

**ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH (served by the Missionary Society of St Paul)  
PARISH NEWSLETTER FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING 11th JULY 2026**

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**CHURCHES:** St John's, St Mary's Rochester Road Denton DA12 2JN, St Katherine's Malthouse Lane Shorne DA12 3DP

**Parish Priest:** Fr Emmanuel Ogunnaike MSP

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**Gift Aid:** Jacky Hardy

**Presbytery/ Parish office open 10am-3pm** **Mon:** Sr Elizabeth **Tues, Wed & Thurs:** Teresa Potter **Fri:** Jacky Hardy

**Schools:** St John's Catholic Primary 01474 534546

**St John's Catholic Comprehensive** 01474 534718

*Welcome!*

*Mass Intentions for the Week*

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**First Mass of Sunday (Saturday)  
Sun 12 July Fifteenth Sunday (A)  
(St Mary's, Denton)**

6.00pm For all Parishioners, John Joseph Smyth RIP (b/d)  
8.15am Andy Gray RIP, Joe Smyth RIP (b/d), Sergio Silva RIP  
9.30am Laurence Harkin RIP, Emma Chukwuemeka (Birthday)  
11.00am Ofili family intention  
6.00pm Pawel & Agnieszka (12th wedding anniversary)

**Mon 13 July Feria**

9.15am Mrs Nirmal Kaur Kambo RIP

**Tues 14 July Feria**

9.15am Doris Balzan RIP

**Wed 15 July St Bonaventure**

**Adoration until 10am-12noon**

12 noon Roy Goulding RIP

**Thurs 16 July Our Lady of Mount Carmel**

9.15am **St John's Church until September**

**Fri 17 July Feria**

9.15am Judy Linnage RIP

**Sat 18 July BVM**

**Adoration After 10am Mass , Reconciliation until 12.00pm**

10.00am Ofili family Intention

**First Mass of Sunday (Saturday)**

6.00pm Stanislaw Rybicka RIP

**Sun 19 July Sixteenth Sunday (A)  
(St Mary's, Denton)**

8.15am Tom Frisby, Derek Harris, James O'Kane

9.30am Anne Irving (95th birthday thanksgiving)

11.00am Chloe & Daniel Mateta (Birthday thanksgiving)

6.00pm 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**

**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

**Doris Balzan** - Details to follow.

**Please pray for those whose Anniversaries occur at this time including....**

**May they rest in peace**

12: Ellen Buckley, Susan Southward

13: Marjorie O'Connell, Thomas Parsons, Bernard Peard, Martin Riley, Michael Joseph O'Meara

14: Robin Anthony Whitaker, Thomas Gibson, Violet Margaret Chilmaid

15: Albert Ballanger, Kevin McDermott, Joan Margaret Manwaring, Patrick James Walsh, Abimbola Koleosho

16: David Gerard McCann, Brenda Joy Webster, Michael Keegan

17: Jane Brebner, Thomas Gibson

18: Mary Curran, John Joseph Harkin, Bridget Veronica Gannon, Denis John Hunt, Thomas Patrick Gilhooly, Claire Margaret Burns, Norman Stanley Jones,

19: Robert Duggan, Lauren Kember, James Loakman, John Joseph Hughes, Della Maria Gibbons, Derek Newland Carter, Alan William Downes,

**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.

**Mission Appeal** We welcome Fr Hilary Basil OSA from the Augustinian Missions who will be making an appeal next weekend 18/19th July at all Masses.

**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 6<sup>th</sup> 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** We welcome into our parish family Nj Issa Vonan and Rosalia Wolsza 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 13th July @7pm, parents only***) or email the office.

**James Gurney.** James will be ordained a Deacon at St George's Cathedral on Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> 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: £1004.80, St Mary's: £373.52, St Katherine's £76.30. Kneelers £20. Dona machine for June £912.50. **This 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 continued support and continued generosity.

**Foodbank** We will be collecting donations for the Foodbank at all Masses this 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.

**The youth group** will be holding a second collection and cake and coffee sale 26th 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.

**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](http://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.

**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.

**Stamps** Sister Delores is collecting stamps for the RNIB. Please place any donations in the box at the back of the Church. A thank you from the Team sorting stamps for the RNIB. They made £600.60

**Summertime 2026:** 11-14 August: Altar Servers Trip for aged 11-15. For more details of how to get to the venue, with a coach laid on at St. Anselm's Dartford, see your parish priest for a form, or contact Fr. Stephen Boyle, chaplain to the Guild of St, Stephen, [Dartford@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:Dartford@rcaos.org.uk), Tel:01322 220075. Leaflets at the back of the Church. There are a few places still available.

**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](mailto:sales@tangney-tours.com). Fr Emmanuel will be the spiritual director and Frances Costen the tour guide.

**Date for your diary:** International Mass Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> September 11am at St John's Church

***Please see the parish website for all our prayer groups***