

St James the Great - Peckham Rye

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Mon 18th August – Sun 24th August 2025

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon 10:00am Dolores Huercano Garcia RIP
Tues 10:00am Daniel & Denise McCarthy RIP
Weds 10:00am Galan Vicente Family RIP
Thurs 10:00am Gibraltarians RIP '39-'45 FM
Fri 10:00am Holy Souls
Sat 06:00pm Pat Timlin FM
Sun 08:30am Thanksgiving
10:00am Gordon Gillian Logan FM
12:00noon People of the Parish

One day or day one you decide.

Prayer in times of distress

God desires peace in our lives and one of the most effective ways of finding that peace is invoking his aid. He wants to help us, but our hearts must be open to that divine assistance.

St. Teresa of Avila (1515-1582) wrote a beautiful poem that has been used as a prayer throughout the centuries. It is simple in its format, which is why many turn to it in times of distress.

**Let nothing disturb you,
Let nothing frighten you,
All things are passing:
God never changes.
Patience obtains all things
Whoever has God lacks nothing;
God alone suffices.**

Fr Boniface

Having reminded the apostle's and the crowd that facing the coming judgement takes patience, Jesus now goes on to speak of how difficult it will be to wait. He tells them that he has come to set the earth on fire. The fire Jesus speaks of here is the distress caused by the coming judgement. It is also the fire of the spirit, that Luke in the Acts of the Apostles, describes descending on the disciples on Pentecost. That fire shall strengthen them to go out to the whole world to preach the resurrection.

Jesus today warns that wherever the word of God is heard and acted upon, division occurs. He warns that those who commit to him shall find it affects the way they relate to friends and family members, hence they should be prepared for this difficult decisions and conflicts as well.

In the first reading, Jeremiah is punished for criticising the wealthy for their corruption and their injustice to the poor. We have to be prepared to suffer for our prophetic stands. And the second reading urges us to persevere in running the race before us, while keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus, Amen

Bank Holiday Monday 25 August 2025

10 am to 4:30 pm

at Aylesford Priory, Aylesford, Kent

The Divine Mercy Apostolate, London is holding a Celebration of **St Faustina Birthday**. The reflection day will include teachings on the Message of Divine Mercy, Holy Mass, Hour of Mercy with Stations of the Cross, Adoration and Benediction and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus. All welcome.

Call Millie on [07957594646](tel:07957594646) for more information. Coaches from Ealing Broadway and Victoria