ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH (*served by the Missionary Society of St Paul)*
PARISH NEWSLETTER FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING 28th NOVEMBER 2026

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Welcome!

Mass Intentions for the Week

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First Mass of Sunday *(Saturday)*	6.00pm	Maryann Charles, Resham Singh & Paddy Burke RIP, Julio Ferrao RIP Pawel Menczyk 42nd birthday
Sun 29 Nov First Sunday of Advent (B)	8.15am	Gillian Knight (unwell), Sadie Murray RIP
(St Mary's, Denton)	9.30am	Laurence Harkin RIP
	11.00am	Paul Hogan (1st Anniv), Lila White (Anniv)
	6.00pm	Birthdays & Anniversaries celebrated in November, Mildred Franknero 2nd b/d
Mon 30 Nov St Andrew	9.15am	Clementina Ukaefu birthday t/g
Tues 1 Dec Feria	9.15am	Fr Emmanuel's Intention
Wed 2 Dec Feria	***Adoration until 10am-12noon***	
	12 noon	Pauline Bardoe RIP (Anniv), Mildred Franknero (2nd b/d)
Thurs 3 Dec St Francis Xavier	9.15am	(***St John's School)*** Vivian Lindsay 70th Birthday t/g
Fri 4 Dec Feria	9.15am	Maria Anyango & Damian Obare RIP (Anniv)
Sat 5 Dec Feria	***Adoration After 10am Mass , Reconciliation until 12.00pm***	
	10.00am	Sadie Murray RIP
	11.00am	***St Katherine's, Shorne***
First Mass of Sunday *(Saturday)*	6.00pm	Deceased Moreton family, Tony Di Nonno (wellbeing)
Sun 6 Dec 2nd Sunday of Advent (B)	8.15am	Angela Loughrey
(St Mary's, Denton)	9.30am	Les Harding RIP
	11.00am	Giuseppe Sen RIP, Mary Adaago & Michael Morka & Francisca Dada Osu
	6.00pm	For all parishioners



The Church will be open for private prayer Mon- Friday until 3pm



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

Sarah (Sadie) Murray - Requiem at St John's Wed 25th Nov
Wally Durant - Service at Gravesend Crematorium 7th Dec at 1pm
Maureen Hodges - Requiem at St John's Tues 8th Dec 11.30am
Margaret Barrett - Service at St John's Fri 11th Dec at 12.15pm

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

29: Mary Merriman, Robert Leaman, Maureen Keeling, Edna Nielsen, Paul Hogan
30: James Bradley, Edward Leggatt, Cyril Morris. Kathleen Starkey, Sybil Philbin, Bridget Mary McCormack, Frank Leonard Sharpe
1: Richard Maurice Taplin, Caroline Margaret Edwards, Emily Lines, Phyllis Joan Lane, Patricia Dike, Anthony Martin
2: Lawrence Finnerty, Margaret Kavanagh, Lena Thomson, Ursula Heaver, Richard Smith, Audrey Mary Evans, Pauline Bardoe
3: Elizabeth Hannah Griffin, William John Sparks, Pat Traveller, Sister M. Aidan Byrne, Norma Maffeo Zita, Colin John Webster
4. Margaret Scott, Mary Catherine Holliday, Dennis William Buckley, Kay Upton, David Boyle, Phyllis Joan Lane, Theresa Bernadette Smyth, Michael Murphy
5: James Pope, Nathan George Crane, Henry Joseph Farrell, Patricia Josephine Hall, Angela Theresa Loughrey
6: Edward William Sanderson, Danuta Cernohorska, Percival Long, Audrey Norman, Abigail Colette Leavy, Elvira Haigh



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 **Thank you to everyone who so generously donated, supported and/or gave up their time for our Parish Bazaar on Saturday. All the news next week.**

Advent Books This Sunday is the first week of Advent. We have booklets available at the back of the Church @ £1.50 or £1 for the Infant/Junior booklet. The crib has started to build up each week with some of the beautiful figures. Encourage the children to see the changes. *Please collect an Advent/Christmas Card with events and Masses for the season.*

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.

New Sunday Mass Missals The books are available in the Repository if you wish to purchase your own copy (£6). Please do not take the books in the Church home.

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.

Archbishop John Please do keep him in your prayers as he recovers from an operation.

First Friday Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus will be held in the Church this Fri 4th Dec. It will start at 2.30pm with Rosary, 3pm Divine Mercy Chaplet and Exposition. Mass will be 3.30pm. All are welcome to join us.

First Saturday Devotions to the Immaculate Heart of Mary On the first Saturday of each month a service will be held immediately after 10am Mass in the Church. Everyone is welcome to join us in prayer Saturday 5th Dec.

Adoration There will be 24hours continuous Adoration this Friday 4th Dec from 10am until 10.00am Sat 5th. Please sign the clipboard at the back of the Church so that we can be sure that there will always be someone with Our Lord.

Last weeks collections **St John's**: £943.19. 2nd Collection £251.76. **St Mary's**: £251.76. Second collection £91.04. **This week**: Second collection for the young people of the parish going to Wembley next year. Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

Coffee Bar Thank you to all those who help and support the Wednesday refreshments. Between March and November the magnificent sum of £1,308.35 has been donated to the Church.

St Elisabeth Convent Sister Olga and sisters of St Elisabeth Convent are incredibly grateful for the donations collected with their recent sale in our parish which will allow them to continue our outreach services.

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.

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

Lesley Rowdon Thank you to Lesley for arranging the flowers and keeping the garden pots beautiful for 25 years at St Mary's Denton and the garden.

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.

Young Adult Mass in Kent Our next monthly Young Adult Mass in Kent, for those aged 18–35, will be celebrated by Fr Peter Murphy on Sunday 20th Dec at 6pm at Sacred Heart Church, 63 West Street, Sittingbourne, ME10 1AN.

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.

Wintertime 2027: 2nd – 3rd January. For altar servers and young Catholics aged 11 – 15. The venue is the Westminster diocese pastoral centre, Pinner, and coach transport is available from Dartford. Cost £69, or £89 if you wish to take the coach. Forms are available in the Sacristy or email dartford@rcaos.org.uk. It is a brilliant two days of prayer and recreation where the youngsters will be consecrating 2027 to Our Lady. Final date to apply is 10th December but encourage early booking as there are limited places for the trip. For more details telephone Fr. Stephen Boyle 01322 220075

Please see the parish website for all our prayer groups