This Tuesday 10th November there will be no 9.15am Mass. Mass that day will be at 11.30am and Priests in the Deanery will be joining us to pray for deceased clergy of the Deanery. Please join us.

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 at 10am Mass on 21st Nov. The names will be left at the front of the altar in a folder.

Parish Bazaar Saturday 28th November at St John's Comprehensive School. We have started collecting your generous donations this week. A box is available for donations - raffle prize, bottles, toys, teddies, games unwanted gifts etc all gratefully accepted and needed. **Draw tickets are now available**. Tickets are 50p or £2.50 a book. We would be delighted if you could take and sell them to your family and friends and encourage them to come to the Bazaar. Please return counterfoils and money by placing in a marked envelope in the collection plate, one of the priests or parish office. ***We only have 2 more weekends to collect donations.***

Remembrance Mass will be celebrated at St John's next Saturday 14th 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 year, let us have the names through the secretary, welcomers, sacristans or Priests so that we could include in the names to be read out.

Sr Elizabeth's Convent will be visiting us next weekend and selling items including icons and crafts. They help disadvantaged and poor people in the Minsk, Belarus area. Please come and see what they are selling.

Advent Retreat We warmly invite all parishioners to join us for our Christmas Retreat, led by Fr Thomas Ettiyil VC from Divine Retreat Centre, Ramsgate, and his team. Monday 7/8/9 December 5.30pm-9pm. The retreat will include praise and worship, inspiring spiritual talks, Eucharistic Adoration, healing prayers and Holy Mass.

First Holy Communion Preparation Programme 26/27 St John's Primary School. The classes will start next ***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.

RCIA You are welcome to the Catholic Church The classes have already started. If you have any queries please speak to one of the Priests or call the Parish office.

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.

Foodbank We will be collecting donations for the Foodbank next weekend 14th/ 15th Nov. The most needed items are Coffee, Squash, Peanut Butter, Chocolate Spread, Instant Porridge, Crackers and Sweet Treats. Thank you.

Altar Servers Our next practice will be held on Saturday 14th Nov at 1pm in the Church.

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.

Last weeks collections St John's: £1028.47, **St Mary's**: £257.42. Dona machine for October £2,017.00, Standing orders £1,920.00. **This Week**: Second collection for Archbishop's Appeal: to support Youth, Evangelisation & Clergy Care & Formation. Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

The Book Club next meets Wednesday 11th Nove at 7pm for an hour in the Presbytery. Everyone welcome. Free entry and free refreshments. Come and talk about your own choice of book. Enquiries: 07985 563063. Organised by Gravesham with Ebbsfleet Rotary.

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

School Forms The priest will be available to sign school forms this Wednesday between 1-3pm. Please ring on the Presbytery bell.

Wednesday Teas Please join us after 12 noon Mass. All welcome.

Keep Fit Everyone is welcome to join our gentle exercise class which will take place in the coffee bar each Wednesday at 1pm. Exercises may be done seated or standing. 30 minutes £3 a session.

Please see the parish website for all our prayer groups