

**Welcome to our weekly newsletter. We hope you enjoy your time at St. James' and we look forward to seeing you again next week.**

Thank you for your offerings last week of £1,183. Mass attendance 454.	
<b>1st September</b> <b>(Saturday Vigil)</b>	<b>Twenty-Second Sunday</b>  6pm <b>Jim &amp; Christine Callinan 35th Wedding Anniversary</b> (Callinan Family)
<b>Sunday 2nd September</b>	9.15am <b>People of the Parish</b>  11am <b>Barbara Bridle RIP</b> (Riches & Hyde Family)
<b>Monday 3rd September</b>	<b>Saint Gregory The Great</b>  9.30am <b>Mick &amp; Gill Lehane</b>
<b>Tuesday 4th September</b>	<b>Feria</b> 9.30am <b>Health &amp; Happiness for Patrick McGeown</b> (C McGeown)
<b>Wednesday 5th September</b>	<b>Feria</b>  9.30am <b>Kate Turton RIP</b> (Pastoral Care Team)  10.45am <b>Eucharistic Adoration</b>
<b>Thursday 6th September</b>	<b>Feria</b>  9.30am <b>Helen Griffin RIP</b>
<b>Friday 7th September</b>	<b>Feria</b>  9.30am <b>Maureen McLean RIP</b> (Irene Webb)  7.30pm <b>Eucharistic Adoration</b>
<b>8th September</b> <b>(Saturday Vigil)</b>	<b>Twenty-Third Sunday</b>  6pm <b>Golden Wedding Anniversary of Angela &amp; Ian Murray</b> (Murray Family)
<b>Sunday 9th September</b>	9.15am <b>People of the Parish</b>  11am <b>Anthony Olivelle RIP</b> (M Olivelle)

**Confessions** are heard on Saturday, 5.00-5.45pm, or by appointment.

**Morning Prayer** takes place Monday – Friday at 9.10am. All are welcome to attend.

**Pondering the Word** (*Lectio Divina*) - A quiet reflective look at the following Sunday's Gospel. Mondays 11am-12 noon, except for Bank Holidays, here in the Church. All are welcome.

**Rosary** – Every day after Mass there is rosary. All are welcome.

## Second Collection

Next week's second collection is for the Catholic Education Service. The Catholic Education Service acts on behalf of the Bishops Conference and is the chief negotiating and advisory body with the Government on matters affecting all aspects of Catholic education and schooling.

*Reflect: In the observance of religion, there is often a tension between fulfilment of ritual obligations and demands of charity and compassion. Such tension is palpable in the encounter between Jesus and the Pharisees following the ritually unclean act of the disciples. Jesus makes it clear: No law is good if it does not have charity as its fuel. James clarifies it functionally: "pure and blameless religion lies in helping the orphans, and widows in their need, and keeping oneself from the world's corruption".*

**"Drop-In" Evening Surgeries** – Please note the next drop in will be Tuesday 11th September – 5pm to 7pm. Surgeries will be held on Tuesdays, not Wednesdays, for the foreseeable future.

## Liturgy Pillar

**Eucharist Adoration** - takes place for an hour **each Wednesday shortly after the morning Mass starting at 10.45 am and finishing at 11.45 am.** This Devotion to the Eucharist is a time of silent prayer and quiet music. Everyone is welcome for all or part of this time of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament.

**First Friday of Month** - Eucharist Adoration also takes place on the **1<sup>st</sup> Friday of each month from 7.30 pm – 9pm,** the next will be on the 7th September and concludes with Benediction. Everyone is welcome for all or part of this time of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament.

## Pastoral Pillar

### Helplines and Counselling Services.

As part of our care for the community a list of helplines and counselling services has now been added to the Parish website and also, placed in the porch. The purpose of this is to give contact details of various organisations which can provide help in difficult times thereby enabling people to seek privately the information and support they may need.

## Justice & Peace

### Foodbank needs

The organisers have asked us to say a big thank you to everyone who helped support the Foodbank during the summer holidays, when a lot more food left their warehouse for the distribution centres in the form of school meals packs. It was a very busy time for them and stock dwindled, but they didn't have to buy anything in. They are now very short of: **tinned cold meat, custard, rice pudding, cooking sauces and long life fruit juice.** Also needed are **all types of men's toiletries, ladies' deodorants, washing powder, washing up liquid and nappies size 4 upwards.** Thank you for your continued support.

## The Parish Pastoral Council

The next meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council will take place **on Monday 10th September at 7.30pm** in the Community Centre. You may raise any relevant issue using the PPC mailbox which is [ppc@stjamespettswood.org](mailto:ppc@stjamespettswood.org) or place a note in the suggestion box in the church porch.

## Social Pillar

### **Monday Club**

Monday Club restarts Monday 3rd September from 1.30 – 4.30pm. Join us for friendship, laughter, crafts, exercise (table tennis, curling etc.) and board games. We are a well-established group looking for new members to bring new ideas. All welcome, any age from 1-101.

### **Firm Believers**

St James' Inter-Church Fun Fitness class is open to all ages, abilities and fitness levels... Tuesday nights in our Community Centre led by Jo Gallier, a local fitness instructor. Term time only, at 7pm for 45 minutes with the option of a cuppa and a chat afterwards! Classes are a mixture of aerobics, pilates with some core and stretch working and dance. Improves all aspects of fitness, flexibility, muscle strength, toning and general well-being. It's just £5 a time, no need to book, just turn up! All welcome. Our first class back is Tuesday 4th September 2018. Just come along or contact Jo for more information on [firm.believers@stjamespettswood.org](mailto:firm.believers@stjamespettswood.org) or 07876 563656. Wear any comfortable clothing, trainers and bring a mat or a towel.

### **Evangelisation Pillar**

#### **Diocesan Day for Catechists – Saturday 22nd September.**

On behalf of the Archbishop, we would like to invite all catechists and children's liturgists to attend the annual diocesan day for Catechists at St George's Cathedral, Southwark. If you are interested in attending, please contact the parish office

### **Youth Pillar**

#### **St James' Youth Group**

The next Junior Youth Group will be held on Saturday 8th September in the Community centre from Noon to 2pm. £1.50 per session - which includes lunch.

#### **Save the Date: CYM Careers Fair – 9<sup>th</sup> February 2019**

Following the success of our first CYM Careers Fair in April this year, we are planning to hold a second careers event on **Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2019 from 11.30-2.30pm** at St James the Great Church, Petts Wood. Come and take part in 'mock interviews', receive one-to-one careers advice from industry professionals, find out about the range of opportunities relating to modern day apprenticeships, peer ministry and GAP year opportunities and receive practical tips to help craft the perfect CV.

**Volunteers needed!** We are extremely grateful to all the parishioners, from a wide range of industries and professions, who kindly volunteered their time in April to advise and share their considerable experience with our young people. Looking ahead, we would love to hear from interested parishioners with key experience and core skills to share who would like to be involved in our second Careers Fair; please email: [susan.longhurst@bromleydeanery.org](mailto:susan.longhurst@bromleydeanery.org) to find out more and to register your interest. Thank you.

### **Message from Mary O'Mahony**

I would like to pass on my sincere thanks to everyone for the kind cards, messages and donations we received. I am currently researching a Thai charity that will benefit from your generosity and repay in some small way the kindness Séamus and our family received during this most difficult time. God bless, Mary O'Mahony

### **Polite Reminders**

The Parish disabled parking spaces are for Blue Badge holders only.

Please refrain from eating and drinking in the church.

## Seeing a Chaplain if You Are Admitted to Hospital

- **Protecting personal information** (data protection) is really important when you become an inpatient in hospital.
- **So please specifically ask hospital staff to pass on your details** to the hospital's Roman Catholic chaplain as soon as you are admitted if you would like a Chaplain to visit you.
- **Fr David would always be very happy** to visit you too, so please ask a relative or friend to let him know about your admission. You, or they, can email Fr David on: [father.david@stjamespettswood.org](mailto:father.david@stjamespettswood.org), or phone the parish office on 01689 827100.

### Rotas for this week: *Thank you for helping*

**8th September 2018**

**Cleaning the Church** Altar Servers / Readers

**Wednesday Coffee**

**9th September 2018**

Mass	Saturday 6pm (Vigil)	Sunday 9.15am	Sunday 11am
<b>Welcomers</b>	M Sands	F Mace L Thomas	Uniformed Groups
<b>Readers</b>	C Kiely P Cantopher	H Denham A Coughlan	Parade Mass
<b>Ministers of Holy Communion</b>	T Babb B Babb J Callinan P Crosland J Gribben	T Forde B Cotta D Cotta A Ward W David	Z Bajorek R Del Guercio A Bunnage P Murray V Terry
<b>Bar</b>	M Smith N Longhurst		
<b>Coffee</b>		L Lynch S Barradell	S Ingle A Huntington
<b>Altar Servers</b>	R&F Norman-Brown P Marshall	J MacFadyen	V Marcolina
<b>Tellers</b>	C Delf, M Troy		