time including....

13:Rebecca Ellen Neal, Ronals Ernest Jones

14:Margaret Anne Brown, Mary Theresa Brennan

15:Eileen Grant, Sr Catherine (Margaret Mary Doherty),

16:Ann Ryan, James Cyril Upton, Desmond Pascal McGrath, Lucy Cassar

17:Brian Thomas McDonach, Muriel Ann Jones, Anita Rourk,

18:Anne Teresa Wells, Elvire Elodie Russell, Rose Killaly, Joyce Rita Erangey, Geoffrey Stephen Finan,

Arthur Robert Smith, Constance Pamela Luxon

19:Victor Ernest Elsey, Sheila Stapley, Angela Mary Clarke,

20:Catherine Hall, John Ayres, William Gerrard Fahey, Mary Margaret Amos, Doreen Margaret Bavidge, Mona Godbeer,

Mary Thornton, Kathleen Maisie Jones, Sean Joseph Mathers, Lorraine Webster, Michelina Angelamaria Ferrara,

Patricia Kavanagh

21:Sister M. Ignatius Sheedy, Michael Jennings, Anthony Patrick Dyzart, Kathleen Turner, Liam Declan McArdle, **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.

International Mass & Thanksgiving for Fr Moses Our Annual International Mass **Next Sunday 21st September 10.30am** at St John's Catholic Comprehensive School. We are blessed with diverse nationalities in our parish. Let us celebrate our unity in diversity; let us proudly express our uniqueness through our cultural identities. There is a clipboard at the back of the Church for food and drink donations.

10.30am Mass that day will be moved to the Comprehensive; there will be no 9.30am Mass at Denton.

Baptism We welcome into our parish family Ariella McNamara & Kashemeire Mikago -Salma Tushabe who were Baptised 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 13th October @7pm) or email the office.

First Holy Communion Preparation for Children at Non Catholic Schools Application forms are now available at the back of the Church. Preparation classes start on Saturday 27th September attending the 10am Mass followed by a talk to children and parents in the coffee bar. **Please return completed forms to the parish office or hand to one of the Priests before the first session.**

RCIA You are welcome to the Catholic Church Are you searching or want to review your faith or may be interested in joining the Catholic community, or wish to be Confirmed. *A new course will start on Wednesday 1st October.* Contact the office or speak to one of the priests. Leaflets are available at the back of the Church. God Bless.

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.

Last weeks collections £1,549.03. This week there will be a second collection for the Catholic Education Service. Thank you. Thanks also to our parishioners who have signed up for Gift Aid,

Foodbank We will be collecting at all Masses this weekend for families in need. Needed items include tinned meat/fish, biscuits, peanut butter, cereal bars, longlife milk, toothpaste. Thank you.

School Forms The priests will be available to sign school forms this Tuesday between 2pm-4pm. Please ring on the Presbytery bell.

Service of Hope & Healing for those that have been harmed by abuse will be held at St Georges Cathedral on Wednesday 24th September at 6.30pm.

Gala Concert Our parishioners Lauren Lynn and Mark Underwood perform for charity on Friday 10 October. Concert also includes a saxophone quartet and a chamber orchestra in classical favourites and an ABBA tribute.

Tickets: jumblebee.co.uk/rotarygalaconcert1 Enq: 07985 563063

Lourdes Pilgrimage 2025, 21st – 25th Oct Cost £399: A pilgrimage trip with a number of places left. Return flights from Stansted, half board, transfer from/to Lourdes. £70 single supplement. Children under 16 £199. For more details contact Fr. Stephen Boyle, dartford@rcaos.org.uk, (01322220075). Fr. Henry Mukasa will also be leading the pilgrimage.

Month of Creation From 1st September to 4th October (feast of St Francis of Assisi): During this season we are encouraged to pray and engage in community events in order to deepen our relationship with God, our neighbour and the earth we share, being ever more attentive to the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor. Pope Leo stresses that environmental justice – implicitly proclaimed by the prophets – can no longer be regarded as an abstract concept or a distant goal.

Free online Sycamore course Growing in Faith Together for married and engaged couples beginning on the 9 September at 8pm (4 X 1 hour session over 4 weeks) Please contact mflkent@rcaos.org.uk

Building a Better Marriage (BABM) – Jubilee 2025 Pilgrims of Hope The opportunity for married couples starts at 9.30am and finishes at 4.30pm and is free to attend. Enq: Carole on 07983 524 727 or email: mflkent@rcaos.org.uk.
4 Oct – Holy Cross, Catford, 1 Nov – St James the Great, Petts Wood

You're Invited to Tea with the SVP! Join the Youth SVP of St John's Catholic Comprehensive School for a special community morning of tea, cakes, and conversation. Let's share kindness, one cup at a time!

On Saturday, 27th September, straight after 10am Mass (from 10:30am) at Gravesend Conservative Club.

All parishioners welcome!

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.

Prayer for Vocations

Gracious and Loving God we thank you for creating us in your image and likeness. We thank you for our experience of your unfailing love through Your Son, Jesus Christ
May Your Spirit inspire our children to become agents of your love, joy, unity and faith.

As priests, sisters, married, or single
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen