

**ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH (served by the Missionary Society of St Paul)
PARISH NEWSLETTER FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING 11th APRIL 2026**

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Welcome!

Mass Intentions for the Week

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**First Mass of Sunday, (Saturday)
Sun 12th April DIVINE MERCY
(St Mary's, Denton)**

6.00pm Michael & Mick Lowry RIP
8.15am Steven Cottrell RIP (13th Anniv), Josie Hall RIP
9.30am Eamonn Nally RIP, Iris Elliott Int.
11.00am Dr Jeeva & Monica (Wedding Anniv), Ebubechukwu Ihionu RIP
Elizabeth Madejczyk RIP (2 months)

Mon 13 April Feria

6.00pm Jan Kuglarz RIP (2nd Anniv)

Tues 14 April Feria

9.15am Kenneth William Hughes RIP

Wed 15 April Feria

9.15am Nora McCaffrey

Adoration until 12noon

12 noon Wahab family, Esther Gahan, Kealy Parkin & Johnson Guerin families

Thurs 16 April Feria

9.15am (St Johns Church) Catherine Blackburn RIP

Fri 17 April Feria

9.15am Evelyn & Bill Allen, Paul Allen

Sat 18 April Feria

Adoration After 10am Mass, Reconciliation until 12.00pm

10.00am Andy McGowan

Sun 19th April Third Sunday of Easter

6.00pm Catherine Blackburn RIP, Aoife Charles (wellbeing), Josie Buckley RIP

(St Mary's, Denton)

8.15am Hughie O'Kane, Damian Obare & Mary Obare RIP,
Fred & Elsie Brown RIP, Sisters of Mercy

9.30am Theresa & Anthony Symns, Willie J Buchanan RIP

11.00am Kay Trotter RIP (1 month's mind), Ebubechukwu Ihionu RIP

6.00pm Zuzanna Lecznar RIP (Anniv)

The Church will be open for private prayer Mon- Friday until 3pm



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

Brian Anthony Hickey - Requiem at St John's Thurs 23 April 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

- 12: Joan Adams, Fr. John McNally, Vincent John McDonagh Chadwick, Barry Herbert Wenham, Kevin Joseph McKay, Steven Cottrell, James Harold Cook, Shirley Joan Pantry, Jacqueline Elizabeth Blowers
13: Charlotte M. Enefer, Ellen Byrne, Alfred George Gregory, Patrick Joseph Kelly, James Marsh, Lily Biles, Teresa Turner, Peter Lynam
14: William Martin Gallagher, Doreen Chyba, Hetty Bowman, Anne Frain, Betty Harris, Iside Alba Pope, Mary-Ann Finch, Peter John Smith,
15: Sid Hollyer, Sister M. Bernard Dunne, Baby Immacolata Jackson, Elizabeth Lilian Kelly, Michael Joseph Lowry
16: Mary Violet Clarke, Sister M. Berchmans Roden, Patrick Lucas, Catherine Mary Scutts
17: Mary Mullarkey, Ethel Dorothy Hardy, Carmela Alexander, Mary Deborah Calvo, Philomena Harrison, Rita Christina Abeydeera
18: James Fredrick Chapman, Mary Matilda Vaughan, Baby George Smith, Wendolin Boehm
19: George William Brown, Mary Ann Brennan, Peter Marrant, Hugh O'Kane, Milica Mira Smyth, Michael Joseph McDermott, Gerardo Esposito, Ellen Clent,

Free Marriage and Family Life events for Parents For parents with teenagers; Catholic Celebrate are offering 2 webinars - Confident parenting in a world of screens 29th April 8pm and Raising teenagers in a Catholic family 2nd June 8pm. To book a place contact asap info@celebratetrust.org

Baptisms We welcome into our parish family David Seriki, Oluwadamilola Seriki, Domas Urniezius, Augustas Kondrackis, Mia Martyn, Labeyinne Bozumbil, Yindemee Bozumbil, Yinsomma Bozumbil, Basom Bozumbil and Kaiah Kehinde who were baptized on Sunday. Application forms for Baptism are available from the Sacristy. Please see the Priest after Mass to ask for a form. Families need to attend a preparation session before the baptism (***the next session is Monday 13th April @7pm***) or email the office.

Wedding Our prayers, congratulations and best wishes to Teresa Ficchi and Christopher Sousa on their wedding this weekend at St John's. Please make an appointment to see the Parish Priest if you would like to get married at St John's. Six months notice is required.

Last weeks Easter collections St John's: £3,650.43, St Mary's: £805.79, St Katherine's £129.51. Your Easter offering goes towards the training of Priests in the Missionary Society of St Paul. **Maundy Thursday** (Poor) £516.35, **Good Friday** (Holy Places) £ 590.16, **Blessing of Easter Food** £422.26. **Dona Machine** for March £1,279.00, Easter £170. Thank you for your support and continued generosity. **Next Sunday**: A second collection for Maintenance of St George's Cathedral.

Divine Mercy Sunday Divine Mercy Sunday is the Sunday following Easter, this year 12th April. You are most welcome to join us for the Chaplet of Divine Mercy as a novena online via the parish website, follow the "Divine Mercy Chaplet" link at 3pm for about 15 minutes.

Foodbank We are collecting next weekend 18/19 April. Most needed items are cous cous, tinned rice pudding/cold meat, biscuits & crackers, deodorant. Thank you.

Congratulations to St John's Catholic Comprehensive School on their recent Catholic Schools Inspection, where the inspectors stated that the overall quality of Catholic Education provided by the school was 'Outstanding', and that 'Christ is at the heart of this community'. To read the report in full, please visit the school's website: www.stjohnscs.com

Mass in Celebration of the Sacrament of Marriage, - July 11th, at St George's Cathedral If you are celebrating your 1st/10th/25th/40th/50th/60th + wedding anniversary this year, please let us know as soon as possible, **and no later than the middle of May**, providing the following details: your names in the format John and Mary Smith, your home address, your parish, and the anniversary you are celebrating, so you can receive an invitation from the Archbishop for the renewal of vows during Mass. Spaces are limited. Contact us at mflkent@rcaos.org.uk As the title of your email, please write your parish location e.g. Gravesend. (Or contact the parish office with your details).

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.

Wednesday Teas Please join us after 12 noon Mass. All welcome. A big thank you to all those who support the coffee bar. They recently generously donated £521.09 to the parish.

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.

Holy Hour for the Dignity of Life *Sunday 19 April – 4:30pm* Join with the Bishops of England and Wales to pray a Holy Hour for the dignity of all human life as peers in the House of Lords continue to debate whether to make Assisted Suicide law.

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)

Thank You! Our celebrations this Easter could never have gone ahead without so many people giving their time and expertise to the Parish. Our warmest thanks to everyone who helped or attended the various services. We are blessed to have so many dedicated parishioners at St John's.

Sick/housebound Please contact the parish office (01474 352415) and let us know of neighbours/family members who are unable to come to Church and would like to receive Communion . 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