

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH (served by the Missionary Society of St Paul)
PARISH NEWSLETTER FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING 5th SEPTEMBER 2026

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Welcome!

Mass Intentions for the Week

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First Mass of Sunday (Saturday)

Sun 6 Sept Twenty-Third Sunday (A)

(St Mary's, Denton)

6.00pm Tony Di Nonno (wellbeing)
 8.15am Patrick Abor (Birthday), Mgrs Adibe RIP, Maria DoRosario Vasconcellos RIP
 9.30am Dolon, Barrett & Gallagher families
 11.00am Selinam Afeeva 16th Birthday t/g
 6.00pm Mick & Michael Jablonska

Mon 7 Sept Feria

9.15am Ifeoma Chikaodili RIP

Tues 8 Sept Nativity of BVM

9.15am Jude Mordi RIP (2nd Anniv)

Wed 9 Sept Feria

Adoration until 10am-12noon

12 noon Wahab family, Jude Mordi RIP (2nd Anniv)

Thurs 10 Sept Feria

9.15am (Church) Good exam results

Fri 11 Sept Feria

9.15am Dolon, Barrett & Gallagher families

Sat 12 Sept Most Holy Name of Mary

Adoration After 10am Mass, Reconciliation until 12.00pm

10.00am Ifeoma Chikaodili RIP

First Mass of Sunday (Saturday)

Sun 13 Sept Twenty-Fourth Sunday (A)

(St Mary's, Denton)

6.00pm Lina & Roger Harmer - Golden Wedding Anniversary Thanksgiving
 8.15am James O'Kane, John Anyaka RIP
 9.30am Kathleen Armstrong RIP (Anniv)
 11.00am Jeeva & Monica (Thanksgiving)
 6.00pm Ifeoma Chikaodili RIP



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....

- 6: Rose Ann Farry, John Brown, Patrick Finbar Ford, Maureen Read, Stanley John Thomas Lawrence, Ruthline Piper, Josephine Reason
- 7: Eileen Kingsnorth, Malcolm Leslie Joseph Evans
- 8: Cornelius Cosgrove, William Fleury, John Regan, Johannes Chyba, Hector Keeshan, Mary Davies, Jude Mordi
- 9: Ada Juetta Ellen Ashenden, Sister M. Margaret Mary Fitzpatrick, Elizabeth Sarah Neville
- 10: Annie Burns, Rodney Dennis Rixson, John Barty Callaghan, Baby Faith Elize Hope Smith, Elizabeth Mary Coleman, Giuda Taddeo Gatt
- 11: Elizabeth Kavanagh, Riccardo Gasparutti, Glen Findlater Campbell
- 12: Gerry Mooney, Anne Shirley Vince, Gerald Michael O'Regan
- 13: Rebecca Ellen Neal, Ronald Ernest Jones

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.

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 **this 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.

Ministers of Communion There will be a training/refresher session on **Tues 15th & Wed 16th** at 7pm for all Ministers of Communion in the Church. New Ministers will be going to St George's Cathedral for commissioning on Saturday 24th October from 10am concluding with Mass at 2.30pm.

Parish Pastoral Council There will be a meeting on **Tues 6th October** at 7pm in the coffee bar.

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. You may also use this QR code. Donations for August £1,409.00. Many thanks.

Last weeks collections **St John's:** £956.78, **St Mary's:** £145.09, **Next Week:** A second collection for the Education Services. Standing orders for August: £1,844.00. Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

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.

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.

Altar Servers Practice next practice will be Sat 12th Sept at 1pm in the Church.

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.

The Book Club next meets Wednesday 9th Sept at 7pm for an hour in the church coffee bar. Everyone welcome. Free entry & refreshments. Come and talk about your own choice of book. Organised by Gravesham with Ebbsfleet Rotary.

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 this 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.

Sycamore for married and engaged couples September 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th at 8.30pm is an online course. It consists of four one hour-long sessions via Zoom and is a wonderful opportunity for married couples to enrich their friendship and love and engaged couples who want to continue exploring their faith together. For further information and to book a place, please contact Carole on mflkent@rcaos.org.uk

How do we pray? How do we build a better, more fulfilling relationship with God? You are warmly invited to join an experiential programme called **Teach Me to Pray**. The programme will be *online* on Tuesdays, starting 6th October from 7pm to 8.15pm. Following 4 online sessions there is an invitation to conclude the programme with an in-person Reflection Day in a diocesan Retreat Centre on 5th or 12th December. There is no commitment to attend all sessions – join us whenever you can. For details see <https://aecsouthwark.churchsuite.com/events/tnpn4hq>

International Mass Sunday 27th September 11.00am at St John's Comprehensive. We are blessed with diverse nationalities in our parish. Let us celebrate our unity; let us proudly express our uniqueness through our cultural identities.

11am Mass that day will be moved to the Comprehensive; there will be no 9.30am Mass at Denton.

Please see the parish website for all our prayer groups