

St James the Great Peckham Rye Fr. Jack's mobile: 07909 140867 (Text)

26th April to 2nd May 2021

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MASS INTENTIONS

10:00am Una White RIP Monday Tuesday 10:00am Intention of Jim Wednesday 7:00pm Dominico Tran RIP Thursday 10:00am People of India Friday 10:00am Peace in Ireland Saturday 6:00pm People of the Parish

Fifth Sunday of Easter

8:30am Peace in the Middle East **Sunday**

10:00am James Dermody RIP 12:00noon Catherine Hodginson RIP

SPRING TIME

Spring is in the air, time for some gardening! A selection of forks, spades, rakes and brushes available for a cheap price.

See Fr Jack.

BAPTISMS AND CONFESSIONS Just let me know your need, we are open.

CLEANING

WE ARE BACK.. We need to get our church rota of cleaners up and running again.

Just one or two people kept the place clean for the last 8 months. Many thanks.

Please, your help will be appreciated:

1st Saturday of the month........Hawa Campbell 2nd Saturday of the month......African Community 3rd Saturday of the month.......Filipino Community 4th Saturday of the month......Marcelina Malonev

Good Shepherd Sunday

Sun 25th April is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life. This week we support the Priest Training Fund, in the formation of Southwark Seminarians and Deacons.

There will be an envelope available at Mass to Gift Aid your donation. You can also donate online via:

www.rcsouthwark.co.uk/vocations.htm, or by scanning the QR code, or phoning 0207 960 2504 (office hours Mon-Fri)

Thank you for your prayers and generosity.

Fr Jack

Today is very much my feast day. I hope it is not presumptuous of me to say so and align myself with the great good shepherd, Jesus Christ. But then it was he who called me. If it were not for Him I would not be where I am today.

49 years ago He called me, why I genuinely do not know. But then He did call a lot of strange people. On my ordination card I wrote, "By the grace of God." And 49 years later I see no reason to change it.

I have survived for 49 years by the grace of God. I am sure many of you feel the same way about yourself, that yes God has been very good to you. It is good to be grateful. As Paul says, "Who can know the mind of God?" Because of Archbishop Bowen I have been blessed with a very fruitful ministry: Five different parishes in Southwark, Balham, Gillingham, Sydenham and Rotherhithe... Five years with the Catholic Missionary Society in Hampstead...a kind of hit squad going around the country, 12 of us.

Seventeen years in Maasai land, Kenya with lions and elephants for breakfast and now, believe it or not, so far, eleven years in sunny Peckham Rye. I pray I'll make my fiftieth. Would I do it all over again...? Probably a silly question, but I certainly have enjoyed my life, I am still enjoying it and if I may say so; "The Lord is a great boss." I trust He finds me a worthy servant. Deo Gratias. Life is too short to argue.

> We make a living by what we get; We make a life by giving.

Career Opportunity School Premises Officer

St James the Great Catholic Primary School, Peckham Road, SE155LP.

Full-time, 36 hours per week. Salary £24,279 – £25,161 (NJC scale 4) Details and information available from the

School Office: 0207 703 5870

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Any appointment is subject to a satisfactory DBS enhanced check and the return of satisfactory references.