



St James the Great Peckham Rye
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1st January to 7th January 2024

From Archbishop Wilson

It was faith in God, and fidelity to God's word, that enabled Abraham and Sarah to believe God's promise. It was faith in God, and fidelity to God's word, that made Our Lady and St Joseph capable of cooperating so uniquely and beautifully with God's purpose for their lives and our salvation. It is our Catholic faith that gives identity and meaning to the Sacrament of Marriage and to family life as the domestic church. The family, in the closer and wider senses, remains the most important building block of the Church and of society. When the family flourishes, the Church flourishes. When the family flourishes, society flourishes. Catholic faith is intrinsic to our understanding of marriage and family life, supported by our parishes and schools.

I have been privileged over the past year to witness so many inspiring examples of husbands and wives, with their children and extended families, living and celebrating their Catholic faith, passing it on, and making it central to their day-to-day life. We know that every family has its difficulties. Sometimes, sadly, we also know there is breakdown, both in marriage and in family life. To anyone who is wounded by damaged or broken relationships, please know that the Church is your home, a compassionate 'hospital' of healing and mercy. I want to say a very sincere 'thank you' to every family which forms part of our Archdiocese. Thank you for your commitment to your faith and for making your homes holy places where the values and virtues of the Holy Family of Nazareth are put into practice.

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MASS INTENTIONS

Mary Mother of God

Monday	12:00am	Peace for 2024
Tuesday	10:00am	James Walsh RIP
Wednesday	10:00	Liturgy of the Word
Thursday	12:00	Requiem Raimonda Nuzzani
Friday	10:00am	Private Intention

Epiphany of the Lord

Saturday	06:00pm	Peace
Sunday	08:30am	Understanding
	10:00am	Friends and Family
	12:00noon	People of the Parish

A Good Marriage

As part of the preparation for the 2025 Jubilee year, the Southwark Marriage and Family Team will be running a Building a Better Marriage Course throughout the Archdiocese from February 2024. The one day course is for married couples (whether married for one year, 60 years or anywhere in between). It seeks to help husbands and wives to make their marriage better and to improve their communication skills. There is no group sharing and private information remains private to each couple. Couples who have attended previously have found it enjoyable, informative, and uplifting. For more information contact the Marriage and Family Life team through the Archdiocese of Southwark: Please book on: [website. https://www.rcsouthwark.co.uk/mis-sion/marriage-and-family-life](https://www.rcsouthwark.co.uk/mis-sion/marriage-and-family-life)

Thanks

Sincere thanks to everybody for their good wishes, cards, presents and support for the Holy Land.

2024

Wishing you all a HAPPY and HOLY New Year as we move into 2024 as family of St James.