

# NEWSLETTER

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**Monday 3rd February – Sunday 9th February 2020**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>10:00am</b>	Maria Jose R.I.P
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>10:00am</b>	Christy Tarrant R.I.P
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>10:00am</b>	Thomas O'Regan R.I.P
	<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>No Mass tonight</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>10:00am</b>	Liturgy of the Word
<b>Friday</b>	<b>10:00am</b>	Vivian Palat R.I.P
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>6:00pm</b>	Kathleen Doherty R.I.P

*Fifth Week in Ordinary Time*

<b>Sunday</b>	<i>Racial Justice Day</i>
<b>8:30am</b>	Intention of Michael Hazell
<b>10:00am</b>	Family Unity
<b>12 noon</b>	People of the Parish

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

## PECKHAM CITIZENS

Claire from Peckham Citizens will be talking to us at all the masses today and giving us an update. However she cannot carry on, without our support. Please consider what you may be able to do to help.

## Spring Fayre/Jamboree/Event

Is anyone interested in doing anything to help organise a Spring Fayre? It would be a blessing to see some initiative. Come on, don't leave it to others. There may (will) be a bonus in it. 🤔

## About Sense

For everyone who is living with complex disabilities, or is deaf and/or blind, Sense is here to help them communicate and experience the world.

We believe that no one, no matter how complex their disabilities, should be isolated, left out, or unable to fulfil their potential.

Check out their website:

<https://www.sense.org.uk/>

They have asked for two bins to collect clothes etc. to be placed outside the church on Elm Grove. Any thoughts you may have please let Fr Jack know.

## FR JACK

Known originally as the Feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin, the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord is a relatively ancient celebration.

The Church at Jerusalem observed the feast as early as the first half of the fourth century, and likely earlier. The feast celebrates the presentation of Christ in the temple at Jerusalem on the 40th day after His birth.

The first male child belonged to God so the parents had now to buy him back, so they presented the offering of the poor, two turtle doves.

It was also the purification of the mother, but since Mary was a virgin that was not necessary.

Here also we get the great prayer of Simeon, a holy man who spent his time waiting for the Messiah. He gives us that great prayer: - "Now Lord you may dismiss your servant because my eyes have seen....."

What a great prayer to be able to say on our death bed. "I have completed the job the Lord gave me to do." Or like Jesus himself: -

**"It is accomplished."**

## Prayer is love and love is faith

## LENT

It may seem early, but any ideas for Lent?

Ash Wednesday is on the 26th February.

Prayer, fundraising, fasting... Use your imagination and let me know your thoughts.

## Breakup of Families Affects Us All

The UK has one of the highest rates of family breakdown out of 30 OECD countries, according to MP Fiona Bruce. It is the young, the poorest and most vulnerable who suffer most and are more likely to develop behavioural problems, depression, turn to drugs or alcohol and not achieve their potential. Also they have an increased chance of living in poverty with unstable relationships throughout adulthood. Divorce and separation also often lead to estrangement from grandparents, causing loneliness amongst the elderly and severing links between generations.