MASS INTENTIONS

Mon 11:00am Requiem Amanda McQuaid
Tues 10:00am Jim's Intention
Weds 10:00am Liturgy of the Word
Thurs 10:00am Private Intention
Fri 10:00am Holy Souls
Sat 6:00pm Int of Treje family
Sun 10:00am People of the Parish
12:00noon Thanksgiving

Fr Jack

Today is the final Sunday of the year, **The Feast of Christ the King.** This sounds very grand and triumphalist but just look again. Our King reigns from the cross, his crown is of thorns, his birth place is a stable, his father is a carpenter. His friends and colleagues are fishermen. Not too much money around here.
Then again in today's Gospel he is a stranger, hungry, thirsty, homeless, he is naked and sick and in prison. We can catch up with him very easily. In the first reading he is more concerned about his subjects than they are about Him, he seeks them here, there and everywhere. Now the aim of our king is not to oppress is subjects but to break the power of evil through them. Now we come in here, because through us the hunger, thirsty, homeless etc can be broken by us allowing the word of God to become incarnate, become real through us.
The kingdom that we celebrate today is *"a kingdom of truth and life, a kingdom of holiness and love, a kingdom of justice, reconciliation and peace."* Those who help break the fetters of injustice will change the face of society and inherit eternal life themselves and in doing it to others we do it to Christ.

Christmas

Next week we hope to start decorating our church and it would be nice to have some new faces. Perhaps someone would like to donate a Christmas tree, please let me know. t

Rochester Christmas Market on Saturday 12th December

We still have ***9 places available, *** so if you have any friends or family members who would like to join us, you are very welcome to invite them along. It would be lovely to have a few more people joining us for this festive day out! We would also kindly ask everyone who is on the list, as well as those who have booked places for friends, to bring their ***full £20 payment*** for the trip to our **Place at My Table_ - *Christmas Crafting Morning with Kirti next Wednesday, *25th November**

St James Catholic Women Organisation

Thanking God for HIS grace and mercy for the one year Anniversary celebration of the St James Catholic Women Organisation. To climax the occasion we not only replaced the Altar servers wardrobe we also distributed food and drinks to 14 homeless people in the Peckham Library area. We pray that God will empower our St James community to repeat the food sharing service ever so often. Thank you Father Jack for your immense support and encouragement

Advent

Lent is a good time for preparation for Easter so advent is a good time of preparation for Christmas. It's penitential time give up smoking; drinking; some food etc. Do some special work visiting the sick or lonely, read the readings for the following Sunday. Spend more time praying with your family and use the time usefully. it is also **good opportunity to find time to go to confession**. I'll be available at any time when people want confession and definitely every Saturday afternoon from two till 5 o'clock you're very welcome.

Christmas Party

Sunday 20th December afternoon has been proposed for our Christmas party. Music will be provided and the idea is we have a picnic lunch in the hall where everyone will bring food for their own party and a bit to share.