

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH (served by the Missionary Society of St Paul)
PARISH NEWSLETTER FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING 1st AUGUST 2026

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Welcome!

Mass Intentions for the Week

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First Mass of Sunday (Saturday)
Sun 2 Aug Eighteenth Sunday (A)
(St Mary's, Denton)

6.00pm Kathleen Breslin (Thanksgiving for 90th B/d)
8.15am Fr Joe Smith (Wellbeing); Carmel Loughrey, John Cousins (Wellbeing)
9.30am Tracey Holland RIP & Stephanie Scowen RIP, Michael Rossi, RIP
11.00am Sr Anne Calcilla Int, Michael Woodward RIP
6.00pm Andrew Bradley

Mon 3 Aug Feria

9.15am Sharon Matthews Int.

Tues 4 Aug St John Vianney

9.15am Caetano, Antonio, Mario & Arlindo Da Silva RIP

Wed 5 Aug Feria

Adoration until 10am-12noon

12 noon Liam Kilcullen (40th Anniv), Kath Smyth Int.

Thurs 6 Aug Transfiguration of the Lord

9.15am *(Church until September)* Michael Dee RIP (Anniv)

Fri 7 Aug Feria

9.15am People of the Parish,

Sat 8 Aug St Dominic

Adoration After 10am Mass, Reconciliation until 12.00pm

10.00am People of the Parish

First Mass of Sunday (Saturday)
Sun 9 Aug Nineteenth Sunday (A)
(St Mary's, Denton)

6.00pm Jon Anthony Tarbin RIP (birthday),
8.15am Mary Edward Gallagher
9.30am Mykel Borongan
11.00am Henry Bodunrin (Birthday),
6.00pm Aleksandra, Zenon Hermanscy Int.

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

2: Julia Theresa Welsh, Doreen Rita Bruce, Frederick John Hardy, Carol Cook, Mary Geraldine Kerr

3: Florence Amelia Strickland, Joseph Costello

4: Henry Price, Eric Prior, Mary Bridget Higgins, Leo Christopher Byrne

5: Liam Vincent Kilcullen, Baby Lorena Fraterova, John James Luxon, Wyatt Henry Butler, Patrick Michael Finch,

6: Karl Heinz Wessel, James Joseph Vance, Michael Dee

7: John O'Brien, Josephine Doyle, James Jeremiah Freeman, Mary May Williams, Baby Jodi Michelle Hylands, Malgorzata Medlewska

8: Kate Green, Annie Lily Titchener, Owen McGinness, Dorothy Winifred Hepple, Frances Mary Parker, Margaret Stevenson

9: Bridget Carroll, Gaetano Alexander Manzi, Austin Pearton, Ivy Alexandra Izod

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.

Parish Summer Picnic: Today, Sunday at the Promenade (Gravesend DA12 2BS) from 12 noon to 4.00pm. Bring your family and friends or come along on your own. Please bring a dish to share. There will be live music, games and activities for all ages. It's a great opportunity to come together as one parish family and celebrate the summer.

Youth Group: The Youth of the parish are organizing a Coffee morning today after 8.15am and 11am Masses to raise fund for their trip to Wembley next year. Please do come and support them.

Children's Liturgy The Children Liturgy is suspended during the summer break.

First Holy Communion Preparation Programme 26/27 including St John's Primary School. Fr Emmanuel would like to hold a meeting for all parents of children making their First Holy Communion next spring 2027. The meeting will take place on Sunday 6th September straight after the 11am Mass for a short talk. Your individual child's Mass Attendance card will be handed out.

First Holy Communion Preparation for Children at Non Catholic Schools Application forms and explanation letters are now available at the back of the Church.

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. The next date is Monday 14th September at 7pm in the Church. Over the last few weeks we welcomed into our parish family Jonah Temilola, Cassandra Scannell and Aurelia & Nuala Monroe.

First Friday Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus will be held in the Church this Friday 7th August. It will start at 2.30pm with Rosary, 3pm Divine Mercy Chaplet and Exposition. Mass will be 3.30pm. All are welcome to join us.

There will be 24hours continuous Adoration on Friday 7th August from 10am until 10.00am Sat 8th. 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.

Pilgrimage to Lisieux Tangney Tours are offering a Pilgrimage to Lisieux from the 7th-10th of August by coach. Please contact Tangney Tours if you are interested 01732 886666 or sales@tangney-tours.com. Fr Emmanuel will be the spiritual director and Frances Costen the tour guide.

James Gurney James will be ordained a Deacon at St George's Cathedral on Saturday 31st October at 12.30pm by Archbishop John Wilson. A coach has been booked for this special occasion at the cost of £15 per person. We will leave the Church at 10am and leave the Cathedral at 4pm for the return journey. Please let James or the Parish office know if you are able to join us with a deposit of £10.

Last weeks collections St John's: £951.24, St Mary's: £277.89, **Thank you** for your continued support and generosity.

The Book Club meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 7pm for an hour in the church coffee bar. All are welcome. Free entry and free refreshments. Next meeting 12th August; why not come and talk about your own choice of book? Organised by Gravesham with Ebbsfleet Rotary.

Fundraising for Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage. *From Bishop Paul.* One of the trustees of our Lourdes pilgrimage has been doing a sponsored walk to raise money to help disabled pilgrims to go to Lourdes. He will be in parts of Kent and SE London this week. If you would be willing to contribute, he has a fundraising page at www.justgiving.com/page/calourdes125sw

Padre Pio Prayer Group meet 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.

Marriage: If you are planning to get married whether in the parish or outside, talk to one of the priests at least six months before your wedding.

The Divine Mercy Apostolate. London is holding a Celebration of St Faustina Birthday at Aylesford Priory, on Monday 31 Aug from 10:30 am to 4pm. The reflection day will include teachings on the Message of Divine Mercy, Holy Mass, Hour of Mercy with Adoration and Benediction and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus. All welcome.

Date for your diary: International Mass Sunday 27th September 11.00am at St John's Comprehensive (we will have a meeting soon to discuss ideas.

Please see the parish website for all our prayer groups

Happy Holiday to everyone! However, the church is not on holiday.