

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH (served by the Missionary Society of St Paul)
PARISH NEWSLETTER FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING 30th 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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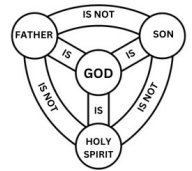
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Welcome!

Mass Intentions for the Week

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First Mass of Sunday (Saturday)	6.00pm Mrs Sherin Paul RIP (Birthday)
Sun 31 May THE MOST HOLY TRINITY <i>(St Mary's, Denton)</i>	8.15am Zdzislan Bogusz RIP, Maria Bogusz RIP 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
Mon 1 June St Justin	9.15am Mary O'Connell RIP, Kathleen & Frand Freeman, Mrs Sherin Paul RIP (5th Anniv 2 June)
Tues 2 June Feria	No Mass
Wed 3 June St Charles Lwanga	No Mass or Exposition
Thurs 4 June Feria	No Mass
Fri 5 June St Boniface	5.00pm Mary & Rita Abor (Birthday thanksgiving)
Sat 5 June BVM	<u>Adoration After 10am Mass , Reconciliation until 12.00pm</u> 10.00am Andrew Johnson RIP, Josephine McEniff RIP (birthday) 11.00am <i>St Katherine's, Shorne</i>
First Mass of Sunday (Saturday)	6.00pm Timothy Vereivalu RIP (3rd Anniv 3 June), Baby Anna Grace Hedley RIP (21st Anniv)
Sun 7 June CORPUS CHRISTI <i>(St Mary's, Denton)</i>	8.15am Roy Cattermole RIP (b/d), Nuala Doherty RIP (b/d) , Keith Brown RIP 9.30am Marie & Samantha Hughes (thanksgiving) 11.00am Forgotten Souls in Purgatory 6.00pm For all Parishioners



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



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

- 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
- 1: Francis Taplin, Fr. Patrick McNulty, Margaret Mitchell, Bridget Dolan, William Tutton, Doris Hilda Donovan, Martin John Quinn
- 2: Grace Jordan, William Mullan, Elizabeth Lane, Bridget Kelly, Mark Anthony Gaskill, Pauline Doris Lott, Sherin Paul
- 3: Ida Guselli, Robert Raymond Attwell, George Alfred Johncock, Brenda Chamberlin Heesom,
- 4: Cyril Henry King, Marianne Louise Schmidt, Sister M. Teresa Moreland, Rosa Muro Grillo, Brian Harkin, Elsie Ede, Caroline Florence Cox
- 5: Mary Gray, Baby David Rixson, John O'Durmott, Daniel Joseph O'Connor, Patrick Gerard Kennedy, Margaret Kathleen Byrne, Agata Turtakove
- 6: Bridget Herbert, Bridget Anne Rumley, Julia Curran, Peter Udoji, Paul Jonathan James Carter, Henry Charles Sidney Love
- 7: Edward Grant, Sister M. Eithne McNeely, Albert Henry Mills

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.

Mass Times On Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday next week there will be no Mass or Exposition. On Friday Mass will be at 5pm. The Priests are away on retreat. Fr Joe will say Mass on Monday at 9.15am. The Church will be open for private prayer until 3pm each day.

Church Garden Thank you to our team of gardeners. The Church garden is looking lovely and a lot of work has gone into maintaining it. Special thanks to Mary Gaskill, Janet, Sean and Henri for their time.

Baptisms 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.

First Friday Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus will be held in the Church this Friday 5th June. It will start at 2.30pm with Rosary, 3pm Divine Mercy Chaplet and Exposition. Mass will be 5pm. All are welcome to join us.

There will be 24hours continuous Adoration on Friday 5th June from 10am until 10.00am Sat 6th. If you are able, please sign the clipboard at the back of the Church so that we can be sure that there will always be someone with Our Lord.

First Saturday Devotions to the Immaculate Heart of Mary On the first Saturday of each month a service will be held immediately after Mass in the Church. Everyone is welcome to join us in prayer Saturday 6th June.

First Holy Communion Please remember in your prayers the 62 children from St John's Primary School who will be making their First Holy Communion next Saturday.

Last weeks collections St John's: £1045.45, St Mary's: £155.39. 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.

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.

Possible vacancy for a new role at Gravesham Sanctuary Day Centre. This opportunity is dependent on successful grant funding. We are inviting early expressions of interest. This would be a part-time paid role until March 2029 as Day Centre Manager. The Manager would work with an enthusiastic team of volunteers and individuals with lived experience of homelessness. Please contact Carol Webster at carol.webster@graveshamsanctuary.uk to register your interest or for more information.

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.

Please see the parish website for all our prayer groups