

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

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First Mass of Sunday, (Saturday)	6.00pm	Nick Sall (wellbeing)	
Sun 15 March Fourth Sunday of Lent (A)	8.15am	Sr Helen Ryan (wellbeing), Theresa Smyth RIP (Mothers Day)	
<i>(St Mary's, Denton)</i>	9.30am	Jim Killaly RIP, Rita McMannus RIP	
	11.00am	Halina Madejczyk RIP, Veronica Ofili (Birthday)	
	6.00pm	People of the Parish	
Mon 16 Mar Feria	9.15am	Sr Elizabeth (Birthday thanksgiving))	
Tues 17 Mar St Patrick	9.15am	Exilda Mungulube (Thanksgiving for holiday & all those I met)	
Wed 18 Mar Feria		Stations of the Cross 10.00am Adoration until 12noon	
	12 noon	Lily Moran RIP	
Thurs 19 Mar St Joseph	9.15am	<i>St John's School</i>	
Fri 20 Mar Feria	9.15am		
Sat 21 Mar Feria		<u>Adoration After 10am Mass , Reconciliation until 12.00pm</u>	
	10.00am		
First Mass of Sunday, (Saturday)	6.00pm	Deceased Moreton family, Christian Lorence (op recovery)	
Sun 22 March Fifth Sunday of Lent (A)	8.15am	Bryan Gardner, John Matthews (Anniv)	
<i>(St Mary's, Denton)</i>	9.30am	Bessie Trotman RIP	
	11.00am	Veronica Ofili (Thanksgiving)	
	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



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

Peter Hogg - Service at Thames View Crematorium Monday 23rd March at 1pm

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: Ely May Crook, Mary Cree Rodden, Joyce Bridget Mary Markey, Vivienne Hyland
- 16: Mary Mullarkey, Helen Clair Kelly, C. Simmons, Ann Roxburgh Munn, Ian Daniel Byrne, Peter David McSwiggan, Mary Alice Gilhooly, Malcolm Thomas Slade, Thomas Martin Quinn
- 17: Helena Claire, Gerald Byrne, William James, Patrick McCarthy, Mary Kearney Smith, Cornelius Doris, Melanie Mulheran, Catherine Anne Pollard, Michael Joseph Finn
- 18: Sarah Sharkey, Elizabeth Miller, Gladys Dougal, William Christopher Keegan, Margaret Lyons, Frederick William Bateman, Francis Roy Henry, Baby Charlie Taylor,
- 19: Michael Kavanagh, Michael Neil Davies, William James Thomson, Ellen Elizabeth Long, Paul Thomas Finch, Mario Ciantanni
- 20: Ted Rayfield, James Lahiff, Ernest Edward Heinave, John Clifford, William Joseph Dolan, Eileen Winifred Nell, Sheila Mary Dunham, Kathy Desmond, Hilda Florence Elizabeth Bateman, John Christopher Matthews
- 21: Samuel Henry Perrin, Maria Cutillo, Bessie Maud Trotman, Billie Picciola, Margaret Sharp, Noel Christopher Moran, Stella Bove
- 22: Major John O'Neill, Thomas James Lear, Dennis Traveller, Agnes Crisp, Marie Fowell, Dorothy May Took, Richard Erangey, Alexander Brierley Hodgkinson, James Flynn

Mothering Sunday 15th March The fourth Sunday in Lent is Laetare or “Rejoice” Sunday. This day is also a celebration of our mothers and those who are like mothers, who have nurtured us.

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

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 Bobby McKenna-Thompson, Roman Walker, Reece Walker and Michaela Onilenla 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 13th April @7pm***) or email the office.

Last weeks collections St John's: £1124.40, St Mary's: £179.35, St Katherine's: 82.00, Cafod £30.00. Thank you for your support and continued generosity. Dona Machine for February: £752.00.

Next Sunday: There will be a second collection for Poor Parishes.

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 this weekend 14th/15th March. Thank you for your support to local families in need.

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 Wednesday between 1-2pm. 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.

Stamps Sister Delores is collecting stamps for the RNIB. Please place any donations in the box at the back of the Church. Thank you to all who have saved their stamps. There have been some very interesting ones.

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)

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.

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