

**ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH (served by the Missionary Society of St Paul)  
PARISH NEWSLETTER FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING 18th APRIL 2026**

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*Welcome!*

*Mass Intentions for the Week*

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<b>First Mass of Sunday (Saturday)</b>	6.00pm	Catherine Blackburn RIP, Aoife Charles (wellbeing), Josie Buckley RIP
<b>Sun 19th April Third Sunday of Easter</b>	8.15am	Hughie O'Kane, Damian Obare & Mary Obare RIP, Fred & Elsie Brown RIP, Sisters of Mercy, Tom Frisby & Derek Harris, Josie Garvey RIP
<i>(St Mary's, Denton)</i>	9.30am	Theresa & Anthony Symns, Willie J Buchanan RIP, Franco McDonnell
	11.00am	Kay Trotter RIP (1 month's mind), Ebubechukwu Ihionu RIP Chris Mburu Int.
	6.00pm	Zuzanna Lecznar RIP (Anniv)
<b>Mon 20 April Feria</b>	9.15am	Keith Rixson Int., Fr Joe (Birthday Thanksgiving)
<b>Tues 21 April St Anselm</b>	9.15am	Peggy Harkin, Veronica Ofili & family Int.
<b>Wed 22 April Feria</b>	<b>Adoration until 12noon</b>	
	12 noon	Eileen Dowler RIP (5th Anniv), B. Loughlin (thanksgiving)
<b>Thurs 23 April St George</b>	9.15am	<i>(St Johns School)</i>
<b>Fri 24 April Feria</b>	9.15am	Shane Patrick Lindsay (29th Birthday), Wiktorja Menczyk (21st Birthday)
<b>Sat 25 April St Mark</b>	<b>Adoration After 10am Mass , Reconciliation until 12.00pm</b>	
	10.00am	Paul Awora & Jacinta Mgele RIP
<b>First Mass of Sunday (Saturday)</b>	6.00pm	Milena & Pankaj Sharma (15th wedding Anniv)
<b>Sun 26th April Fourth Sunday of Easter</b>	8.15am	Carol Pavitt, Sr Helen Int.
<i>(St Mary's, Denton)</i>	9.30am	Rita Bradshaw (91st Birthday)
	11.00am	Wiktorja Menczyk (21st Birthday), Ebubechukwu Ihionu RIP Agostinho Diniz RIP
	6.00pm	Pardip Sharma RIP



**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

**Patrick Quadling** - Requiem at St John's Mon 27th April 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**

- 19: George William Brown, Mary Ann Brennan, Peter Marrant, Hugh O'Kane, Milica Mira Smyth, Michael Joseph McDermott, Gerardo Esposito, Ellen Clent,
- 20: John Breslin, Tony Carey, Ellen Meaney, Gladys Potter
- 21: Antonia Martin, Joyce Irvine, Sonny Tobias Whittam, Keith Christopher Hyland, Cynthia Sybil Stevens, Stephanie Doreen Judge
- 22: William Herbert, Jason Hardy, James Groarke, Michael Grillo, Esther Theresa Pithman, Nora Gallagher, Dorothy Ellen Cross, Arturs Osipovs, Michael Brewer, Eileen Bridget Dowler, Dariusz Mielczarzewicz
- 23: Josephine Elizabeth McGowan, Giovanni Tramontano, Sister M. Carmel Boyle, George Henry Stocks, Adam Lawrence Colton, William John Colton, Bartley Gilhooly
- 24: Grace Sally, John McCrane, Josephine Morris
- 25: Arthur Ernest Strickland, Pamela Doreen Evers, Herbert Mark Martin, Christina Cecilia Murphy
- 26: Patrick Carlin, Martin Rodden, Sister M. Camillus Doyle, Lorna Anne Agle, Jonathan Patrick Laimons Kelly, Betty McNally,

**Parish Pastoral Council** Every parish group should appoint a representative to PPC. Please email Fr Emmanuel (emmanuelogunnaike@rcaos.org.uk) or the parish office so that we may hold a meeting.

**Social Committee** Volunteers are needed to organize events in the parish. Please email or speak to Fr Emmanuel if you may be interested in joining a small group.

**Bereavement Group** If you are interested in the ministry of visiting the bereaved in the parish, there is training available on the 9th May at Aylesford. Please contact one of the Priests or parish office as soon as possible to book the day.

**Parish Project** This year we hope to change the kneelers in the Church to more comfy cushioned ones. The estimate is £23,500 (excl vat). Any donations will be thankfully accepted.

**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 Arthur Newberry and Alas Janovic who were baptized this weekend. 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 11th May @7pm - parents only***) or email the office.

**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. ***There will be exposition here at St Johns for one hour.***

**Last weeks collections** St John's: £965.25, St Mary's: £246.51, St Katherine's £129.51. Easter £105. **This Sunday:** a second collection for Maintenance of St George's Cathedral. **Next Sunday:** A second collection for Priest Training Fund - this collection helps meet the cost of training students for the priesthood and diaconate. Thank you for your support and continued generosity.

**First Confession** Please remember in your prayers the 37 children who made their first confession this weekend.

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

**Guild of Altar Servers rally** The annual rally for Southwark Altar Servers is taking place at Aylesford on 4 May starting with Mass at 11.30am. The Principal Celebrant will be Bishop Paul Hendricks.

**Mass in Celebration of the Sacrament of Marriage**, - July 11th, at St George's Cathedral If you are celebrating your 1<sup>st</sup>/10<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup>/40<sup>th</sup>/50<sup>th</sup>/60<sup>th</sup> + 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.

**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.

**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.

**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** 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*