

St James the Great - Peckham Rye

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Mon 25th August – Sun 31st August 2025

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon 10:00am Annette Bernard RIP
Tues 10:00am Personal Intention
Weds 10:00am For World Peace
Thurs 10:00am Holy Souls
Fri 10:00am In Thanksgiving Regina Appah
Sat 06:00pm An end to the siege in Gaza
Sun 08:30am People of the Parish
10:00am In Thanksgiving Valerie Appah
12:00noon Thanksgiving

Fr Boniface

Dear friends,
God invites us this Sunday to make efforts to reach him. In the first reading from Prophet Isaiah 66:18-21, God speaks of coming to gather all nations of every language, to proclaim his glory among them and to make some of the returnees priest and Levites to serve Him. This does not mean that all invited are able to reach him. Two things are required: some level of discipline, entailing sufferings, trials and temptations, Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13, which can produce some righteousness and peace. Hence when we meet difficulties in our Christian life, we should not look at them as punishment from God, but rather trainings to become better children of God. In the gospel from Luke 13:22-30 God urges us to make efforts in order to reach Him. These are the efforts of making rightful choices in life, accepting endurance even if it is painful and putting Him at the centre of our lives. For those who take it for granted and live reluctantly, they shall be last in His kingdom, and for those who strive and enhance their faith, able to enter through that narrow door, making painful choices against the world but for Him shall be first in His kingdom.
May the Holy Spirit direct and strengthen each of us to make every effort towards endurance, rightful choices and self discipline, so that we enter through the narrow door and be with God our Father, Amen

Jubilee Year 2025

Commenced on Christmas Eve 2024 and will conclude on the Feast of the Epiphany 2026. with the theme "Pilgrims of Hope," It's a special year of grace for Catholics, marked by prayer and pilgrimage.

The faithful, pilgrims of hope, will be able to obtain the Jubilee Indulgence granted by the Holy Father if they undertake a pious pilgrimage to any sacred Jubilee site by visiting the Cathedral or other church or sacred place designated by the local Ordinary. Such are to be seen as 'sacred places of welcome and privileged spaces for the rebirth of hope' (*Spes non confundit*, 24)

There are sixteen (16) Designated Jubilee Churches and Shrines in Southwark, here are the closest to us,

- Cathedral of St George
- St Saviour's, Lewisham
- Our Lady of Sorrows, Peckham
- St Edmund of Canterbury, Beckenham
- St Thomas More, Dulwich
- St John Vianney, Bexleyheath

the full list can be found on:

<https://www.rcsouthwark.co.uk/fait/h/jubilee-2025/designated-jubilee-churches-and-shrines/>