

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH (served by the Missionary Society of St Paul)
PARISH NEWSLETTER FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING 2nd MAY 2026

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Welcome!

Mass Intentions for the Week

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First Mass of Sunday (Saturday)	6.00pm	For all Parishioners
Sun 3 May Fifth Sunday of Easter <i>(St Mary's, Denton)</i>	8.15am	Sr Helen Gallagher
	9.30am	Marie & Samantha Hughes (Thanksgiving)
	11.00am	Anne Dimpers RIP, Ebubechukwu Ihionu RIP, Benjamin Oseragberje RIP, Onwuaduegbo family RIP
	6.00pm	Joe & Doris Balzan
Mon 4 May English Martyrs	9.15am	Sheelah Cherry
Tues 5 May Feria	9.15am	Anne Dimpers RIP
Wed 6 May Feria	Adoration until 12noon	
	12 noon	Consalascion Brizuela & John Tarbin RIP, Carmel Farmer RIP
Thurs 7 May Feria	9.15am	<i>(St Johns School)</i>
Fri 8 May Feria	9.15am	Simon Freeman (wellbeing)
Sat 9 May Feria	Adoration After 10am Mass , Reconciliation until 12.00pm	
	10.00am	Andy Gray (ill)
First Mass of Sunday (Saturday)	6.00pm	Chris, Jackie & Beatrice RIP
Sun 10 May Sixth Sunday of Easter <i>(St Mary's, Denton)</i>	8.15am	Betty Matthews Intention
	9.30am	John McDonach RIP
	11.00am	Kathleen Arkins RIP
	6.00pm	For all Parishioners

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THE WAY - TRUTH - LIFE



The Church will be open for private prayer Mon- Friday until 3pm
During May the Rosary will be recited after all Masses Monday-Saturday

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



Mary O'Connell - Requiem at St John's Friday 15th May 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

- 3: Hetty Hickford, Grace Frances Witherden, Sister M. Francis Lennon
- 4: Molly McNally, Mieczyslaw Chyba, Antony David Senior, Doreen Mary Mulcahy, Christine Veronica Walsh
- 5: Josephine McGowan, Kathleen Vera Boyer, Anne Christine Dimpers
- 6: Clara Elizabeth Medhurst, Joseph Glynn, Sr. M. Bernadette McManus, Harry Wilcocks, Jadriga Koluzs
- 7: Christopher Anthony Brooke, Joseph Anthony Perrin, Joyce Mary Gillian Pointu, Michaela Galliers
- 9: June Lily Loveridge, Catherine Morgan, John William Hart, Patricia Joan Keelan
- 10: Agnes King, Siter M. Magdalen Maguire, Thomas Richard Cribb, Vivienne Margaret Neary, Carol Ann Stevens,

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.

Devotions to the Blessed Virgin Mary During May the Rosary will be recited **after** all Masses Monday-Saturday. For video, audio and written versions of the Rosary for Life rcaos.org.uk/rosaryforlife

Safeguarding Sunday 3 May is Safeguarding Sunday. In line with today's Gospel, we are called to protect, called to care, called to act. Safeguarding is not the work of a few; it is a shared responsibility. You can find out more about Safeguarding Sunday at rcaos.org.uk/safeguardingsunday.

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.

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.

Baptisms We welcome into our parish family Connor Stanbridge and Harrison Morris 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.

Wedding Our prayers, congratulations and best wishes to Patrycja Meczynska and Robert Zsiga 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.

Guild of Altar Servers rally The annual rally for Southwark Altar Servers is taking place at Aylesford this Monday 4 May starting with Mass at 11.30am. Principal Celebrant will be Bishop Paul Hendricks. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Mass in Celebration of the Sacrament of Marriage - July 11th, at St George's Cathedral. Contact us at mflkent@rcaos.org.uk (Or contact the parish office with your details).

Last weeks collections St John's: £1,088.40, St Mary's: £200.35, Priest Training Fund. £470.94. Kneelers £200. Thank you for your support and continued generosity.

Booking Mass Intentions: Envelopes for Masses are available at the back of the Church, write the intention (RIP, unwell, anniversary, celebration etc) 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.

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.

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

Foodbank Thank you for your recent donations, we were able to deliver 80kg of food & other essentials. We will be collecting again next weekend 9/10 May. The most needed items are Tinned Cold Meat, Rice Pudding, Crackers & Biscuits, Couscous, Shampoo & Conditioner. Thank you for your support for local families in need.

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.

Rosary For Life Archbishop John Wilson is calling on all of us to join him in praying the Rosary for Life this May (Month of Mary). Together, we will pray through the Joyful, Sorrowful, Glorious and Luminous Mysteries, each one offered for the most vulnerable facing growing threats to life: unborn children at risk of abortion, victims of war and persecution, people with disabilities, and the elderly and vulnerable. For video, audio and written versions of the Rosary for Life, visit rcaos.org.uk/rosaryforlife. Pray the Rosary. Encounter Christ. Defend life.

Westminster assisted suicide Bill has fallen The assisted suicide Bill has failed to pass all stages in the House of Lords. This means that Kim Leadbeater's assisted suicide Bill has fallen and will not become law! This is a major milestone, but the battle is not over. Assisted suicide campaigners have said they are going to try to bring the Bill back in the next parliamentary session and use the Parliament Acts to bypass the Lords. To find out more about this significant milestone and what comes next, visit: <https://righttolife.org.uk/LeadbeaterBillFalls>

Altar Servers Our next practice will be Saturday 9th May at 1pm in the Church. New Servers are welcome to join us.

Please join us on a Mary's Meals walking pilgrimage The Augustine Camino from Rochester to Ramsgate via Aylesford Priory, Canterbury Cathedral and Minster Abbey from 5-11 September. You welcome to join us for a single day, for several days, or for a whole pilgrimage. Come on your own or as a group. To find out more at <https://www.marysmeals.org.uk/get-involved/charity-events/walk-for-hope> or Roy Peachey at info@marysmeals.org

Please see the parish website for all our prayer groups