

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH (served by the Missionary Society of St Paul)
PARISH NEWSLETTER FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING 4th JULY 2026

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Welcome!

Mass Intentions for the Week

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First Mass of Sunday (Saturday)
Sun 5 July Fourteenth Sunday (A)
(St Mary's, Denton)

6.00pm Sherin Paul RIP
 8.15am Pauline Brennan (Wellbeing), Sr Paul, People of Venezuela
 9.30am Milica Smyth RIP, Parishioners
 11.00am Garrett Faulks
 6.00pm Julia O'Meara (Anniv), Bobby Ryan RIP

Mon 6 July St Maria Goretti

9.15am Fr Joe Smith

Tues 7 July Feria

9.15am

Wed 8 July Feria

Adoration until 12noon

12 noon Wahab family

Thurs 9 July Feria

9.15am *(St John's School)*

Fri 10 July Feria

9.15am

Sat 11 July St Benedict

Adoration After 10am Mass , Reconciliation until 12.00pm

10.00am

First Mass of Sunday (Saturday)

6.00pm For all Parishioners

Sun 12 July Fifteenth Sunday (A)

8.15am

(St Mary's, Denton)

9.30am Laurence Harkin RIP, Emma Chukwuemeka (Birthday)

11.00am Ofili family intention

6.00pm Pawel & Agnieszka (12th wedding anniversary)

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



Please pray for the souls of all deceased parishioners, family and friends

Mary Theresa Cox - service at Thames View Crematorium Wed 15th July at 12 noon

Sandra Ann McGarry - Service at St John's Thurs 23 July at 11am

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

- 5: Cyril Birch, Anthony John Lawrence, Jessie Buck, Ellen Bridget Burburry, Ernest Ramsey, Baby Joseph Ferguson, Benjamin Joseph Abeydeera, Barbara Amy Meadows
- 6: John Nunn, Phyllis O'Brien, Gerard Pierre Joseph Cartier, Rodney Dennis Rixson, Patricia Ann Berry
- 7: Robert Francis McGinley, Patrick Ray, Joseph Patrick Connolly, David Wilson, Margaret Mary Lovatt, Michael Adrian McGrew
- 8: Robert Matheson, Anthony Hand, Margaret Murphy, Alban Adolphin Toppin, Joan Winifred Martin, Madeleine Flood
- 9: Agnes Jessie Smith, Bernard O'Kane, Sister M. Anthony Dunne, Bridget Eileen Buckley,
- 10: Wlodzimiers Paskiewicz, Theresa Ann Green, Joseph Benedict McLoughlin, Rachael Riley
- 11: Julia May Lear, Michael Joseph Regan



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.

FHC 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 FHC 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.

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.

Baptisms We welcome into our parish family Nylah Okorocho who was 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 13th July @7pm - parents only**) or email the office.

Weddings Our prayers, congratulations and best wishes to Ajay Welch and Monika Retkin, Ruzena Mrocova and Mikulas Ziga, and Allen Paul and Poulami Bhattacharya on their weddings this weekend at St John's. Please make an appointment to see the Parish Priest if you would like to get married at St John's. Six months notice is required.

Tea & Cake with the Youth SVP Please join St Johns Comprehensive School young SVP in the coffee bar next Saturday 11th July after 10am Mass. Do support the young people with their efforts.

Last weeks collections St John's: £816.96, Peter's Pence £181.34, **St Mary's:** £172.66, Peters Pence £60.67. June standing orders £2,277. **Next Sunday:** There will be a second collection for Stella Maris (Apostleship of the Sea) supporting seafarers worldwide and providing practical and pastoral care.

Thank you for your support and continued generosity.

Parish accounts Please find a copy of the 2025 financial summary for St John's at the back of the Church.

Altar Servers Our next practice will on Saturday 11th July at 1pm in the Church. Please do your best to attend, especially if you have just started serving. New Servers are welcome to join us.

Foodbank We will be collecting donations for the Foodbank at all Masses next weekend 11/12 July. The most needed items are, Tinned Meat, Custard, Rice Pudding & Fruit, Peanut Butter & Honey, Baked Beans and Couscous. Thank you for supporting local families in need.

Youth Group will be holding an activity day on Saturday 18th July at St John's Comprehensive School. Please meet at the Church for the 10am Mass and we will make our way to the school.

Mission Appeal We welcome Fr Hilary Basil OSA from the Augustinian Missions who will be making an appeal over the weekend of 18/19th July.

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 12.00pm; or 1st Friday 24 hour Adoration.

Marriage Do you need help with deeper issues? Retrouvaille has helped thousands of couples find hope and healing in their marriage. Next dates: 2nd - 4th Oct. www.retrouvaille.org.uk/info **Tel: 0788 7296983**

CAFOD is launching the Venezuela Earthquake Appeal to raise vital funds for communities affected by the devastating earthquakes in Venezuela. Donate to: cafod.org.uk/Venezuela or call 0300 999 0030.

School Forms The priest will be available to sign school forms this Tuesday between 11-1pm. Please ring on the Presbytery bell.

Saturday 11th July Youth Day at St. John Fisher School, Chatham starting at 11am. Could parents fill in the form on the website: <https://form.jotform.com/251393822250352>

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

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.

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 8th July; come and talk about your own choice of book. Organised by Gravesham with Ebbsfleet Rotary.

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.

Date for your diary: International Mass Sunday 27th September 11am at St John's Church

Please see the parish website for all our prayer groups