NEWSLETTER

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Monday 27th January – Sunday 2nd February 2020

Monday	10:00am	Real Freedom
Tuesday	12:00noon	Requiem
Rosaline Jeanpierre R.I.P		
Wednesday	10:00am	Liturgy of the Word
Thursday	•	Int. of Kate O'Regan
Thursday	10:00am	God of Love
Friday	10:00am	Vivian Palat R.I.P
Saturday	6:00pm	Elizabeth Kouassi R.I.P
Fourth Week in Ordinary Time		
Sunday Presentation of the Lord		
8:30am	People of the Parish	
10:00am	Peckham Citizens	

12 noon Birthday People

Confessions 2 – 4pm every Saturday, but can be organised anytime, text 07909 140867

COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION. Registration for communion and confirmation closes today.

Holy Hour and Benediction

On the last Friday of the month there will be Holy Hour and Benediction from 5.30pm to 6.30pm. Please, your support is needed.

"The God Who Speaks" Year of the Word 2020

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To mark the special Year of the Word Archbishop John Wilson is inviting all Parishes in the diocese to join him for a special diocesan gathering in Aylesford on Saturday 27th June. More details will be published in due course, but please save the date in your diary.

Red Boxes

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Dirty pennies, paper clips, hair pins, buttons, bits of food and many other varied accessories arrive through the Red Boxes, but thank you very much. For all that, last year **Missio** raised £4.6 million in the UK. Sincere thanks from Missio and the Church.

FR JACK

"The people that lived in darkness have seen a great light." I hope you are one of those people who have seen a great light; not lost but knowing where we are going and knowing what we will receive. Surely this is the Good news. Then Jesus goes on to call the first four disciples. And from there he has been continually calling more and more, including us. Jesus calls us to build up the unity of the church, his body. Paul makes it a passionate plea. "I appeal to you brothers and sisters, for the sake of Our Lord Jesus Christ, to make up the differences between you and instead of disagreement among yourselves, to be united again in your belief and practice." And the dying prayer of Jesus was:-"That all may be one."

There is no argument equal to a happy smile.

PILGRIMAGE

If anybody is interested in going on a pilgrimage this year, it could be anywhere: Lourdes, Fatima, Holy Land, Poland, Assisi etc. Let me know.

False Freedom

Today people want to be free from doctrine, dogmas, traditions, rituals and authority of any kind. To think and do as they like. This can be good if it's genuine, *but* if it is another freedom *of the ego* it leads to a false and illusionary form of freedom that is no freedom at all. The attempt of breaking the chains of the past is good, but this attempt fails if it binds us up with new chains of egotistical self-centeredness. What is wrong here is not the desire for freedom, but the mistaken idea that our egos can set us free.

Support for EU Citizens

Apply for either settled or pre-settled status protection according to UK laws, after the UK leaves the EU. For more information see <u>gov.uk/settled-status-eu-citizens-families</u> Go to <u>http://www.eurights.uk/</u> to find the local advice centre.

The deadline to apply for the EU Settlement Scheme is the 30th June **2021**.