

**ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH (served by the Missionary Society of St Paul)
PARISH NEWSLETTER FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING 6th JUNE 2026**

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Welcome!

Mass Intentions for the Week

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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

(St Mary's, Denton)

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 , Gabrielle Onovo (Birthday)
6.00pm For all Parishioners

Mon 8 June Feria

9.15am Weronika Koreptia (Birthday blessing)

Tues 9 June Feria

9.15am Brian & Valerie (64th Wedd Anniv), Mary & Rita Abor (Birthday t/g)

Wed 10 June Feria

Adoration until 12noon

12 noon Doreen Mulcahy RIP

Thurs 11 June St Barnabas

9.15am *(St John's Primary School)*

Fri 12 June Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

9.15am Arthur Twocock RIP (16th Anniv)

Sat 13 June BVM

Adoration After 10am Mass , Reconciliation until 12.00pm

10.00am Kenneth William Hughes RIP

First Mass of Sunday (Saturday)

6.00pm Nathaniel Ofili (Birthday), Rupina & Obare family (Thanksgiving)

Sun 14 June Eleventh Sunday (A)

8.15am Roy Cattermole RIP (2nd Anniv), Endaline & family Intention,
Patrick Kenny RIP (3rd Anniv)

(St Mary's, Denton)

9.30am

11.00am Kathleen Bodunrin (Birthday), Nathaniel Ofili (Birthday),
Sir P.K. Ishola RIP (6th Anniv)

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

- 7: Edward Grant, Sister M. Eithne McNeely, Albert Henry Mills
- 8: Vera Audrey Edgeler, Charles Outred, Sebastian Perinpanayagam
- 9: Eveline Eleanor Cope, Giuseppe Morzilli, Catherine Morgan, Sister Teresa Leahy, Annie Patricia Sharp, Kathleen Duff, Sister M. Alphonsus Dalton, Emily Isabel McLauchlan, Dympna Callaghan, Andree Magnier
- 10: June Higgins, Enid James, Edward Maxwell-Harrison, Thomas Francis Killian, Anna Pender
- 11: Frederick John Hall, Eileen Barclay, Arthur Michael Twocock, Susan Lucy Thorne,
- 12: Frank William Hunt, Eileen May Butterfield, Marie Gracie Pointu, Helen Mary Griffin, Una Elizabeth Davey
- 13: John Joseph Feehan, Maffeo Francesca
- 14: Patricia Marie Grant, Michela Grillo, William James Hawkins, Bernard Thomas Giles, Elizabeth McLennan, Theresa Margaret Mary Hammond

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.

First Holy Communion Please remember in your prayers the 62 children from St John's Primary School who made their First Holy Communion this weekend.

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 We welcome into our parish family Alaiyah Stapley, Lainey Turner and Keanu Omomayowa who were baptised 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.

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 Wednesday between 1-3pm. Please ring on the Presbytery bell.

Last weeks collections St John's: £932.77, St Mary's: £207.08. 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.

Servers Practice will take place at 1pm on 20th June.

Foodbank We will be collecting next weekend 13/14th June. Most needed items are tinned custard, rice pudding, cold meat, baked beans, honey, peanut butter & longlife milk. Thank you for helping those in need.

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

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.

The Book Club next meets on Wednesday 13th May at 7pm for an hour in the church coffee bar. Free entry and free refreshments. Organised by Gravesham with Ebbsfleet Rotary.

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.

More Human Pope Leo has just published a new encyclical Magnifica Humanitas. It speaks about what it means to be human in our time, especially with in the age of AI. Register to attend on <https://tinyurl.com/MoreHuman26> These workshops will also be online, email info@fcjecojustice.co.uk for more information.

Summertime 2026: 11-14th August: Altar Servers Trip to Westminster Pastoral Centre, £199. For aged 11-15. 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