

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH (served by the Missionary Society of St Paul)
PARISH NEWSLETTER FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING 23rd MAY 2026

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Welcome!

Mass Intentions for the Week

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First Mass of Sunday (Saturday)	6.00pm	Tony Charles RIP, Krzysztof & Piotr (wellbeing)
Sun 24 May PENTECOST	8.15am	Dan & Margaret O'Kane, Chinelo Anigala (T/g), Doreen Rodden RIP
<i>(St Mary's, Denton)</i>	9.30am	Jerry & Maureen Coyle, Dorothy Rossi RIP
	11.00am	Chinedu (Thanksgiving), Anna Paraniak & family (Blessings)
	6.00pm	For all Parishioners, Marc-Henri Amon (Birthday), Brito Zaourou RIP
Mon 25 May Mary, Mother of the Church	10.00am	Dave Pease RIP, Marie Deffew (80th Birthday), Brito Zaourou RIP
Tues 26 May St Philip	9.15am	Mrs Victoria Orji (Healing)
Wed 27 May St Augustine	Adoration until 12noon	
	12 noon	Sr Helen Rose
Thurs 28 May Our Lord Jesus Christ	9.15am	<i>(St John's Church)</i> Mary O'Connell RIP
Fri 29 May St Paul VI	9.15am	Tommy Lydon RIP (Anniv)
Sat 30 May BVM	Adoration After 10am Mass , Reconciliation until 12.00pm	
	10.00am	Thompson family
First Mass of Sunday (Saturday)	6.00pm	Mrs Sherin Paul RIP (Birthday)
Sun 31 May THE MOST HOLY TRINITY	8.15am	Zdzislan Bogusz RIP, Maria Bogusz RIP
<i>(St Mary's, Denton)</i>	9.30am	Lucy, Tal, Evelyn, Ike, Freddie, Jacob, Arun, Niall, Ellie & Emma (University Exams)
	11.00am	Victoria Orji (Healing), Aldin Williams RIP, Chantel Amon (Birthday)
	6.00pm	Birthdays & Anniversaries celebrated in May



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

- 24: Harry Mizzen, Desmond Byrne, Frances Beacon, Marjorie Knight
- 25: John Joseph Lane, Margaret Laura Parker, Joanne Wall, Paul Smith
- 26: Antony Peter Gibson, Mary Catherine Phillips, Sr. Paschal Sheehy, Marie Ellen Dougal, Clive Stanley Robinson
- 27: Paul Joseph McCabe, Pat Dillow, Kathy Dillow, Maria Magdelane Leeman, Michael Nyzalowskiy, Eric Marrant, Roger Stevenson, William Wooley, Peter Marcantonio
- 28: John Somerville Scott, Kathleen Moriarty
- 29: Elizabeth Horan, Sister M. Berchmans Byrne, Iris Hilda McDonnell, Eileen Hunt, Thomas Francis Lydon, Edward Delaney, Audrey Veronica Grey
- 30: David William Deadman, Francis Lloyd, Patricia Flynn, James Joseph Keane
- 31: Florence Grace Martin, James John Madden, James O'Connell, Winifred Jenner, Agnes O'Brien, Ben Fletcher, Kathleen Duff, Peter John Harmon, Patrick Arthur Dillon Dignam, James Joseph Keane

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.

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

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

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, Tel:01322 220075.

Advance notice From Tuesday 2nd to Friday 5th June there will be no Mass or Exposition during this time as the Priests are away on retreat. Fr Joe will say Mass on Monday at 9.15am. The Church will be open for private prayer.

Baptisms We welcome into our parish family Hanna Witanowska-Jawniak and Aurelia Waite 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 (**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: £837.38, 2nd collection £227.45, St Mary's: £253.46, 2nd collection £76.60. First Holy Communion £455.21, Confirmation £222.25. Thank you for your support and continued generosity.

Thank you also to our parishioners who have signed up for Gift Aid increasing their donations by 25% at no extra cost to them, & those who donate by contactless & standing order. If you wish to set up a standing order, St Johns Church bank details are: Account name: 'RCAS a Registered Charity re St Johns Church', Sort code: 60-09-10 Nat West Bank, Account No: 07722915.

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, 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.

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.

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

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.

Divine Mercy Chaplet The Divine Mercy Chaplet will be online at 3pm Monday - Friday. See the parish website for how to join the online meetings as well as the prayers if you wish to say the Chaplet privately.

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.

Please see the parish website for all our prayer groups