

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH (served by the Missionary Society of St Paul)
PARISH NEWSLETTER FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING 26th SEPTEMBER 2026

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Welcome!

Mass Intentions for the Week

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First Mass of Sunday (Saturday)

Sun 27 Sept Twenty-Sixth Sunday (A)

6.00pm Special Intention for a couple, Maria Lawrence (Birthday)
 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

Mon 28 Sept Feria

9.15am Julius Akinola Fatokun RIP

Tues 29 Sept Sts Michael, Gabriel & Raphael 9.15am Edmund Kelly RIP

Wed 30 Sept St Jerome

Adoration until 10am-12noon

12 noon Grace & Matthew (Private Int)

Thurs 1 Oct St Therese

9.15am (St John's School) Gilbert Dike RIP

Fri 2 Oct Holy Guardian Angels

9.15am Helen Elliott-Patti (w/b)

Sat 3 Oct BVM

Adoration After 10am Mass, Reconciliation until 12.00pm

10.00am Baby Noah RIP & family, Jacinta Mgele RIP, Pauline Msis RIP (Anniv)
 11.00am (St Katherine's, Shorne)

First Mass of Sunday (Saturday)

6.00pm Theresa & Joe Smyth RIP, Tony Di Nonno (wellbeing)

Sun 4 Oct Twenty-Seventh Sunday (A)

(St Mary's, Denton)

8.15am Rev Patrick Brizzell RIP, Peggy Harkin & family, Fr Joe Smith (w/b)
 9.30am Maureen Doherty RIP, Bessie Trotman RIP
 11.00am For all Parishioners
 6.00pm Olive Kenny (w/b)

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



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

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

- 27: Bernard Crilly, Edward Hewitt, Ronald Newman, Robert McHugh
 28: Peter Brownfield, Iris Blaker, Maureen Monica Tizzard, Georgina Winifred Leach
 29: Catherine E. Browning, Lorraine McGee, Bernard William Evans, Albert Edward Lockley, Vera Phyllis Coomber, Frank Higgins, Rebecca-Rose Ivyanne Coyne,
 30: Patrick Cassidy, David Waller, Bridget May Mann, Eileen Bridget Keane
 1: Ellen Wallis, George Alfred Thompson, Robert Crinnion, Frank Higgins, Thomas Anthony Joseph Nee
 2: Robert Joseph Donnelly
 3: Michael Thomas O'Neill, Elizabeth Coleman, Geraldine Purvis, Laurence Byrne Edwards
 4: John Laplanche



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 Sunday 27th September 11.00am at St John's Comprehensive DA12 2JW (Large car park).

Welcome to everyone attending.

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, or email your interest to gravesend@rcaos.org.uk

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.

October Devotions October is the month of the Holy Rosary. The Rosary will be recited 30 minutes before Mass Mon-Sat and at 5.30pm on Sunday. Everyone is welcome, please join us. Our Lady of the Rosary, pray for us.

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:** £946.83, 2nd: £210.92, **St Mary's:** £219.42, 2nd: £57.99. Kneelers £70. Next Friday 2 Oct is Cafod Family Fast Day. Envelopes are available at the back of the Church. Thank you for your continued support and generosity.



Adoration *There will be 24hours continuous Adoration this Friday 2nd October from 10am until 10.00am Sat 3rd. If you are able, please sign the clipboard at the back of the Church so that we can be sure that there will always be someone with Our Lord.*

First Friday Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus will be held in the Church this Fri 2nd Oct. It will start at 2.30pm with Rosary, 3pm Divine Mercy Chaplet and Exposition. Mass will be 3.30pm. All are welcome to join us.

First Saturday Devotions to the Immaculate Heart of Mary On the first Saturday of each month a service will be held immediately after 10am Mass in the Church. Everyone is welcome to join us in prayer Saturday 3rd Oct.

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 We welcome into our parish family Eliana Igbako, Esomchi Ifeonu and Nuova Monroe and Aurelia Monroe 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. 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.

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