

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH (served by the Missionary Society of St Paul)
PARISH NEWSLETTER FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING 23rd SEPTEMBER 2023

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Welcome!

Mass  for the
Intentions *Week*

First Mass of Sunday, (Saturday)
Anniversary) (live streamed)

6.00pm Thayaparan & Rajaparam (Wedding)

Sun 24 Sept Twenty-Fifth Sunday (A)

8.30am Joe & Rose Killaly RIP (Anniv), Sherin Paul RIP,

9.30am - Denton Birthdays & Anniversaries in September, Alfred Akinola RIP

10.30am Thanksgiving Nwachukwu (live streamed)

6.00pm Peter Charles RIP (Anniv)

Mon 25 Sept Feria

9.15am Thanksgiving to St Peter

Tues 26 Sept Ss Cosmos & Damian

9.15am Dolan family & Noel Dolan (sick) (live streamed)

Wed 27 Sept St Vincent de Paul

Adoration 10.00am-12noon

12 noon Maureen Murray RIP (Birthday)

Thurs 28 Sept St Wenceslaus

9.15am - St John's School

Fri 29 Sept Ss Michael, Gabriel & Raphael

9.15am Caroline Partridge RIP (Cooper)

Sat 30 Sept St Jerome

Adoration after 10am Mass until 12.30pm (Reconciliation 11.30-12.30pm)

10.00am Ruth Outram RIP

First Mass of Sunday, (Saturday)

6.00pm Phoebe Youseman (wellbeing) (live streamed)

Sun 1 Oct Twenty-Sixth Sunday (A)

8.30am Gilbert Dike RIP, Sherin Paul, Mary Bailey RIP

9.30am - Denton Maureen Doherty RIP

10.30am INTERNATIONAL MASS



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

Rosemarie Sorenti - Requiem at St John's Tues 26 Sept at 1.30pm

Alfred Akinola - Requiem at St John's Tues 3rd Oct at 11am

May God console their families. May the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace;

Please pray for those whose Anniversaries occur at this time including....

23: Mary O'Neill, Eugene Horvath, Beryl Styles, Victor DaSilva

24: Joseph Higgins, James Magee, Janet Ellis, Yvonne Catherine Williams

25: Charles Byrne, Thomas Noel McCarthy, Patricia Jean Drayner. James O'Kane, Winifred Bailey, Julie Catherine McGough

26: Kieron Jones, Ken Lane, Patricia Olga Tuley, Sister. M. Anne Mary Lazzarini, Daniel Patrick McGee

27: Bernard Crilly, Edward Hewitt, Ronald Newman, Robert McHugh

28: Peter Brownfield, Iris Blaker, Maureen Monica Tizzard

29: Catherine E. Browning, Lorraine McGee, Bernard William Evans, Albert Edward Lockley, Vera Phyllis Coomber, Frank Higgins, Rebecca-Rose Ivyanne Coyne,

30: Patrick Cassidy, David Waller, Bridget May Mann, Eileen Bridget Keane

1: Ellen Wallis, George Alfred Thompson, Robert Crinnion, Frank Higgins



Sick/housebound Please contact the parish office and let us know of neighbours/family members who are unable to come to Church and would like to receive Communion or call 07405803862. We remember in our prayers those who are sick, housebound or in hospital & those who care for them and their families. **Please, when on admission in the hospital or care home, volunteer the information of your faith as you won't be asked ordinarily.**

Thanks a million for your prayers; the funeral I went for was grace-filled. And I had a good and wonderful time with my family and friends afterwards. Thanks for cooperating with the priest who filled in for me.

And for taking good care of them!

I look forward to celebrating our unity in diversity on the 1st of October at St John's Comprehensive 10am for a 10.30am start. I hope to be able to taste your national/local dish after the Mass.

How blessed we are as a cosmopolitan parish! Invite your friends, family and neighbours.

Thanks to all who are working at the background to make the day a memorable one. God bless.

International Mass - Celebrating our Unity and Diversity 1st October 2023 (Next Sunday) at St John's Catholic Comprehensive School, DA12 2JW. We want to celebrate our togetherness. We are blessed with diverse nationalities in our parish. Let us celebrate our fraternity with a very special International Mass. We welcome everyone. There is a clipboard at the back of the Church if you would like to bring a plate of food. We invite you to place a pin on the map in the porch representing a country that is close to your heart.

There will be no 10.30am Mass at St John's Church that day.

First Holy Communion Preparation for Children at Non Catholic Schools Application forms are now available at the back of the Church. Sr Elizabeth will start preparation classes on Saturday 14th October. **Please return completed forms to the parish office or hand to one of the Priests by the end of September.**

Holy Rosary October is the month of the Holy Rosary and will be said 30 minutes before every Mass Monday to Saturday morning and 5.30pm on Sunday during October - everyone is welcome, please join us.

Baptism We welcome into our parish family Nathaniel Ofili and Ronnie Newberry who were baptized this weekend. Application forms for Baptism are available from the back of the Church or the parish office. Families need to attend a talk before the baptism. Please phone/email the office if you wish to attend (Next session is Monday 9 Oct).

Last weeks collections £1,138.81, Catholic Evangelization £193.83. Thank you for your continued generosity. Thank you to all those people who also pay by standing order and contactless and your continued support.

200 Club September Winners 1st: £55 - Tom Sloan, 2nd: £35 - Denise Langendijk, 3rd: £25 - Cynthia Tarbin, 4th: £15 - Helen Perin. We held the draw on Wednesday 13th September in the Coffee Bar. Thank you for your support. *We invite you to join the 200 Club. £20 buys 12 months' worth of draw entries starting from the end of October. The draw takes place each month. Prizes 1st - £55, 2nd - £35, 3rd - £25, 4th - £15, Forms available at the back of the church. Please return in an envelope marked '200 Club'.*

Wednesday Tea/Coffee Come and join the fellowship after the 12 noon Mass on Wednesday.

RCIA We welcome anyone who is searching or wants to review their faith or may be interested in joining the Catholic community, or wishes to be Confirmed. Please contact the parish office or speak to Fr Moses.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: *Come to me all who labour and are overburdened and I will give you rest.* Come, pray, rest & watch before the Blessed Sacrament, either on Wed (9.30–11.30) or Sat after 10am Mass until 12.30pm.

Padre Pio Prayer Group each Tuesday straight after 9.15am Mass in the Cry Chapel. All welcome to join us in prayer. We especially remember our sick friends and family.

Divine Mercy Chaplet The Divine Mercy Chaplet will be online at 3pm Monday - Friday. See the parish website for how to join the online meetings as well as the prayers if you wish to say the Chaplet privately.

Please see the parish website for 'Mustard Seed' and 'Come and Rest In Me' prayer groups.

Mass Intentions: If you would like to have a Mass offered for an intention, please fill in one of marked envelopes and hand to one of the priests or call at the presbytery between 10-2pm if you would like a specific mass. We cannot always allocate a Mass on the date requested as it may have already been booked, however, your Mass may be shared if you wish.

School Forms We will be available to sign school forms on Thursday between 12-2pm in the Presbytery. Please note that the day and times may change each week.

World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation Pope Francis has established 1st September to 4th October, the feast of St Francis of Assisi to pray for our common home and as a parish we will celebrate this time. Pope Francis has asked us to "join our Christian brothers and sisters in the commitment to care for creation as a sacred gift from the Creator." **There will be 2 Masses on Wednesday 4th October at 12 noon and 7pm to celebrate this season.**

LOUDfence & Survivors Voices in partnership with the Archdiocese of Southwark, invite everyone to a Service of reflection for those that have been harmed by abuse and for those that support them on Wednesday 27th September 2023 at 6.30pm at St George's Cathedral. The service will be led by Archbishop John Wilson, and afterwards everyone is invited to tie a ribbon on the tree of reflection and perhaps write a personal message of support or prayer for those that have been harmed by abuse or to show your commitment to end abuse.