

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH (served by the Missionary Society of St Paul)
PARISH NEWSLETTER FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING 19th SEPTEMBER 2026

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Welcome!

Mass Intentions for the Week

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First Mass of Sunday (Saturday)	6.00pm	Zbigniew Kuczma (Wellbeing), Special Intention for a Son, Maria Mazzone RIP (1st Anniv)
Sun 20 Sept Twenty-Fifth Sunday (A)	8.15am	Joe & Rose Killaly RIP (Anniv), Rob Killaly (wellbeing), Audrey Watson (wellbeing), Pauline Msis RIP
(St Mary's, Denton)	9.30am	Catherine & Frederick Hall RIP, David Scowen RIP
		Harelina Kaur, Zusia Stanaszek & Henry McAvoy (God's blessings)
	11.00am	Sr Helen Rose, Lady Precious Aikhuele (Birthday t/g)
	6.00pm	Deirdre Bradley
Mon 21 Sept St Matthew	9.15am	Maureen Doherty RIP
Tues 22 Sept Feria	9.15am	Maryann Byrne (Intention)
Wed 23 Sept St Pius of Pietrelcina	<u>Adoration until 10am-12noon</u>	
	12 noon	Safe Travel, Sr Clare
Thurs 24 Sept Our Lady of Walsingham	9.15am	(St John's School) For Parishioners
Fri 25 Sept Feria	9.15am	Michael Afeeva (Birthday t/g)
Sat 26 Sept BVM	<u>Adoration After 10am Mass, Reconciliation until 12.00pm</u>	
	10.00am	Marie & Edward Gallagher
First Mass of Sunday (Saturday)	6.00pm	Special Intention for a couple, Maria Lawrence (Birthday)
Sun 27 Sept Twenty-Sixth Sunday (A)	8.15am	Adolf & Adrian, Maureen Murray RIP (24th Anniv), Ebby Scully RIP
	11.00am	Sofia & Daniel Wenban 12th Birthday, Ejike John Anyaba RIP
	6.00pm	Birthdays & Anniversaries in September



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



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

Joseph Patrick Drayner - Requiem at St John's Thurs 24th Sept at 11.30am

Edmund Kelly - Requiem at St John's Thurs 8th Oct at 12.30pm

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....

May they rest in peace

- 20: Catherine Hall, John Ayres, William Gerrard Fahey, Mary Amos, Doreen Margaret Bavidge, Mona Godbeer, Mary Thornton, Kathleen Maisie Jones, Sean Joseph Mathers, Lorraine Webster, Michelina Angelamaria Ferrara, Patricia Kavanagh
- 21: Sister M. Ignatius Sheedy, Michael Jennings, Anthony Patrick Dyzart, Kathleen Turner, Liam Declan McArdle,
- 22: Michael Glynn, Bert Barber, Mary McGee, Joseph Robert Killaly
- 23: Mary O'Neill, Eugene Horvath, Beryl Styles, Victor DaSilva
- 24: Joseph Higgins, James Magee, Janet Ellis, Yvonne Catherine Williams, Aidrid Bautista Locker,
- 25: Charles Byrne, Thomas McCarthy, Patricia Drayner. James O'Kane, Winifred Bailey, Julie Catherine McGough, Joseph Tingle
- 26: Kieron Jones, Ken Lane, Patricia Olga Tuley, Sister. M. Anne Mary Lazzarini, Daniel Patrick McGee
- 27: Bernard Crilly, Edward Hewitt, Ronald Newman, Robert McHugh



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.

International Mass next Sunday 27th September 11.00am at St John's Comprehensive DA12 2JW (Large car park). We are blessed with diverse nationalities in our parish. Let us all celebrate our unity and do come in national costumes if you wish. We look forward to seeing you there and you are most welcome to bring a donation of food/drink for our celebration after the Mass. Please arrive from 10am onwards - food and drink donations may be placed on the tables provided.

Everyone welcome - bring your children, friends and family.

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

First Holy Communion Preparation Programme 26/27 St John's Primary School. Application forms and letter are available at the back of the Church. Please return as soon as possible (the last date for applications will be 23rd Oct). The classes will start in November at the School on Saturday morning 9-10am. Parents are invited to stay with their child if they need extra help. Please make sure you have your yellow attendance card (or ask one of the Priests). Thank you.

First Holy Communion Preparation for Children at Not at St John's Catholic School Application forms and explanation letters are now available at the back of the Church. The Children will start their preparation classes on Saturday 10th October at the 10am Mass. Please make sure you have your yellow attendance card (or ask one of the Priests).

Appealing for Catechists We are looking for volunteers (even if it is once a month) to assist with the First Holy Communion programme. Training will be provided. Please speak to one of the Priests.

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. *We will start on Wednesday 30th September at 7.30pm.*

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

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. Many thanks.



Last weeks collections **St John's:** £869.97, 2nd £244.08, **St Mary's:** £216.79, 2nd £70.44. Kneelers £50.00

This Week: A second collection for Home Mission which supports the work carried out by the Bishops' Conference Mission Directorate. 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 Mon 12th Oct 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.

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

Mick & Michael Jablonska would like to thank everyone in the Church community for their prayers, words and mass cards on the recent death of Margaret.

Grief in Loss Retreat 9-11 Oct. A weekend away from daily life for anyone who has experienced bereavement, offering quiet, prayer, and space to grieve, remember, and hope in the light of the Resurrection. The Friars, Aylesford. Contact reception@thefriars.org.uk or 01622 717272 to book.

Foodbank Thank you for your generous donations. We were able to deliver 77kg of food & other essentials.

Booking Mass Intentions: Envelopes for Masses are available at the back of the Church, write the intention (RIP, unwell, anniversary, thanksgiving etc) and put the stipend in the envelope and hand to one of the priests or drop into the Presbytery letterbox, or call at the presbytery between 10-2pm if you would like a specific mass. We cannot always allocate a Mass on the date requested as it may have already been booked, however, your Mass may be shared if you wish. Minimum donation per Mass is £10 for those who can afford it. If you require a particular date or time for a Mass Intention, please request *at least* 3 weeks beforehand.

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

Please see the parish website for all our prayer groups