

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH (served by the Missionary Society of St Paul)
PARISH NEWSLETTER FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING 11th OCTOBER 2025

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Welcome!

Mass Intentions for the Week

First Mass of Sunday, (Saturday)	6.00pm <i>(live streamed)</i> Manjit Singh Toor RIP
Sun 12 Oct Twenty-Eighth Sunday (C)	8.30am Dan O'Kane & Angela Loughrey
(St Mary's, Denton)	9.30am
<i>(live streamed)</i>	10.30am Peter & Jacky Clare (40th Wedding Anniv), Angela & family RIP, Peter & Mary Hughes (Anniv)
	6.00pm Mrs Shola Akinfala & Mr Damilola Akinfala (Recovery)
Mon 13 Oct St Edward	9.15am Josephine McEniff RIP (Anniv)
Tues 14 Oct St Callistus	9.15am <i>(live streamed)</i> Mrs Shola Akinfala & Mr Damilola Akinfala (Recovery)
Wed 15 Oct St Teresa of Avila	<u>Adoration 10.00am-12noon</u>
	12 noon Onyiye Adaka (Birthday blessings)
Thurs 16 Feria Oct	9.15am <i>(St John's school)</i>
Fri 17 Oct St Ignatius	9.15am Sowmiya RIP (4th Anniv), Theresanne Symns (Birthday)
Sat 18 Oct St Luke	<u>Adoration After 10am Mass until 12.30pm, Reconciliation 11.30-12.30pm</u>
	10.00am
First Mass of Sunday, (Saturday)	6.00pm <i>(live streamed)</i>
Sun 19 Oct Twenty-Ninth Sunday (C)	8.30am
(St Mary's, Denton)	9.30am Roy Goulding
<i>(live streamed)</i>	10.30am Maria Antonio RIP
	6.00pm



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

Joseph Tingle - Requiem at St John's Thurs 30th 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....

May they rest in peace

- 12: Sister M. Joseph Francis, Kenneth Roy Starkey, Sister M. Xavier Gallagher, Henry Freeman, Gerard Aloysius Edward Porter, Alison Allen, Rosemarie Lynch, Pauline Margaret Joyce, Eric Clifford Irving, John Williams,
- 13: Kathleen Waller, Mary Slattery, Kay Frances Woollard, Charles Edward Arrows, Brendan Michael Edward Slattery, Dorothy May Fraher, Josephine Anne McEniff, Robert Vince
- 14: Lillian Phoebe Nelson, Maureen Therese Montague, David Rea
- 15: Mitzi Hollands, Fitzroy Kelly, Annie Cook
- 16: James Bradley, Edward Roper Davis, Frank Southward, Colin Noel Bates, Joseph Philbin, Joyce Kathleen Crotty
- 17: Angie Halson, Julia O'Haire, Irene Poulton, Pauline Mullan, Joan Thorpe, Olive Eileen Knell
- 18: Tibor Kiss, Brendan Peter Byrne, Norah Degiorgio, Roy Frederick Goulding
- 19: Bernard Freeman, Patricia Cushing, Mary Maisie Aldrich, Harry McGee, Laurence Thomas Allen, Patrike Emanuel Koky-Couka

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 .



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

Baptisms We welcome into our parish family Chizaram Princess Dike and Raine Ivy Evans 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 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 £1152.53, Cafod 340.67. Thank you. **Next week:** Second collection for World Mission Day; the money supports churches, hospitals, schools and vocations in countries where the Church is new, young or poor. 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.

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

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.

Foodbank We will be collecting donations for the Foodbank at all Masses this weekend 11th& 12th Oct. Thank you for your support to local families in need.

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.

Coffee Bar Teas and coffee will be served after 12 noon Mass this Wednesday. Please come along for a friendly chat.

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.

Mother's prayer group takes place straight after the 9.15am mass every Friday. You are invited to join us and pray for our children especially.

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

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.

Fr Stephen Ojapah msp has written a book titled 'Tears and Torture; 33 Days in Kidnappers Den'. If you wish to purchase a copy of the book (minimum donation £15) please ask after Mass or call at the Presbytery.

Stop assisted suicide - further action needed! Sending a physical letter carries particular weight with Members of the House of Lords. Right To Life UK has created a simple tool that generates personalised letters to Peers. Please visit www.righttolife.org.uk/aspeersletter to send a letter to Peers asking them to oppose assisted suicide.

Please see the parish website for all our prayer groups