

**ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH (served by the Missionary Society of St Paul)
PARISH NEWSLETTER FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING 7th MARCH 2026**

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Welcome!

Mass Intentions for the Week

First Mass of Sunday, (Saturday)	6.00pm	Urszula Studlik RIP (1st Anniv),	
Sun 8 March Third Sunday of Lent (A)	8.15am	Nora & Denis Earnor RIP, Teresa Tutty RIP (1st Anniv), Deceased Loughlin & Nyland families	
<i>(St Mary's, Denton)</i>	9.30am	Laurence Harkin RIP, Iris Elliott Int.	
	11.00am	Karena McGinley RIP (2nd Anniv)	
	6.00pm	Frances Costen (Birthday thanksgiving)	
Mon 9 Mar Feria	9.15am	Deceased members pf Beatty family	
Tues 10 Mar Feria	9.15am	Eileen & Kevin Dowler RIP, Mmesoma Ezekwem (First Birthday)	
Wed 11 Mar Feria	Stations of the Cross 10.00am Adoration until 12noon		
	12 noon	Thomas Kavanagh RIP, Sr Helen Rose Ryan	
	9.15am	<i>St John's School</i>	
Thurs 12 Mar Feria	9.15am	Kenneth William Hughes RIP	
Fri 13 Mar Feria	<u>Adoration After 10am Mass , Reconciliation until 12.00pm</u>		
Sat 14 Mar Feria	10.00am	Mary Addison RIP	
First Mass of Sunday, (Saturday)	6.00pm	Nick Sall (wellbeing)	
Sun 15 March Fourth Sunday of Lent (A)	8.15am	Sr Helen Ryan (wellbeing)	
<i>(St Mary's, Denton)</i>	9.30am	Jim Killaly RIP, Rita McMannus RIP	
	11.00am	Halina Madejczyk RIP	
	6.00pm	People of the Parish	

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

Kay Trotter - Reception Wed 11th March, Requiem Thursday 12th March at 12.30pm

Elizabeth Morrin - Requiem at St John's Tues 24th March at 12.30pm

Joseph Cox - Service 26th March at 11am Thamesview Crematorium

Christopher Browning - Requiem at St John's Fri 27th March 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

- 8: Arthur Robinson, Denise Anne Goodchild, Baby Charlie Andrew Hall, Clive Dennis Simmons, Karina Frances McGinley
- 9: Michael Maher, Ruben Brond, Eleanor Matheson, Baby Niamh Nevada Wood, Ellen Teresa Taylor, Pamela June McCarthy, Marion Robinson, Frederick Richard William Harris
- 10: Francis Hatchett, , Anthony Kerrigan, Marion Robinson, Raymondo Marcantonio, George Pearton, Freda Meaney
- 11: Daphne Wanda McBennett, Betty Joan Bay, Cecilia Butler
- 12: Michael Sheehy, Elizabeth Lynds, Eric William Cottrill, Alexander McNally, Cecilia Rosa Russell
- 13: Kathleen O'Callaghan, Sgt. Dennis Clifford, James Patrick Brown, Rita Hair, Gerald Patrick Brennan, Margaret Rose Bourne, Jeffrey Tony Edward Hussey, Ellen Nora Walker
- 14: Kathleen Fitzgerald, Martin Joyce, Elizabeth Kathrina Murphy, William John Ryan, Dorothy Whitby
- 15: Ely May Crook, Mary Cree Rodden, Joyce Bridget Mary Markey, Vivienne Hyland

New parish mass books Please treat them with respect. Refrain from removing or discarding bookmarks. Let us care for our liturgical materials with reverence. If you wish to purchase your own book from the repository they will cost £6. They have 6 months of Sunday readings so the present one runs until 31st May. Eventually the whole set will consist of 6 books for year A, B, & C.

Stations of the Cross During Lent there will be Stations of the Cross on Friday at 6.30pm and Wednesday 10am. Leaflets are available for Lent, Holy Week and Easter.

Baptisms We welcome into our parish family Roman Walker, Reece Walker and Oscar Firlik who were baptized 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 March @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.

Wednesday Teas Please join us after 12 noon Mass. All welcome.

Gift Aid Thank you to all our Gift Aiders who increase their donations by 25% at no extra cost to them. Donations can be made by contactless payment, standing order, or by using our numbered envelopes. If you are a UK taxpayer and would like to join the scheme, or have any questions or concerns, please speak to Jacky (Gift Aid coordinator) after Mass, or email gravesendgac@rcaos.org.uk. New envelopes are now available for collection from the Sacristy.

Foodbank We will be collecting donations for the Foodbank at all Masses next weekend 14th/15th March. The most needed items are Tinned Cold Meat, Tinned Carrots, Crackers & Biscuits, Rice Pudding, Couscous, Peanut Butter and Washing up Liquid. Thank you for your support to local families in need.

Tuesday 17th March Fr Joe will be distributing shamrock at Mass (Feast of St Patrick).

Altar Servers Our next practice will be on Saturday 14th March at 1pm in the Church. We will be starting to practice for the Easter Services. so please make every effort to attend. New servers are welcome to join us.

Last weeks collections St John's: £910.75, St Mary's: £274.71, Cafod £455.23, Book donations £97.90. Thank you for your support and continued generosity. Standing orders for February: £2,892.00

Children's Liturgy We welcome children of age 4-8 to weekly sessions at the 11am Mass. Please, speak to a member of Children's Liturgy team to find out more details.

School Forms The priest will be available to sign school forms this Tuesday between 11am-1pm. Please ring on the Presbytery bell.

The Book Club organised by Gravesham with Ebbsfleet Rotary, meets at 7pm for an hour or so on the second Wednesday of each month in the church coffee bar. Free refreshments. We discuss fiction and non-fiction. At the next meeting on 11th March, we will discuss our parishioner Fred Juma's excellent book 'A Winning Character'. If you would like to borrow or buy the book for £10, please contact Mark Underwood on 07985 563063.

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.

Southwark Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes: (21-28 August 2026) Bishop Paul warmly invites you to join him on this year's pilgrimage. Details for booking travel and accommodation can be found at <https://www.tangney-tours.com/diocese-pilgrimages/diocese-ca/> More information: Canon Edward Perera (edwardperera@rcaos.org.uk) or Deacon John Fogarty (johnfogarty@rcaos.org.uk) or Bishop Paul Hendricks (paulhendricks@rcaos.org.uk)

Sick/housebound We are in the process of updating all those who wish to receive Holy Communion at home. 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. 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