

**ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH (served by the Missionary Society of St Paul)
PARISH NEWSLETTER FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING 14th FEBRUARY 2026**

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

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Welcome!

*Mass  for the
Intentions Week*

First Mass of Sunday, (Saturday)

6.00pm Maura Dee RIP, Jim Killaly RIP

Sun 15 Feb Sixth Sunday (A)

8.15am Jim Killaly RIP

(St Mary's, Denton)

9.30am Mary & Fred Costen RIP, Jack Pender RIP

11.00am People of the Parish

6.00pm Aoife Charles (Health & wellbeing)

Mon 16 Feb Feria

9.15am Emily O'Brien RIP

Tues 17 Feb Feria

9.15am Paul Hogan RIP, Christian Lorence (operation)

Wed 18 Feb ASH WEDNESDAY

9.15am Patricia E Okhuoya

Adoration 10.00am-12noon

12 noon Laurence Harkin RIP

7.00pm Pradip Sharma (wellbeing)

Thurs 19 Feb Feria

9.15am *St John's Church* Laurence Harkin RIP

Fri 20 Feb Feria

9.15am Margaret Haslett RIP

Sat 21 Feb Feria

Adoration After 10am Mass , Reconciliation until 12.00pm

10.00am Shane Ludlow (wellbeing)

First Mass of Sunday, (Saturday)

6.00pm People of the Parish

Sun 22 Feb First Sunday of Lent (A)

8.15am Jim Killaly RIP

(St Mary's, Denton)

9.30am Laurence Harkin RIP

11.00am Catherine Odd RIP (Anniv), Ellen Webber (6th Anniv)

6.00pm Emmanuel Sharma (14th Birthday)

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



Be reconciled
with each other.



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

Jim Killaly - Requiem at St John's Thursday 5th March at 11.30am

Talei Bawaqa - Requiem at St John's Tuesday 24th February at 11am

Kay Trotter - Details to follow



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

15: Frances Irene Barber, Frederick George Costen

16: Thomas O'Brian, Robert Pearce, Claude Turner, Anthony Bailey, Jane Lynn, Margaret Mulholand

17: Emilia Savickis, Mary Agar, Andrew Murphy, Mary Philomena Pay, Douglas Lawrence, Gordon, Lucia Camilla Jones, Nuala Chapman, Eileen Turley, Joseph Savickis, Lucza Cernenoks, Bridget Mary Carey

18: Thomas David Butterfield, Family Spreugel, William Gerald Flynn, Bridget Lereille, Eileen Lynch, S. Gilbert, Ada Hilton, Ruth Birch, Michael Alfred Stapley, Doris Olive Joyce

19: Luigi Boffa, Sister M. Veronica Couchman, Doreen Minnie Hodge, Baby Arthur Antonio Jackson, Enid Anita Hedges, Patrick Finbar Crotty, Edward William Webster, Joan Beatrice McGlinn, David Kavanagh, Matilda Turner

20: Thomas Finton Byrne, Patrick Joseph Doyle, Theresa Laws, David William Brooks

21: Nancy Moore, Gwen Miller, James Little, Lionel Anthony Jackson, John Halligan, Francis Arthur Barnacle

22: Nicola Carnovale, Sister M. Francis Elmes, Mary Hills, Frankie Conroy, Henry May

Fr Emmanuel's Induction Mass Next Sunday 22nd February at 11am. Bishop Paul will be celebrating this very special Mass. Everyone is invited to attend. If you would like to bring some food or drink to share on the day we would be most grateful. The car park will be shut during next weeks Induction Mass.

Old Palm Crosses There is a basket available at the back of the Church to collect old palm crosses which can be burnt and made into ash this Ash Wednesday, 18th February.

Ash Wednesday This Wednesday 18th February is a day of fasting and abstinence. Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of a period of 40 days (Sundays excluded) in which Catholics prepare for Eastertide. Ashes will be blessed and distributed on that day at all Masses; 9.15am, 12 noon and 7pm. The Priest invites parishioners forward saying "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return". This period also represents the 40 days that Jesus spent in the desert as well as the 40 years that the Israelites spent in exile. Please collect a Lenten leaflet with all the dates of services up to Easter Sunday.

Southwark Spirituality Commission Each day during Lent, they will be sending a reflection to help you draw closer to the Lord Jesus. You may register at rcsouthwark.co.uk

Lenten booklets Lenten booklets are now available at the back of the Church. There are 2 different books, one with readings of the day and one with reflections of the day (£1 each). There is also a selection of children's booklets to purchase.

Stations of the Cross During Lent there will be Stations of the Cross on Friday at 6.30pm and Wednesday 10am.

Catechists Please speak to one of the Priests if you would like to join the Catechist team, particularly preparation for First Holy Communion.

Wednesday Teas Do we have any parishioners willing to help with serving the refreshments after the 12 noon Mass on Wednesday? Please speak to Father or one of the team. Teas and coffee will be served after 12 noon Mass this Wednesday. Please come along for a friendly chat.

Baptisms We welcome into our parish family Marlowe Sloane Kilcullen 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 16th February @7pm**) or email the office.

Confirmation The preparation programme for young people in Years 8-13 at school has now started. Please keep them in your prayers.

Last weeks collections St John's: £1086.90, St Mary's: £214.15, St Katherine's: £55.52. Dona machine for January £1416.00. **This Sunday:** Second collection for Clergy Support which enables the Diocese to care for clergy in their old age or sickness after a lifetime of service. Thank you for your support and generosity.

Foodbank We will be collecting donations for the Foodbank at all Masses this weekend. The most needed items are Tinned Fruit, Tinned Carrots, Longlife Milk & Juice, Couscous, Honey and Squash. Thank you for support for local families in need.

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.

Children's Liturgy We welcome children of age 4-8 to weekly sessions at the 10.30am Mass. Please, speak to a member of Children's Liturgy team to find out more details. (There will be no children's liturgy next week during Fr Emmanuel's Induction Mass)

School Forms The priest will be available to sign school forms this Thursday from 10-11am. Please ring on the Presbytery bell.

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 drop into the Presbytery letterbox 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.

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.

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.

Please see the parish website for all our prayer groups