

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH (served by the Missionary Society of St Paul)
PARISH NEWSLETTER FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING 4th OCTOBER 2025

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Welcome!

Mass Intentions for the Week

First Mass of Sunday, (Saturday) 6.00pm *(live streamed)* Rev Patrick Brizzell RIP, Deceased members of Moreton Family

Sun 5 Oct Twenty-Seventh Sunday (C) 8.30am Peter Charles RIP, Presley Stario, Fedorah & Baba Shaun

(St Mary's, Denton) 9.30am Bessie Trotman

(live streamed)

10.30am Victoria & Uzeoji Okolonkwo

6.00pm Ashv Sharma (12th Birthday blessings)

Mon 6 Oct Feria

9.15am Kieron & Marie (Wedding blessings)

Tues 7 Oct Our Lady of the Rosary

9.15am *(live streamed)* Vivienne Smith, Rajendran RIP (5th Anniv)

Wed 8 Oct Feria

Adoration 10.00am-12noon

12 noon Mae Thompson

Thurs 9 Oct St John Henry Newman

9.15am *(St John's school)* Spencer & Katerina (special intention)

Fri 10 Oct Feria

9.15am Omar Wahab

Sat 11 Oct St John XXIII

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

10.00am Edward Mae Gallagher

First Mass of Sunday, (Saturday)

6.00pm *(live streamed)* Manjit Singh Toor RIP

Sun 12 Oct Twenty-Eighth Sunday (C)

8.30am Dan O'Kane & Angela Loughrey

(St Mary's, Denton)

9.30am

(live streamed)

10.30am Peter & Jacky Clare (40th Wedding Anniv), Angela & family

6.00pm Mrs Shola Akinfala & Mr Damilola Akinfala (Recovery)

The Church will be open for private prayer Mon- Friday until 5pm, Sat & Sun 7pm



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

Maria Mazzone - Requiem at St John's Mon 6th Oct at 11.30am

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....

5: Joseph Augustine Mulcahy, Roy Foreman, Dylan Taylor, P.Y. O'Donnell, Mary Ann May Buckingham, Nancy Money, Helen Edith Sheehy, Colin Egerton Turton Norman, Charles Falzon, Alison Frances Best

6: Mary Anne Finnerty, Margaret Mulholland, Graham Bunn, Baby Gerard Lawrence Quinn, Bernard John McCarthy, Eileen Mary Lloyd

7: Margaret Smith, Daisy Clifford, Emily Daisy King, Arthur John Brayne, Sarah Ann Panter, Michael Curley

8: Nathan Gaymer, William Bruce, Sister M. Stanislaus McGlynn, Lesley Anne Chewter

9: Brian Hylands, Mary Celine Aleppo, Frances Agnes Milne, John Augustine Hartnett, Michael Joseph Burns, Elsie May Bantges

10: Clare Ryan, Kathleen Murphy, Joyce Beatrice Edwards, Faith Rosetta Blackman, Mary Teresa O'Toole,

11: Judy Morgan, William Fleury, Eleonora Morzilla, Helena Chyba, James Francis Gillen, Pauline Thornton, John Patrick McDonagh,

12: Denis John Reardon, Hugh Anthony Donahy, Patrick Joseph Boylan, Joyce O'Donnell, Mary Kiely, **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 01474 352415. 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.

October Devotions October is the month of the Holy Rosary. The Rosary will be recited 30 minutes before Mass Mon–Sat and at 5.30pm on Sunday. Everyone is welcome, please join us. Our Lady of the Rosary, pray for us.

Pray the Rosary with Archbishop John and The Mark 10 Mission this October - themark10mission.co.uk.



Baptisms 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

The children have now started their classes. Please keep them in your prayers.

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 started Wed 1st October.* Contact the office or speak to one of the priests. Leaflets are available at the back of the Church. God Bless.

Last weeks collections £1194.31, Catholic Agency for Evangelisation £289.32. Thank you. **This week second collection:** Cafod Fast Day (4th Oct) Envelopes are available at the back of the church (cafod.org.uk/parish). Thanks also to our parishioners who have signed up for Gift Aid & those who donate by contactless & standing order.

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.

The Saturday 6pm Mass choir is recruiting! We normally sing on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month, with practices at 5.15pm. We also sing at Easter and Christmas. For an audition and chat at 4.45pm one Saturday, please phone or text Mark Underwood on 07985 563063.

School Forms The priests will be available to sign school forms this Tuesday from 11am –1pm Please ring on the Presbytery bell.

Foodbank We will be collecting donations for the Foodbank at all Masses next weekend 11th & 12th Oct. The most needed items are Tinned Mackerel, Sardines & Cold Meat, Tinned Fruit, Hot Chocolate, Instant Mash, Longlife Milk, Noodles and Couscous. Thank you for your support to local families in need.

Altar Servers. Our next practice will be on Saturday 11th Oct at 1pm in the church. New servers are welcome to join us.

Book Club The Book Club chaired by Fr Stephen next meets Wednesday 8th October in the Presbytery from 6.30-7.30pm.

Booking Mass Intentions: Envelopes for Masses are available at the back of the Church,

Admission to Primary School 2026 If your child is due to start primary school from September 2026, applications will be open on line with KCC at www.kent.gov.uk/ola. If you do not have access to the internet and require a paper form (RCAF), please contact the Primary Admissions Team on 03000412121.

Open Morning at St John's Catholic Primary School - If your child is due to start school in September 2026, please bring your child along to our open morning on Saturday 15th November. Please telephone 01474 361609 to book a start time: We look forward to welcoming you to our school.

Seeking Married Couples The Southwark Marriage and Family life (M&FL) Team are seeking married couples who are practising Catholics to join their growing team to present courses for Marriage Preparation, Building a Better Marriage and other initiatives in 2026. Salary: £30,000 pro rata (£7,000) for the couple. Mileage paid in addition. All training given. For further details, please contact liamgallagher@rcaos.org.uk Closing date for applications: October 31st 2025

Rooted in Love Want to grow closer as a couple while deepening your faith and meeting new people? All engaged and married couples are invited to a monthly online meeting where we share friendship, reflect on real-life topics, and pray together as we grow in love rooted in Christ. (Zoom Thursdays: 30 October at 8:30pm, 27 November at 8:30pm, 11 December at 8:30pm) Email mflkent@rcaos.org.uk to sign up or receive more information

Gala Concert Our parishioners Lauren Lynn and Mark Underwood are taking part in an exciting variety concert for charity next Friday 10th October at 7pm at the modern concert hall Langley Park Centre for the Performing Arts, Langley Park School for Boys, South Eden Park Road, Beckenham BR3 3BP. The programme also includes a brilliant saxophone quartet and an excellent 20-piece chamber orchestra. Adults £20, 18 years and under FREE. Book online: jumblebee.co.uk/rotarygalaconcert1 Tickets also on the door.

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.

Please see the parish website for all our prayer groups

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