

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH (served by the Missionary Society of St Paul)
PARISH NEWSLETTER FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING 17th OCTOBER 2026

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Welcome!

Mass Intentions for the Week

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First Mass of Sunday (Saturday)	6.00pm	Maria Mathers (wellbeing)
Sun 18 Oct Twenty-Ninth Sunday (A) (St Mary's, Denton)	8.15am	Rob Ernst (wellbeing), Rosa Harding (B/d Thanksgiving)
	9.30am	Baby Caden Ryan RIP, Michael Boffa RIP, Roy Goulding RIP
	11.00am	Ava Marie Akinwale 7th b/d thanksgiving
	6.00pm	For all Parishioners
Mon 19 Oct St John de Brebeuf	9.15am	Faith Bardoe (wellbeing)
Tues 20 Oct Feria	9.15am	Senga Rebecka Hogan (B/d)
Wed 21 Oct St Margaret Clitherow	<u>Adoration until 10am-12noon</u>	
	12 noon	Stephen Walsh RIP (10th Anniv), Judith Young RIP (9th Anniv)
Thurs 22 Oct St John Paul II	9.15am	(St John's Primary School) For all Parishioners
Fri 23 Oct Feria	9.15am	Paul Allen RIP
Sat 24 Oct BVM	<u>Adoration After 10am Mass , Reconciliation until 12.00pm</u>	
	10.00am	Philomena Lynch RIP
First Mass of Sunday (Saturday)	6.00pm	Maria & Vincenzo Mazzone
Sun 25 Oct Thirtieth Sunday (A) (St Mary's, Denton)	8.15am	Doreen Rodden RIP, Agnes Mizzen RIP, John Cousins (w/b), Eleanor (w/b)
	9.30am	Pam & Linda RIP, Pauline Juma (B/d thanksgiving)
	11.00am	Stephen Walsh RIP, Jude Mordi RIP
	6.00pm	Maria Bogusz RIP (6th Anniv), Zdzislaw Bogusz 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

Angelo Michele Boffa - Requiem at St John's Thurs 29th Oct at 12noon

Francis Casey - Requiem at St John's Fri 13th Nov at 10.30am

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

- 18: Tibor Kiss, Brendan Peter Byrne, Norah Degiorgio, Roy Frederick Goulding
- 19: Bernard Freeman, Patricia Cushing, Mary Maisie Aldrich, Harry McGee, Laurence Thomas Allen, Patrike Emanuel Koky-Couka
- 20: Stella Maria Hunt, Pearl Thwaites, Raymond Gray, Colin Barry Pantry, Gerard Patrick Morgan, Anthony Cronin
- 21: Paul Bailey, Edward Loftus, Baby Ryan Pearton, Martin Kevin Pender, Patricia Mary Kane, Roseann Farrell, Margaret Curling
- 22: Robert Gartland, George Souter, Carlota Cornelio, Charles Mark Hammond, Miriama Pokutova., Joan Lilian Napper, Agnes Mizzen, Thomas Guerin
- 23: William Burns, Neal Hathaway, Edward Cassidy, Maria Hollands, Robert Ernstzen, Mary Josephine Gill, Eileen May Rigden
- 24: Elizabeth Wilders, Margaret Mary Ellen Danzey, Malcolm Anthony Crane
- 25: Geraldine Currie, Kenneth Macklin, Kathleen Ada Draper, Marek Bunda, Derek Rimmer, Mary Theresa Griffin

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.

Parish Bazaar Saturday 28th November at St John's Comprehensive School. We will be starting collecting your generous donations soon. Please contact the office or let Father know if you have any ideas or would like to run a stall.

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 on **Saturday 7th November at the School 9am-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 not at St John's Catholic School The Children have now started their preparation. Please make sure you have your yellow attendance card (or ask one of the Priests). Please remember them in your prayers.

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

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. There will also be a thanksgiving Mass on Sunday 1st Nov (All Saints) at 11am followed by a reception in the Conservative Club. We are encouraged to bring and share some food.

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.

St John's Catholic Primary and Nursery School Open Mornings Book a 'Stay and Play' place at the school for the 14th Nov open morning. Includes tours of the school and meet the Headteacher's. Other dates available. Please see the poster in the porch or www.stjohnsprimary.kent.sch.uk

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

Last weeks collections St John's: £1,054.35, Cafod £141.16. St Mary's: £228.72. St Katherine's: £43.00

This Sunday: A second collection for World Mission: to support churches, hospitals, schools and vocations in countries where the Church is young or poor. Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

Thank you also to our parishioners who have signed up for Gift Aid increasing their donations by 25% at no extra cost to them, & those who donate by contactless & standing order. If you wish to set up a standing order, St Johns Church bank details are: Account name: 'RCAS a Registered Charity re St Johns Church', Sort code: 60-09-10 Nat West Bank, Account No: 07722915.



Foodbank Thank you for your generous donations last weekend. We were able to deliver 92.7kg of food & other essentials to help local families in need.

Come and Join Our Choir! Our choir sings at the Saturday 6pm Mass, usually twice a month and at Easter and Christmas, with a lively mix of traditional and modern hymns and rehearsals before Mass. We'd love to welcome new members of all ages — singers and instrumentalists alike. No previous choir experience needed, just enthusiasm and a love of music! Interested? Contact Mark on 07985 563063. Come along and make music with us!

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Commissioning Day at St George's Cathedral will take place at St George's Cathedral next Saturday 24 Oct at 10am. Please let Fr Emmanuel know if you are unable to go.

School Forms The priest will be available to sign school forms this Wednesday between 1-2pm. Please ring on the Presbytery bell.

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 9th Nov at 7pm in the Church.

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.

Mother's prayer group takes place straight after the 9.15am mass every Friday. You are invited to join us and pray for our children especially.

Please see the parish website for all our prayer groups