PARISH BAZAAR

Our parish bazaar will be held *next* Saturday 28th November at 12 noon
St Johns Comprehensive School Rochester Road DA12 2JW .
Christmas outfits optional! Father Christmas will be present for photographs,
The famous Wheel of Fortune, Tombola, Games, Toys, Gifts, Refreshments, Cakes,
World Foods, Repository and more. Bring your family and friends.
Fr Emmanuel & Fr Lawrence look forward to welcoming you all to this lovely annual gathering.

There is still time to drop off any donations during the week.
Draw tickets are still available and the draw will take place at the Bazaar.
Thank you for all your very generous donations and support.

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.

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.

Baptisms We welcome into our parish family Kendara Akrasi, Ini-Tade Akrasi, Chinwendu Anioke and Deliah-Rose Castle 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 11th Jan at 7pm in the Church.

Cake Sale next Sunday after the 8.15am and 11am Masses to raise funds for the young people in the parish.



Foodbank Thank you for your generous donations last weekend. We were able to deliver 73kg of food & other goods to help local families in need.

New Sunday Mass Missals from next week. The books are available in the Repository if you wish to purchase your own copy (£6).

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**: £1012.37. **St Mary's**: £228.78. **This week**: Second collection for Catholic Youth Services. Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

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

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.

School Forms The priest will be available to sign school forms this Monday between 10-11am.

Advent Books Next Sunday is the first week of Advent. We will have booklets available at the back of the Church @ £1 or 60p for the Infant/Junior booklet. The crib will start to go up next week with some of the beautiful figures. Please encourage the children to watch it grow each week.

Gravesham Street Pastors Invite you to Emmanuel Baptist Church, Windmill St on Sat 5th Dec 2-4pm. Carols, coffee, cake tickets £5 - contact Sylvia theangels474@gmail.com to reserve a place.

Could You Make a Difference? St John's Catholic Primary School is looking for new Foundation Governors! Are you passionate about education and supporting our Catholic community? Becoming a Foundation Governor is a rewarding opportunity to help shape the future of our school and ensure our Catholic values remain at its heart. You don't need teaching experience – just enthusiasm, commitment and a willingness to make a difference. Interested? Find out more by contacting Fr Emmanuel or a member of the Governing Body. We'd love to hear from you! Email: karen.thompson@st-johns-gravesend.kcsp.org.uk (foundation governor) St John's Catholic Primary school.

Historic England Grant Application We have submitted a full application for a new roof and works to the tower of the Church. Please pray for a successful outcome.

Please see the parish website for all our prayer groups