ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH (*served by the Missionary Society of St Paul*)
PARISH NEWSLETTER FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING 14th NOVEMBER 2026

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Presbytery/ Parish office open 10am-3pm **Mon**: Sr Elizabeth **Tues, Wed & Thurs**: Teresa Potter **Fri:** Jacky Hardy
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Welcome! *Mass Intentions for the Week* ***Sunday Parish Mass Book page 184***

First Mass of Sunday *(Saturday)*	6.00pm	Ifeabata Ezekwem (3rd b/d) & Jidenna Nkwonta (1st b/d) Thanksgiving
Sun 15 Nov Thirty-Third Sunday (A)	8.15am	For all Parishioners
(St Mary's, Denton)	9.30am	Samantha Hughes B/d thanksgiving
	11.00am	Bodunrins Family Thanksgiving, Ordination of James
		KSC Departed Brothers & Jude Mordi RIP
	6.00pm	Foundation Masses
Mon 16 Nov Feria	9.15am	Eileen Kennelly RIP
Tues 17 Nov Feria	9.15am	Veronica Ofili - Special Intention
Wed 18 Nov Feria	***Adoration until 10am-12noon***	
	12 noon	Celestina Dike Birthday t/g, Hailey Juma Birthday t/g
Thurs 19 Nov Feria	9.15am	***(St John's School)***
Fri 20 Nov Feria	9.15am	
Sat 21 Nov Presentation of BVM	***Adoration After 10am Mass , Reconciliation until 12.00pm***	
	10.00am	Deceased family & friends
First Mass of Sunday *(Saturday)*	6.00pm	Deceased Moreton family, Mrs Dorothy Rossi
Sun 22 Nov CHRIST THE KING (A)	8.15am	Eileen Traynor RIP
(St Mary's, Denton)	9.30am	Enda Hughes RIP, Deceased Goulding & Palmer families
	11.00am	Okechukwu Ofili - Special Intention
	6.00pm	For all Parishioners



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

Eileen Kennelly - Service at St John's Tues 17th Nov at 11.30am
Ladislav Pokuta - Service at St John's Mon 23rd Nov at 12 noon
Maureen Hodges - Requiem at St John's Tues 8th Dec 11.30am
Wally Durant who died recently

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

15: Mary O'Toole, Valerie Anne Ward, James Patrick O'Sullivan, James Nicholl, Mary Fitzpatrick, Susan Wendy Owen, Eileen Collins, Jim Bradley, Joan Coleman, Daphne Chatfield
16: Rita Coyle, Tom McCarthy, Thomas O'Brien, Dennis James Joseph Lyons, Peter Cotton
17: Patrick Henry Evans, Sister M. Patrick Duignan, Sister M. Aloysius Duignan, Marion Edith Baker, David Samuel John Nowell, Norah Pattison, Victor Knell, Nicholas Falcone
18: Lydia Cutler, Rev Frank O'Byrne, Eileen Anne Mitchell, Janet McLaughlin, Brian Norman Gugias, Ashleigh Wallis
19: Frederick Luck, Maria Giovanna Cientanni, Gladys Stedman, Tom Horry, Nicholas Dimpers, Grace Cecilia Chesson, Terry Henry Cox, Cedrick Akpaloo
20: Ada Elizabeth Simmons, Rose Ryan, Jean McAuliffe, Mary Theresa O'Toole,
21: Dora Cuthbertson, Ersilia Zazzi, Emmeline Walker, Padraig John McDonagh, Brian Thomas McDonald, Terrance James Day
22: Christopher Fitzpatrick, Julia Nicholl, Michael Valera Nolan, Alfred William Waghorne, Richard Keith Martin, Sr M Joseph Larkin, Winifred Foster, Emma Frances Rann, Beatrice Scott, Michael Farrell

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.

Parish Bazaar Saturday 28th November at St John's Comprehensive School. Thank you to all those who have donated so generously so far but we really do need further donations including bottles (or there will not be the famous Wheel of Fortune)! We need raffle prize, bottles, toys, teddies, games unwanted gifts etc all gratefully accepted. **Draw tickets are 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 next weekend to collect donations.***

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.

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.

Red Wednesday 18th November. On this day we particularly pray for those persecuted for their Christian faith. Thousands have been martyred and even more are living in fear of going to church or even being found with a bible in their house. Aid to the Church in Need campaign for religious freedom around the world. Why not look at their online shop for Christmas presents at www.acnuk.org.

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.

St Francis De Sales (Hartley) Young Adult Group Sunday 15th Nov at 12noon in the Meeting Room 'Living Your Faith'. Please join us for an inspiring session where a few parishioners will share their faith journeys. A chance for us to come together, listen, discuss, learn and grow in faith. Everyone is welcome!

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 11th Jan at 7pm in the Church.

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

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**: £848.63, 2nd £340.41. **St Mary's**: £208.71, 2nd £78.61. St Katherine's £101.85.**Next week**: Second collection for Catholic Youth Services. Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

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 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.

Daily Reflection for Advent: As an aid to personal prayer during Advent, the Spirituality Commission have produced a helpful daily reflection based on the readings for the day. Each is short, practical and calls us to action. All who register will receive an email each morning directly to their inbox! To sign up - here is the link http://eepurl.com/dcNmsv or you can take a look at their website www.southwarkdsc.org.uk and click on the box marked ADVENT REFLECTIONS.

Please see the parish website for all our prayer groups