MASS INTENTIONS

Mon 10:00am Deceased members of the Legion of Mary
Tues 10:00am John Murray RIP
Weds 10:00am Liturgy of the Word
Thurs 10:00am Fr Terence Fichter & deceased Parish Priests
Fri 10:00am Holy Souls
Sat 6:00pm Stephen Beck RIP
Sun 10:00am Una Feaney RIP
12:00noon People of the Parish

Fr Jack

In passages such as Mark 13:33-37, Matthew 24:42, and Luke 21:36, Jesus calls on his followers to *"stay awake"* or *"be watchful" In* a biblical context, this is not about physical sleep, but rather a call for spiritual vigilance. It serves as an encouragement to remain faithful, attentive, and prepared for God's presence and action in the world, while **avoiding spiritual lethargy or distraction.**

This is why I love Paul's saying, ***"I live now, not I but Christ lives in me."*** With my awareness that I am always a living tabernacle, always walking, living, talking etc. Aware of the presence of Christ always in me....when I speak, pass by, answer do so with the mind of Christ.

As we begin Advent it is a great time to be aware of the presence of Christ, not so much at Christmas, ***BUT IN ME HERE AND NOW.*** Advent like Lent is also a great time of preparation for Christmas, a little fasting, extra prayers, preparation of the Sunday readings and a little extra kindness to each other.

Happy Advent.

Please find time to go to confession during Advent. Review your life. Here in St James 2pm to 5pm every Saturday in the office..

Readers

We need extra readers for all Masses. Please help. There will be a practice for all readers new and old on **Saturday12th Dec for one hour 11am to 12noon.**

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.

Legion of Mary

Congratulations to the Legion of Mary who after a slow rise are now doing great work. Visiting the sick and bereaved. And giving
food to the homeless and obviously dedicated to prayer. From which all their work is inspired. Under the patronage of their mother Mary.

Mary brought her son into the world and from there she became the mother of all believers. We/us are those believers.

Like the baby the legion is small/few in number. With your help they could grow into a fantastic organization for the care and love of people.

Would you consider joining. One or two hours a week and together we could change the face of Peckham. No better time to start than this Lent.

Talk to Fr Jack or see any member or call 07930 859964 or 07736 207075.

Let Christ be truly born among us this Advent.

Archbishop John Wilson

Unfortunately, the Archbishop became quite unwell over last weekend and on Sunday evening was admitted to hospital with phlegmonous appendicitis. He underwent surgery Tuesday and, although it proved to be a rather complicated operation, I'm pleased to say that it was successful. He is now recovering in hospital and, understandably, will need a good period of rest and recuperation before returning to his usual duties. At present, it is a little too early to say when that might be. Please keep him in your prayers.

RCIA

There are six people, adults who wish to become Catholic this coming Easter. Please continue to pray for them, and keep their Catechist Daniel also in your prayers.

I pray they find Christ among us and grow into powerful Christians.

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.