

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH (served by the Missionary Society of St Paul)

PARISH NEWSLETTER FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING 24th OCTOBER 2026

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<i>Welcome!</i>	<i>Mass Intentions for the Week</i>	<i>Sunday Parish Mass Book page 146</i>
First Mass of Sunday (Saturday)	6.00pm Maria & Vincenzo Mazzone	
Sun 25 Oct Thirtieth Sunday (A)	8.15am Doreen Rodden RIP, Agnes Mizzen RIP, John Cousins (w/b), Eleanor (w/b)	
<i>(St Mary's, Denton)</i>	9.30am Pam & Linda RIP, Pauline Juma (B/d thanksgiving)	
	11.00am Stephen Walsh RIP, Jude Mordi RIP, Kobichimdi (t/g successful surgery)	
	6.00pm Maria Bogusz RIP (6th Anniv), Zdzislaw Bogusz RIP	
Mon 26 Oct Feria	9.15am Jeremy Gilbert	
Tues 27 Oct Feria	9.15am Alan Benning RIP	
Wed 28 Oct Sts Simon & Jude	Adoration until 10am-12noon	
	12 noon Patrick Butler RIP, Jude Mordi RIP	
Thurs 29 Oct Feria	9.15am <i>(St John's Church)</i> Sumi, Joel & Jones, Vincent Matthew Intentions	
Fri 30 Oct Feria	9.15am Lesley Hogan (Intention), Evelyn & Bill Allan	
Sat 31 Oct BVM	Adoration After 10am Mass, Reconciliation until 12.00pm	
	10.00am Eugene Lappin RIP Anniv	
First Mass of Sunday (Saturday)	6.00pm Birthdays & Anniversaries celebrated during October	
Sun 1 Nov ALL SAINTS	8.15am Pa Richard O Adesanya RIP (1st Anniv)	
<i>(St Mary's, Denton)</i>	9.30am Monica Pope RIP, Paul Allen & Paddy O'Toole RIP, Theresa Symns b/d	
	11.00am James Gurney (Thanksgiving)	
	6.00pm Jude Mordi RIP	

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

Eileen Keneelly - Service at St John's Tues 17th Nov at 11.30am

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

- 25: Geraldine Currie, Kenneth Macklin, Kathleen Ada Draper, Marek Bunda, Derek Rimmer, Mary Theresa Griffin
- 26: Ann Money Thomson, Thomas Leonard Rayfield, Stephen James Williamson, Eileen Couchman
- 27: Sylvester Healy, Sheila Mary Ring, Anne Catherine Davis, Peggie Britton, Anna Geraldine Brenchley, Shirley Elizabeth Wakefield, Miriama Pokutova, Sheila Wilders, Teresa Bains
- 28: Kathleen Mary Charlton, Josephine Ann McGaley, Alexander Bernard Ross, Eileen Mary Freeman, Kathleen Jones, David Colin Read, Columba (Colm) Murphy
- 29: Harry Holland, Catherine Ann Walsh, Noel Nicholl, Baby Angelica Candace Serena Bradley, Edward Breslin, Mary Markie Green, Doreen May Rodden, Mary Moran,
- 30: Frank McDermott, Adelaide Josephine Minelli, Frank Higgins, Daniel O'Connor
- 31: Ronald Fowell, Mario Di Nonno, Theresa Mary Lappin, Susan Davis
- 1: James Ryan, Bridie Smyth, Sean Cullen, Jimmy Hatchett, Lawrie Freeman, Brian Robinson, Martin Murphy, Ann Marie Walter

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. You are invited to a meeting this Tuesday 27th Oct at 7pm in the Coffee Bar for anyone able to help, ideas, etc. Please do consider coming along. We will start collecting your generous donations next week. A box will be available for donations for the bazaar - raffle prize, bottles, toys, teddies, games unwanted gifts etc all gratefully accepted and needed.

James Gurney James will be ordained a Deacon at St George's Cathedral next Saturday 31st October at 12.30pm by Archbishop John Wilson. We will leave the Church **promptly at 10am (please arrive at 9.45am)** and leave the Cathedral at 4pm for the return journey. 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.

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 end of Oct). The classes will start on **Sat 14th November at the School 9am-9.45am**. 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 remember them in your prayers.

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.

Baptisms We welcome into our Parish family Kesiena Ogedegbe and Jidenna Nwizu 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 9th Nov at 7pm in the Church.

November Please collect an envelope and list deceased family & friends (and donation if you wish) and hand to one of the Priests or an altar server. They will be remembered at all Masses during November and a Mass at 10am on 21st Nov. The names will be left at the front of the altar in a folder.

Remembrance Mass will be celebrated at St John's on Saturday 15th November at 10am to remember and pray for all our family and friends who have died. We read out the names of those who have died in our parish during the last year and you are invited to light a candle for them and your family. We warmly invite everyone to join us for this annual Mass. Please, if you have lost anyone in the past 2 years, let us have the names through the secretary, welcomers, sacristans or Priests so that we could include in the names to be read out.

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

Last weeks collections St John's: £898.88, Mission £388.56. **St Mary's:** £253.74. Mission £32.18 Thank you for your continued support and generosity.



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!

School Forms The priest will be available to sign school forms this Tuesday between 2-4pm. 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.

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. If you require a particular date or time for a Mass Intention, please request at least 3 weeks beforehand. Late requests may not be available.

St George's Cathedral Diocesan Choral Workshop Sat 21st Nov 2-5pm In celebration of St Cecilia, patron saint of music. led by Diocesan Director of Music Jonathan Schranz. This workshop is aimed at parish choir members, under-18s must be accompanied by an adult. The cost £10. To register: www.stgeorgescathedral.org.uk/music/southwark-singing-programme/ or email: singing@rcaos.org.uk

Stamps Sister Delores is collecting stamps for the RNIB. Please place any donations in the box at the back of the Church.

Please see the parish website for all our prayer groups