

# St James the Great - Peckham Rye

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Mon 20<sup>th</sup> Oct – Sun 26<sup>th</sup> Oct 2025

## MASS INTENTIONS

Mon 10:00am Fr Michael Cronin  
Tues 10:00am Fr Donald Clements  
Weds 10:00am Liturgy of the Word  
**Thurs 10:00am Requiem James Enright RIP**  
Fri 10:00am Jonathan Whyte Thanks-  
giving  
Sat 06:00pm Fr Tom Smith & Family FM  
Sun 08:30am People of the Parish  
10:00am Mary Morris RIP  
12:00noon James Enright RIP

**Any Saturday afternoon between 2 and 4**  
*i I will be in the office for signing forms,  
confession or any other issues. You're  
welcome without an appointment..*

## Called to Holiness Day of Retreat for Readers and Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist Saturday 25th October

If you are interested please put your name on the list on the noticeboard at the back of church. **ASAP.**

## Fr Jack

"Prayer is a raising up of the mind and heart to God." It helps us to know Him, Love Him and serve Him. Simply put spending time in the presence of someone who loves you, not asking. *Just being at peace in his presence.*

***Be still and know that I am God.***

***Be still and know that I am.***

***Be still and know.***

***Be still.***

***Be.***

*The great effect of all this prayer is to calm the mind and body and KNOW that all will be well. All will be well.*

## Schools

The birth rate all over London seems to be dropping, which means that baptisms are also dropping. This summer alone 2 primary schools closed in Southwark. One being St Mary Magdalene here in Peckham. We are blessed with a very good school in St James' thanks to all the staff, many of who are also parishioners in the parish. So please spread the word among your friends Catholic or non Catholic, so that our own school keeps up the numbers.

**Open your arms to change but  
don't let go of your values.**

## 2nd collection today & also next week is for Caford Harvest Appreciation (Family Fast)

Perhaps you have missed the collection. We will keep it open all week so that people can fast from food, drink, television, mobile use etc. The money you save put in your Caford envelope and bring it next week. Please remember those not as well off as yourselves. No has so little that they have nothing to give and no one has so much that they need nothing.

## Pope Leo's Encyclical

The language of "Dilexi Te" (I have loved you) is incarnational and personal. It is in the "wounded faces of the poor" that we encounter or reject the face of Christ. As with Pope Francis, for Pope Leo the question of encounter is not abstract or ideological—it is physical and human. As the good Samaritan meets the wounded man on the side of the road, so too we are called to recognize Christ in the faces of our neighbour. "At the same time," he notes, "we should perhaps speak more correctly of the many faces of the poor and of poverty, since it is a multifaceted phenomenon" (No. 9). In Scripture, we see Jesus "experienced the same exclusion that is the lot of the poor, the outcast of society," Leo explains. "He presented himself to the world not only as a poor Messiah, but also as the Messiah of and for the poor" (No. 19). Love for the poor must be lived as a constitutive element of love of Christ.