

**ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH (served by the Missionary Society of St Paul)**  
**PARISH NEWSLETTER FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING 17th JANUARY 2026**

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**CHURCHES:** St John's, St Mary's Rochester Road Denton DA12 2JN, St Katherine's Malthouse Lane Shorne DA12 3DP

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**Presbytery/ Parish office open 10am-3pm** Mon: Sr Elizabeth Tues, Wed & Thurs: Teresa Potter Fri: Jacky Hardy

**Schools:** St John's Catholic Primary 01474 534546

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*Welcome!*

*Mass Intentions for the Week*

**First Mass of Sunday, (Saturday)**

**Sun 18 Jan Second Sunday (A)**

*(St Mary's, Denton)*

6.00pm Annie Brizzell RIP

8.15am Margaret O'Kane, Carmel Loughrey & families, Frederick Brown

9.30am Marie & Samantha Hughes (Thanksgiving)

11.00am All Parishioners, Adriana Wenban (18th Birthday)

6.00pm Margaret Gaade RIP (5th Anniv)

**Mon 19 Jan Feria**

9.15am Helen & Steve Patti

**Tues 20 Jan Feria**

9.15am Christian Unity

**Wed 21 Jan St Agnes**

**Adoration 10.00am-12noon**

12 noon Lawrence Harkin RIP

**Thurs 22 Jan Feria**

9.15am *(St John's School)* People of the Parish

**Fri 23 Jan Feria**

9.15am Mollie Walsh RIP (19th Anniv)

**Sat 24 Jan St Francis de Sales**

**Adoration After 10am Mass, Reconciliation until 12.00pm**

10.00am Sheila Joan Bicker RIP

**First Mass of Sunday, (Saturday)**

**Sun 25 Jan Third Sunday (A)**

*(St Mary's, Denton)*

6.00pm Sr Simeon (Birthday wishes)

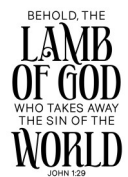
8.15am Kathleen Freeman (Anniv), Joel Da Silva Int.

9.30am Lawrence Harkin RIP

11.00am Michael Brogan RIP

6.00pm All Parishioners

***The Church will be open for private prayer Mon- Friday until 3pm, Sat & Sun 7pm***



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

**Laurence Harkin - Requiem at St John's Monday 2nd February 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....**

**May they rest in peace**

19: Eileen Morris, Joseph Debono, Edward Reilly, Mary Donohue, Christopher Finn, Maria Grazia Rossi, Ruth Ellen Tulip, Marie Patricia Savill, Hugh O'Donnell, Maurice Lloyd Barrett,

20: Thomas O'Toole, Gloria Williams, Kathleen Freeman, Doris Dock, Lily Beatrice Mary Sutherland, Kathleen Kelly, Bernadette Ellen Mary Walsh

21: Richard Herbert, Robert Cuthbertson, Margaret Reilly, Luisa Zazzi, Brian Francis Murray, Mary Teresa Taylor, Carmen Balzan

22: John Waller, Dr Michael McDonnell, Winifred Money, William Kelly, Baby Francis Rossi Ficchi, Patrick Barrett, Helena Labacova

23: Sister Catherine Cahill, James Ryan, Terence Anthony Flynn, Gaynor Ann Webster, Gerry Duncan, Mary Ann Prior, Mary Walsh

24: Bridget O'Brien, George Matthew McConkey, Kazimir Chyba, Maria Grazia Smith, James William Lillie, Lily Roberts, Jacob Campbell Knell

25: Olive May Johnson, William Albert Walsh, Joyce Chidgey, Frances Deeprose, Peter Patrick McConnell-Lawlor, Anne Bernadette Laffey, Carmen Zarb

26: Jeremiah O'Donoghue, Mary Agnes Fitzgerald, Thomas John Clanchy, James Joseph Coleman, Henry Alfred Soder,

Marie Frances Ann Birch, Mavis Schwieso, Frederick Schwieso, Catherine Crowley, Aina Treiguts, Patrick Joseph Flood

**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.**

**Peace Sunday** Today is Peace Sunday. The work of Pax Christi is based on the gospel and inspired by faith. Our vision is of a world where people can live in peace, without fear of violence in all its forms. They rely on our support and envelopes are available at the back of the Church.

**Missionaries of St Paul** (MSP) Day celebration at Holy Rosary, 364 Brixton Road, SW9 0TH, **this** Friday, 23rd January, at 6:30pm, with a reception in the school hall to follow. We are all invited to support the clergy.

**Confirmation** The preparation programme for young people in Years 8-13 at school or 13 years of age by 1 September 2026, who are interested in being confirmed in 2026 begins at the end of January 2026. To register for the programme please complete the Google Form: <https://forms.gle/1bSFp57Uq7FJxRAU8> There will be an introductory meeting for parents and young people in the church on Wednesday 28 January at 7:30pm.

**Fr Emmanuel's Induction Mass** **Please save the date:** Sunday 22nd February 2026 at 11am Mass. Bishop Paul will be celebrating this very special Mass.

**Last weeks collections** St John's: £941.89, St Mary's: £172.86, Crib £208.18. Donations towards new Mass Books £60.00. December standing order £2,086.00

**Next Sunday** there will be a second collection for St George's Cathedral: It is entirely reliant upon the generosity of its parishioners, volunteers and the Archdiocese of Southwark to keep its doors open. It does not receive Vatican or government funding,

**Baptisms** We welcome to our parish family Leo Ionut McEwan-Deicu who was baptized at St John's this weekend. Application forms for Baptism are available at 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 February @7pm) or 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.

**Christian Unity** From 18th-25th January the Church observes 8 days of prayer for Christian Unity.

**School Forms** The priest will be available to sign school forms this Wednesday from 1-2pm. Please ring on the Presbytery bell.

**Thank you** Sr Anne would like to thank all those friends who gave gifts, masses and kindness this Christmastide. A Mass will be offered for your intention.

**St John's School Nursery** We will be holding a tour of our nursery on the following dates :- Monday 19th January 3.30 - 4.15pm stay and play session with a talk from the EYFS lead. Thurs 22nd January and Thurs 29th January - small group tours at 9.30am and 10 am - Please contact the school office to book. If you would like to apply for a nursery place from September 2026, we ask that you: Register your interest website <https://www.stjohnsprimary.kent.sch.uk/admissions>. Your child MUST have reached their third birthday by 31/08/2026 to apply. Closing date for all nursery applications 30th April.

**St. Vincent's Dartford "Dining with the Bridegroom"** We are preparing a special event for couples on Saturday, 14th February, and Fr. Emeka and I would love to extend this invitation to our parishioners. The evening is for all couples to enjoy a beautiful 2-course meal and reflect on their journey with Christ at the centre. Please see the poster in the porch.

**Foodbank** Thank you for your generous donations last weekend. We were able to deliver 128kg of food and other essentials to help local families in need.

**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.

**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.

**Archdiocesan Pilgrimages for Young Adults** (aged 18 to 35) are invited to join Archbishop John on pilgrimage to Lourdes, from 7 to 13 June 2026. The cost is £789, which includes flights and full-board accommodation on a shared basis. To book, please visit: [www.tinyurl.com/lourdes26](http://www.tinyurl.com/lourdes26). They are also invited to register interest for the World Youth Day pilgrimage to Korea in August 2027 at [www.tinyurl.com/wyd2027](http://www.tinyurl.com/wyd2027)

**Ambassadors for Christ:** The Archdiocese of Southwark has launched an exciting apologetics project to provide evidence-based answers to questions such as "Is Jesus God?" or "does prayer work?". It is designed to equip you with a deeper understanding of your faith, so you can confidently answer questions. Every Monday, a new video will be posted on YouTube, along with a worksheet to enable parishes, schools, youth groups and families to use them as part of their faith formation. Please visit: [rcaos.org.uk/ambassadorsforchrist](http://rcaos.org.uk/ambassadorsforchrist).

***Please see the parish website for all our prayer groups***