

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH (served by the Missionary Society of St Paul)
PARISH NEWSLETTER FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING 22nd AUGUST 2026

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Welcome!

Mass Intentions for the Week

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First Mass of Sunday (Saturday)

Sun 23 Aug Twenty-First Sunday (A)

(St Mary's, Denton)

6.00pm Vereivalu & Roqica family intention
 8.15am John Perrin (wellbeing), Patrick, Mary & Rita, Thanksgiving & wellbeing
 9.30am Maria Garofalo TIP (Anniv)
 11.00am Mr & Mrs Jayaraj RIP, Mary Fallon RIP (Anniv),
 Marian Onakinor (10th Birthday T/g)
 6.00pm George Bava RIP

Mon 24 Aug St Bartholomew

9.15am People of the Parish

Tues 25 Aug Feria

9.15am Tony (wellbeing)

Wed 26 Aug Feria

Adoration until 10am-12noon

12 noon John Lacken RIP (4th Anniv), Maria Teresa Brown RIP, Terry Johnson

Thurs 27 Aug St Monica

9.15am *(Church until September)* Anthony (Tony) Eagan RIP (11th Anniv)

Fri 28 Aug St Augustine

9.15am Shirley Standen RIP

Sat 29 Aug Passion of St John the Baptist **Adoration After 10am Mass, Reconciliation until 12.00pm**

10.00am Endaline Dike (Birthday T/g)

First Mass of Sunday (Saturday)

Sun 30 Aug Twenty-Second Sunday (A)

(St Mary's, Denton)

6.00pm People of the Parish
 8.15am Rev Patrick Brizzell RIP, John Perrin (wellbeing)
 9.30am John, Linda & Jim Grogan RIP (Anniv)
 11.00am Mr & Mrs E J Lawrence RIP
 6.00pm Birthdays and Anniversaries celebrated in August.

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



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

Margaret Jablonska - Requiem Mass at English Martyrs, Strood 2nd Sept at 1.30pm

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....

23: Julianna Nyene, Thomas Magee, John O'Rourke, Constance Dalton, Brendan Patrick O'Hara

24: Sister M. Gemma O'Riordan, William Richard Daly, John O'Brien, Maureen Doherty,

25: Prisco Dela Cerna, Mary Frances Carman, Dennis McNamara

26: Michael O'Neill, Robert James Foster, Sister M. Aloysius Nelson, Anthony Gerard O'Flynn, Maureen O'Flynn, Richard Ball, Catherine Coleman, Maureen Fahey, John Joseph Lacken,

27: Reginald Martin Carvin, Denis Devenney, Michael John Marrant, Paul David Seath, Mary Teresa McArdle, Maria Cecelia Sardinha,

28: Rose O'Donnell, Margaret Davies, Sister M. Gertrude Russell, Margaret Rose Owen, Anne Maria Madden, Rosemary Thorne, Sir Fausto Ronchi

29: Cecil Anthony Rohan, Paul Joseph Hogan, Phil Bradbrook, Lavinia Moira Sharp, Pauline Mary Bagley

30: James Wells, Maria Antonietta Garofalo, Annie McMenemy, Neil Butler, Alfred Akinola

May they rest in peace



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 Intentions If you require a particular date or time for a Mass Intention, please request *at least* 3 weeks beforehand. Late request may not be available. We do not want to take more than two intentions for a Mass.

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.

RCIA You are welcome to the Catholic Church Are you searching or want to review your faith or may be interested in joining the Catholic community, or wish to be Confirmed. Contact the office or speak to one of the priests. Forms and letter are available at the back of the Church.

Dona Machine Our Dona machine has been upgraded so when using the machine you will have to enter your details again. Thank you for all your support.

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.

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: £893.41, St Mary's: £169.26, Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

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

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.

Archbishop John on new assisted suicide plans 'A law whose ultimate purpose is to end human life'. Take action ahead of the vote on 11 September and write to your MP and ask them to oppose the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill. There are some letters from Archbishop John at the back of the Church. Ask your MP today for a meeting and urge them to vote NO to assisted suicide: <https://righttolife.org.uk/meetyourmp> Only 12 MPs need to switch for the assisted suicide Bill to be defeated on 11 September.

Pilgrimage to Fatima Mon 28th Sept – 1st October Cost £419. This cost includes flights from Stansted, half board accommodation, and transfer from Lisbon airport to Fatima. Led by Fr. Stephen Boyle, There are only a few places left. Closing date is 13th September. Email Fr. Stephen dartford@rcaos.org.uk or phone him, 07504518262 for more details. Single supplement is £100. Insurance is not included on the trip, and we ask that attendees are insured.

Diocesan Day for Catechists On behalf of the Archbishop, you are invited to attend our twelfth annual Diocesan Day for Catechists on Saturday 3 October 2026 at the Amigo Hall and St George's Cathedral, Southwark, SE1 6HU. This Day is for all the catechists of the diocese, including those involved in Liturgy of the Word for Children and the RCIA process. Booking and further details here - <https://aec.rcaos.org.uk/day-for-catechists-2026>. The theme is year is: Truth and Beauty in Catechesis in the Age of AI. We expect this event to be fully booked once again so please book early to avoid disappointment.

The Archbishop's Certificate (ArchCert) is a two-year online course for all in Southwark who wish to understand their faith in a more profound way and be able to share it with both confidence and joy. The course begins online on 10 October 2026 from 2pm to 4pm. The total cost of the 2-year course is £800, £400 is payable before the start of each academic year. Registration must be completed in advance and there is a non-refundable registration fee of £50. Would you like to know more? Join our 'Come and See' Evening on Monday 14 September at 7pm. A link to register can be found here - <https://aec.rcaos.org.uk/archcert>

Dates for your diary:

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

Parish Bazaar Saturday 28th November at St John's Comprehensive School

Please see the parish website for all our prayer groups

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