

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Mon 10:00am Alice McLaughlin FM  
Tues 10:00am Una White RIP  
Weds 10:00am Bernard Topp FM  
Thurs 10:00am In Thanksgiving  
Fri 10:00am Dec Members of Dillon Family  
Stations of the Cross after Mass  
**4th Sunday in Lent**  
Sat 06:00pm People of the Parish  
Sun 08:30am Holy Souls  
10:00am Regina Dufficy RIP  
12:00noon Margaret Lucey RIP

**Fr Jack**

My favourite Gospel passage, The Woman at the Well. Such an immensely human story. Jesus and a woman with a reputation. But a fantastic human encounter. Jesus breaks through all barriers and phobias. Racism, sexism, superiority ism, sectarianism, in fact all the "isms. To get at the heart of the woman. In fact, to help the woman to find herself. And here is the beauty, from being a sinner she became a preacher of the Gospel. Have you found yourself, as a baptised person and become a preacher of the Gospel?

**Lent**

Fasting, teaches us to govern our desire by purifying, freeing, and expanding it, in order to direct our desire toward God and good deeds.

Pope Leo has pointed to an under-appreciated form of abstinence, which is refraining from hurtful words.

“Let us begin by disarming our language, avoiding harsh words and rash judgement, refraining from slander and speaking ill of those who are not present and cannot defend themselves. Instead, let us strive to measure our words and cultivate kindness and respect in our families, among our friends, at work, on social media, in political debates, in the media and in Christian communities.”

*Pope Leo XIV..*

**Youth Committee Bake Sale –  
29th March**

The St James Faith Crew Youth Committee will be hosting a Bake Sale Fundraiser on **Saturday, 29th March, immediately after the 10:00 AM Mass** at St James the Great Church. All parishioners are warmly invited to come along, enjoy some delicious homemade treats, and support our young people.

The funds raised will go directly towards our next Youth Event on 12th April, which will include a Bible Trivia session and a faith talk led by Fr. Dermott. This gathering aims to deepen faith, strengthen community, and create a fun, welcoming space for the youth of our parish.

Your support and generosity are greatly appreciated—thank you for helping our young people grow in faith and fellowship! Follow us on Instagram @stjames.ya to keep updated!

**Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes**

I warmly invite you to join me on this year's Southwark Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes:

**21<sup>st</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> August 2026**

Details for booking travel and accommodation can be found

at <https://www.tangney-tours.com/diocese-pilgrimages/diocese-ca/>

We also ask pilgrims to complete a form with details, including medical requirements (if any)

at <https://www.catholicassociation.co.uk/join2026>

For more information, please contact Canon Edward Perera

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*Bishop Paul Hendricks..*

**“I slept and dreamt that life was joy.  
I awoke and saw that life was service.  
I acted and beheld, service was joy.”  
— Tagore.**