

# 31st January to 6th February 2022

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## **MASS INTENTIONS**

Monday 10:00am Kathy Gleeson RIP

Tuesday 10:00am Intention of Vivian Palat

Wednesday 10:00am Liturgy of the Word

7:00pm Fr Michael Boland RIP

Thursday 10:00am People of Yemen Friday 10:00am Special Intention

Saturday 6:00pm Fr Martin Jakubas RIP

## Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 8:30am Uyghurs Intention

10:00am Justice and Peace12:00noon People of the Parish

### **FWTN**

A number of people have asked me why I did not live stream mass on video. I didn't because the two main ingredients are missing:

COMMUNITY and COMMUNION.

However, I did record my homilies and sent them out to anyone interested.

Also, on television you have got a Catholic channel, 24 hours a day, EWTN. (Eternal Word Television Network) on channel 588 if you have Freeview.

You get mass every day, rosary, discussions, children's programmes and many others.

## TEAS and COFFEES

With the relaxation of covid rules, perhaps now is a good time to bring back teas and coffees after the 10 o'clock mass.

Are we ready, next week?

#### **COMING TO MASS**

- 1. Again let us keep sanitizing our hands as we come to mass.
- 2. You may not be bothered about a mask but for the sake of others can we please keep wearing masks in church.

#### **FR JACK**

Our parish presbytery next door is a large building. It contains too much space for the needs of a parish priest and costs a lot to keep maintained and in good condition. We have not spent much money on the building in my time here and as people who have visited me in the Presbytery over the last few years will know, it is in need of refurbishment and therefore considerable financial investment.

I have been discussing this with my parish finance committee and the option of building a new Presbytery elsewhere within the church grounds has been put forward as a viable alternative. This would enable us to produce a smaller Presbytery that is fit for purpose and can meet the needs of all future parish priests. It can also be constructed using modern methods of construction meaning it can be more cost-effective to run and in the long term, provide environmental benefits. If we were to proceed with this idea, various options for the future of the current Presbytery would be taken by the Diocese, including sale, redevelopment, or repurposing. We would not like the costs of any such plans to be a drain on parish finances.

For a purpose-built Presbytery to be constructed, it would require the use of funds available to St James's. I therefore, welcome your thoughts and opinions on this proposal, this idea is in the very early stages of development.

If the feedback we receive is positive, I would love to hear from Parishioners with construction industry experience or experience running projects of any kind to form a new committee to enable this idea to become a reality.

Please call/text/email or come and see me to offer your views on this idea and let me know if you would be interested in joining the committee.

## **Archdiocese Job Vacancies**

Vacancies for a Parish Secretary at Mortlake, a Youth Minister for the Bromley Deanery, an Office Administrator for Safeguarding and a Caretaker for the Cathedral site are on the Diocesan Website:

Work with Southwark: Archdiocese of Southwark (rcsouthwark.co.uk)