

**ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH (served by the Missionary Society of St Paul)**  
**PARISH NEWSLETTER FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING 16th MAY 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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<b>First Mass of Sunday (Saturday)</b>	6.00pm	Mrs Victoria Orji (Healing)	
<b>Sun 17 May Seventh Sunday of Easter</b>	8.15am	Private Intention, All Souls, Mary & Martin Rodden RIP, Teresa & Stuart Colman RIP, Coleman Flaherty RIP (1st Anniv)	
<i>(St Mary's, Denton)</i>	9.30am	Chinedu (Thanksgiving)	
	11.00am	Onilenla Bello Emmanuel RIP, Michael Ukaefu RIP	
	6.00pm	For all Parishioners	
<b>Mon 18 May Feria</b>	9.15am	Keith Mills RIP	
<b>Tues 19 May Feria</b>	9.15am	Jim & Dan Bradley RIP	
<b>Wed 20 May Feria</b>		<b>Adoration until 12noon</b>	
	12 noon	Wahab family, Esther Gahan (ill)	
<b>Thurs 21 May Feria</b>	9.15am	<i>(St John's School)</i> Deirdre Bradley	
<b>Fri 22 May Feria</b>	9.15am	Mrs Victoria Orji (Healing)	
<b>Sat 23 May Feria</b>		<b>Adoration After 10am Mass , Reconciliation until 12.00pm</b>	
	10.00am	Mary Edward Gallagher	
<b>First Mass of Sunday (Saturday)</b>	6.00pm	Tony Charles RIP	
<b>Sun 24 May PENTECOST</b>	8.15am	Dan & Margaret O'Kane, Chinelo Anigala (T/g), Doreen Rodden RIP	
<i>(St Mary's, Denton)</i>	9.30am	Jerry & Maureen Coyle	
	11.00am	Chinedu (Thanksgiving)	
	6.00pm	For all Parishioners	



**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**

*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**

- 17: Dennis John Reardon, Marina Alexandra Knell
- 18: John Griffin, Mary Kelly, Joseph Meaney, John Joseph Lindsay, Mary Jane Everden, John Derek Brenchley, Ann Elizabeth Gethen, Alan Mantripp
- 19: Myrtle Alberta Cronin, Grace Caroline Barratt, Merlyn Evans, Agnes Hilda Jones
- 20: Valerie Ann McConnell-Lawlor
- 21: Dennis John Butterfield, John Fredrick Neal, Sister Juliana Pennelly, Arpad Zsig
- 22: John Stephen Little, George John Tuley, Maureen Mary McDonnell, Baby Anna Hedley, Bernard Ronald McLeavey
- 23: Theresa Mary Sims
- 24: Harry Mizzen, Desmond Byrne, Frances Beacon, Marjorie Knight



**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 visit [rcaos.org.uk/rosaryforlife](http://rcaos.org.uk/rosaryforlife)

**Bank holiday Monday 25th May** Fr Emmanuel would like to invite all volunteers to Mass at 10am followed by a BBQ and social.

**Summertime 2026:** 11-14th August: Altar Servers Trip to Westminster Pastoral Centre, £199. For aged 11-15. We commend this excellent residential trip for altar servers and those who regularly attend mass on the weekend. It is a few days for deepening one's catholic faith, in a great social atmosphere, including football, sports and visit to Thorpe Park. For more details of how to get to the venue, with a coach laid on at St. Anselm's Dartford. Forms at the back of Church or contact Fr. Stephen Boyle, chaplain to the Guild of St. Stephen, [Dartford@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:Dartford@rcaos.org.uk), Tel:01322 220075.

**Advance notice** From Monday 1st to Friday 5th June there will be no Mass or Adoration during this time. The Church will be open for private prayer.

**First Holy Communion** Please remember in your prayers the 37 children who made their First Holy Communion this weekend. We thank the dedication of Helen and Pauline and those who have prepared them for this big day.

**Confirmation** Please remember in your prayers the 27 young people who will be Confirmed this Sunday by Bishop Paul Henricks. We thank the dedication of Mark Hannon, James Gurney and those who have prepared them for this big day.

**Baptisms** We welcome into our parish family Zaya Mosiolek Hussain who was 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 (**next session is Monday 8th June @7pm - parents only**) or email the office.

**Invitation** Fr. Joe Smith is celebrating 60 years of his priestly ordination this June. He wishes to invite parishioners to celebrate with him at a Mass of thanksgiving at St. John's on Monday 15th June at 11am and afterwards at the Masonic Hall Wrotham Rd.

**Last weeks collections** St John's: £902.92, St Mary's: £211.85, **This Sunday:** second collection for World Communications. Kneelers £60.00. Thank you for your support and continued generosity.

**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.

**Booking Mass Intentions:** Envelopes for Masses are available at the back of the Church, write the intention (RIP, unwell, anniversary, thanksgiving 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 all donations. We were able to donate 60.5kg to 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 for the recent donation of 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](http://rcaos.org.uk/rosaryforlife). Pray the Rosary. Encounter Christ. Defend life.

**Missio and the Mill Hill Missionaries** invite all Red Box supporters to St Simon Stock Church, Bleakwood Rd, Walderslade, Kent ME5 0NF on Saturday 6 June at 11am. Join Fr Joseph Donkor and the Mill Hill Missionaries for Mass, followed by lunch and sharing of mission work.

**The Divine Mercy Apostolate** holding a First Saturday Divine Mercy Recollection Day at the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham, on Saturday 6th June from 10:30 am to 4:30 pm. All welcome. Pls call millie on 07957594646 for more information. Coaches from Slough, Ealing Broadway, North London, Barking and Victoria.

***Please see the parish website for all our prayer groups***