

**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 £1,425. Mass attendance 715.

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| <b>20th October</b><br><b>(Saturday Vigil)</b> | <b>Twenty-Ninth Sunday</b><br><b>6pm Roswitha &amp; George Wood RIP (McCabe Family)</b>                       |
| <b>Sunday 21st October</b>                     | <b>9.15am People of the Parish</b><br><b>11am Anthony Olivelle RIP (M Olivelle)</b>                           |
| <b>Monday 22nd October</b>                     | <b>Feria</b><br><b>9.30am Elizabeth O'Connor RIP</b>  |
| <b>Tuesday 23rd October</b>                    | <b>Feria</b><br><b>9.30am Paddy Moon RIP (Moon Family)</b>  |
| <b>Wednesday 24th October</b>                  | <b>Feria</b><br><b>9.30am Tom Webb RIP</b><br><b>10.45am Eucharist Adoration</b>                              |
| <b>Thursday 25th October</b>                   | <b>Feria</b><br><b>9.30am O'Connor Family</b><br><b>11am Requiem Mass for Ernesto Di Maggio</b>               |
| <b>Friday 26th October</b>                     | <b>Feria</b><br><b>9.30am O'Flaherty Family RIP</b>   |
| <b>27th October</b><br><b>(Saturday Vigil)</b> | <b>Thirtieth Sunday</b><br><b>6pm People of the Parish</b>  |
| <b>Sunday 28th October</b>                     | <b>9.15am Mary Casartelli</b><br><b>11am Pat &amp; Albert Murray 50th Wedding Anniversary (Murray family)</b> |

**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.

### **Fr David writes...**

A shadow side of every institution or group is the existence of internal politics. When a new leader is appointed to lead a group, one must be very wise in order to tread gently. A new leader needs to realise that he or she is entering a "culture". And they need to see themselves as being the new "migrants" in it. It needs patience, wisdom and an openness to listen very carefully to what is being said or not. In every group there would always be members who think that they are better than others. Who would hold power over others. These would normally be "the informal leaders" in the group whilst others would be the followers. A Leader is always looked at with suspicion at the beginning. The members of the group will be very attentive to observe what the Leader is saying and doing. In some groups, the members fear change. And so they feel threatened if the Leader starts from the beginning to change things. They might even revolt or boycott the new ideas. The new leader has a big task in trying to figure out whom to trust. One can never underestimate the amount of energy that the Leader literally needs to invest at the beginning of any assignment in order to make sure that they establish themselves well and only then can they move on to achieve the aims of the group. Most of the energy at the start is to negotiate the dynamics of the members of the group. It takes years for a Leader to feel accepted and understood by the majority of the group. He or she needs to realise that they cannot please everyone. Sometimes a leader unfortunately must make the hard decision to terminate their appointment due to lack of complementarity.

One of the most dysfunctional dynamics in a group is favouritism. What is favouritism? Favouritism is when some members of the group feel entitled to be considered as special within the group. They try their best to impress the new leader into believing that they are really indispensable for the aims and goals of the group. They are almost always the most charming. Trying their best to make the new leader feel welcomed but underlying their actions there is always a plan. And the plan is to control. Control the new leader into submission to their tactics. An unwise leader would easily fall under the spell of their charm and collude with them. Such a dynamic is lethal as then the other members of the group would immediately feel undermined. The Leader would fall into the sin of favouritism. This would be a disaster for him and for the whole dynamic of the group. The result would be a feeling of discontent and gossip within the group.

Today we hear about it in the gospel. Human nature being what it is, two men, brothers in this case, are angling to get a better deal. They speak with Jesus on their own, in private. Their rather bold statement, "We want you to do us a favour" is met with open receptivity on Jesus' part at the start. Jesus asks the brothers, "What is it you want me to do for you?". For the brothers, they want glory, to sit at Jesus' side in his kingdom. They still imagine that Jesus will be a powerful earthly King, ruling over an independent and free Jewish people. But Jesus sees through their scheme and does not collude with them. He does not shame them. He corrects their misconception. Jesus invites the two brothers and asks them whether they are ready to drink the cup of suffering, an image used by the prophet Jeremiah and in the Psalms. Before glory there must be suffering and death. When the brothers seek glory and a seat at either side of Jesus, they do not realise that they are thereby accepting suffering. James' and John's desire for glory provides Jesus the chance to expound once again on Christian discipleship which is not the way of the world. For the disciples, greatness comes in service.

Even today, the gospel message of service flies in the face of cultural mores. In the power structures we find at work, in family, in the Church, in parishes, in the marketplace, those at the top set the agenda and have their wishes carried out. Those who surround the powerful carry out the wishes and commands of the top. With Jesus, this structure is inverted. The greatest is truly the one who serves. The mark of greatness is humility. Wow discipleship is truly counter cultural!! It goes directly against the needs of the ego who needs to feel special and feel entitled for positions of power. True leadership according to Jesus is a leadership which finds its strength not in lording over others but using one's authority to empower his or her team in order to serve the individual members of the team and also ultimately the mission they are called to achieve. The true Christian leader is the one who listens deeply to his team and empowers them to grow for the benefit of the goals and aims of the organisation. Let's pray for wise leaders who use their authority not for their own personal needs but for the benefit of others.

**"Drop-In" Evening Surgeries** – Please note the next drop in will be Tuesday 23rd October – 5pm to 7pm.

## Second Collection

Next week's second collection is for the Maintenance Fund.

## Justice & Peace

### Thank You

A huge thank you to everyone who supported the Harvest Family Fast Day appeal recently. Including gift aid recovery, St James' will have collected £1,789 for CAFOD. This is slightly more than last year, so well done and thank you.

### Foodbank needs

This week's update from the organisers lists the following needs: **rice pudding, custard, long life fruit juice, cold meat, men's and women's deodorant, washing up liquid and washing powder.** Thank you for your continued support.

## St James' Parish Pastoral Council (The PPC)

Our PPC was formally inducted in February 2016 following a number of months of information sharing and a process to recruit interested parishioners as its first members. The role of the PPC is to discern, and aim to meet, the needs of our parish and we work together within a framework of 'Pillars' to do this. Since 2016, the PPC has been evolving, and some of our initial members completed their time of service and moved on toward other roles and responsibilities.

**So, we now have the opportunity to invite new members to join us, and we need leaders for the Liturgy, Evangelisation and Communication Pillars.** If you have the ability to lead, and maintain the momentum in, one of these Pillars, and could participate constructively with the shared responsibilities of the PPC, then we would like to hear from you.

Initially, please send an expression of interest by email to [father.david@stjamespettswood.org](mailto:father.david@stjamespettswood.org). Please say which Pillar you would like to lead and briefly describe the skills and experience you could offer to support this. Please keep to 200 words, or less, at this stage and reply no later than 30th October.

A process, in line with the PPC's constitution, would follow.

Thank you for your interest.

*Nigel – Chair of PPC*

## St James' School Open Day

St James' School will be holding an open morning for prospective parents of children due to start school in September 2019 (children born between 1st September 2014 and 31st August 2015) on **Wednesday 21st November 2018 at 9.15am**. Booking is not necessary. The Head Teacher will give a short speech, there will be a tour of the school and Supplementary Information Forms (SIFs) will be handed out. The whole event will last approximately one hour. This is essentially an information morning for parents - children may attend if necessary, but be mindful that our children will be working in school. Please don't worry if you cannot attend the open morning - our **Supplementary Information Form for the September 2019 intake will be available to download from our website from the 21st November**.

Any questions regarding school admissions please contact the school office on 020 8467 8167 and **NOT** the Parish Office.

## Memorial Rose Garden

We have ten red rose bushes that have been planted in our memorial rose garden, if you would like to purchase one in memory of a loved one please complete the form at the back of the church, take the envelope supplied and post it through the parish office or pop it in the Mass Intention box. Roses cost £15. Thank you.

## Evangelisation Pillar

### First Holy Communion 2019

If you would like your child to take part in our parish programme for First Holy Communion, please send an email to the Parish Office with all relevant details, child's name, date of birth, school, names of parents, address and contact details. Candidates must be in Year 3 or above. All preparation classes are held on Saturdays from 4.30 to 5.45 and will run from January to June. Dates for First Holy Communion are 8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> June 2018.

### Confirmation 2019

Calling all year Nine and above students who wish to be confirmed next year. There is a "Come and See" meeting on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm in the Church. This meeting is for candidates and their parents. At the end of the meeting, packs will be distributed ready for enrolment onto the programme which starts with a kick off day on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> November, 11.30am to 6pm followed by Mass. If you intend to come to the meeting on the 5<sup>th</sup> November, please let the parish office know by phone or email: [parish.office@stjamespettswood.org](mailto:parish.office@stjamespettswood.org).

For your information the first two Confirmation preparation sessions are Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December and Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December, all sessions run from 7.00- 8.30. Complete list of dates will be available in the booklet you receive at the 'Come and See' meeting.

We look forward to meeting you all.

*The Catechists*

### Journey in Faith begins again. You are invited to a taster session - "come and see" - on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2018 from 2.00pm to 3.30pm.

Journey in Faith is for those who are searching for meaning in their lives and want to explore spirituality and wanting to know more about the person of Jesus and Christianity.

It is also for Catholics who feel the need to deepen and refresh their faith. And those exploring the possibility of becoming a Catholic and feeling the need to belong to a Community of Faith.

Please let the Parish Office know if you would like to come to the taster session on the 21<sup>st</sup> of October or just come along.

### Celebrating the GOSPELS - Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> November in the Community Hall

You are warmly invited to come to introductory talks on the Gospels. Brian Purfield, a biblical scholar and an excellent speaker from Mount Street Jesuit Centre will come to Petts Wood to help us appreciate the joy and richness of the Gospels. Taking the feedback from last year, we have devised the day in two halves so more parishioners can come to either or both of the talks.

**10:30 – 12:30 Gospel according to Luke (next liturgical year – Cycle C)**

**13:15 – 15:15 Gospel according to John (always fascinating)**

Tea and Coffee will be provided, but bring a packed lunch if you are coming for the whole day.

### "Broken" BBC TV Series – watch and discuss the series together in the Community Hall

You have heard Fr David preach on it ..... It has won multiple awards including BAFTA and Sandford St Martin ... This 6 episode TV series (rated 15 because of mature themes) raised serious issues about living the Eucharist in daily life. As part of the focus on Adoremus, we will be showing one episode in each of the following Sunday evenings in the Community Hall. (**4<sup>th</sup> November, 11<sup>th</sup> November, and 18<sup>th</sup> November**). Door opens at 7pm for 7:10pm prompt start. After watching the episode, there will be time for sharing and discussion with the evening finishing around 9pm. Please come and join us.

### Eucharistic Congress – Liverpool - Resources

Many of the very good talks from the Eucharistic Congress are now available on the internet. They can be accessed via a link in the parish home page (purple button - Adoremus)

[http://www.stjamespettswood.org/crbst\\_1436.html](http://www.stjamespettswood.org/crbst_1436.html)

Amongst these good resources, our recommendations to you are:

- For people who want a really stimulating talk –Bishop Barron is on top form in: Sainthood, Sanctity and What makes us Holy (Saturday afternoon)

- For people who want a fresh take on the Mass – try Bishop Barron excellent talk on the Mystery of the Mass (Saturday morning)
- For catechists, teachers and parents: Sr. Margaret Atkins talk on Teaching the Eucharist contains much food for thought - literally. (Friday)

### **SS Joseph & Swithun's Parish – Bromley Advent Reflection on Laudato Si': Care for Our Common Home**

Come and join the Advent events and reflect on how we can find new ways forward together to care for our common home and our finite resources in our homes, our parish, our world. These two Advent sessions will prepare us to be in tune with our World away from the commercial rush of Christmas.

Wednesday 28th November 7.30pm-9.30pm Church Hall – Simple Supper and Global Healing Film.

Wednesday 5th December 7.30pm – 9.30pm Church Hall – Sharing Session and Reflection on Global Healing Film.

### **Week of Accompanied Prayer 2019 - Opportunity to help make it happen**

We are preparing another Week of Accompanied Prayer. It will be **Lent 2019 - 10th-16th March** (note in your diary?).

At its heart it is simple for participants. During the Week you spend 30 minutes a day in your own private prayer anywhere and then another 30 minutes a day, at a time of your choosing, with a Prayer Guide at St James'. A number of parishioners have already done it and found it very helpful.

But there is stuff to organise and **we need to bring together a team** to help arrange the details of the Week – e.g. publicity, welcoming, hospitality for the Guides, etc.

**Please consider helping with this**, and contact Chris or Doreen Hairs, either **by phone** (020 8467 0378), **by email** ([chris.hairs@stjamespettswood.org](mailto:chris.hairs@stjamespettswood.org) or [doreen.hairs@stjamespettswood.org](mailto:doreen.hairs@stjamespettswood.org)), or **buttonhole them after Mass!**

## **Liturgy Pillar**

### **Christmas Choir**

As we prepare to enter the Advent season, we invite singers to join in our Christmas choir which sings in four-part harmony. The Advent service is on the 16th of December, Sunday at 4pm. On Christmas eve, we will start off with carols at 11.30pm followed by midnight mass. Rehearsals will be held every Thursday from 7.30 - 9pm starting on the 25th of October (followed by Nov 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, Dec 6, 13, and possibly another rehearsal just before Christmas if needed). This is a lovely way to participate in the parish festivities so if you enjoy singing, please come along to the first rehearsal on the 25th. Hope to see many of you there.

### **To new and existing altar servers and their parents – Social Gathering**

On the 28<sup>th</sup> October, 3.00pm to 5.00pm you are invited to come along to a special meeting to encourage you to think about whether you would like to become an Altar server. All existing Altar servers are also invited to attend and chat to any new servers that might be interested in joining us. The meeting is open to anybody who has made your First Holy Communion. Parents please accompany children under 18. Please register your interest to Peter Marshall on [servers@stjamespettswood.org](mailto:servers@stjamespettswood.org).

### **Music Workshops**

We invite all music lovers to two music workshops being held in the parish community centre

1. Music Workshop on the 27<sup>th</sup> October 2018 from 10.00am – 12.00pm led by Ms Atkinson
2. Music Workshop on the 26<sup>th</sup> January 2019 from 10.00am – 2.00pm led by Meg Shepherd.

### **Annual Day of Recollection**

Bishop Pat Lynch invites all Ministers of the Eucharist and Ministers of the Word to the Annual Day of Recollection on Saturday 17th November at Bishop Thomas Grant School, Bell Trees Grove, SW16 2HY. Registration will be from 10.30am. The day will conclude with Mass at 3.00pm celebrated by

Bishop Pat. During the day Fr Saju will talk on the theme of Journey in St Luke's Gospel. Please contact the parish office to book your place.

### **Children's Liturgy**

Please note Children's Liturgy will NOT be on when there is a Church Parade Mass. There will be no Liturgy on 11th November and 9 December as we do not have enough leaders. If you would like to lead or help please contact Hannah via e-mail [childrens.liturgy@stjamespettswood.org](mailto:childrens.liturgy@stjamespettswood.org)

**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 2nd November, concluding with Benediction. Everyone is welcome for all or part of this time of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament.

### **Pastoral Pillar**

#### **Remembering our deceased loved ones throughout November.**

There will be an opportunity to remember deceased family and friends at all Masses throughout November. In preparation, from the weekend of 6-7th October, sheets of paper will be available in the Church porch if you would like your loved ones to be remembered. Please place their names in the box provided and then the names will be put in a basket and placed on the altar.

#### **Memorial Mass to be held at 3pm on Sunday 4th November.**

For all those who have lost a family member or loved one in the last year, a special Mass will be held in the Church and all Parishioners are most welcome to attend. After the homily, we will read out the names of those parishioners who have died this past year and whose funerals took place at St James'. If you have lost a loved one in the last 12 months whose funeral took place elsewhere and you would like their name to be read out, please let the Parish Office know by Thursday the 1st November in order that it may be added to the list. As each individual name is read out a family member or friend will be invited to bring up a candle with the name of their loved one on it and place it by the statue of the angel in their memory. At the end of Mass you are invited to take the candle home. In addition, those who wish to have other deceased loved ones remembered will also be invited to bring up a candle if they so wish. The Mass will be followed by refreshments in the Community Centre when members of our Pastoral Care Team will be present should you feel the need to talk to someone.

#### **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.

### **Youth Pillar**

#### **CYM Youth Choir - Faith in Action Award Ceremony 10<sup>th</sup> November**

Calling all young people (and adults) who would be interested in forming a choir to perform at the Faith in Action Awards Ceremony this year (10<sup>th</sup> November 2018). We will be performing 'Any Dream Will Do' from the musical Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat and rehearsals will be taking place on Wednesday evenings from 7.30 – 8.30pm in St Joseph's Church, Plaistow Lane, Bromley. Although the choir will be formed initially to participate in the FIA Awards ceremony, we would love to see the deanery youth coming together to participate at many other events in the near future. Spread the word in your parishes and amongst your friends! For more details please email: [susan.longhurst@bromleydeanery.org](mailto:susan.longhurst@bromleydeanery.org).

## Communication Pillar

### Web Streaming at St James'

Fr David would like to invite you to a meeting on Monday 22nd October, 8pm in the community centre to discuss the parish web streaming. All parishioners welcome.

## Finance Pillar

### Fundraising by shopping online

Several parishioners over the last few years have helped the parish by raising donations through **easyfundraising.org.uk**. A few days ago we reached the milestone of £3,000, for which we thank everyone who has made purchases that way. Over 3,400 retailers including Amazon, eBay, M&S, John Lewis, Argos, Booking.com, tour operators, now make donations on every purchase (from 0.5% to 5% of cost). The top supporter parishioner has raised £388 (all transactions are completely anonymous), so why not embrace the idea and help St James'? To get started, follow the item on the left menu bar of the parish website. Once you've registered, you have the option to install an automatic donation reminder in your browser to make sure no purchase misses its reward. Any questions, please contact [roger.wright@stjamespettswood.org](mailto:roger.wright@stjamespettswood.org). Thank you.

### Polite Reminders

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

Parking – Please be aware of our neighbours in the surrounding roads, please do not block driveways or double park your car.

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***

**27th October 2018**

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| <b>Cleaning the Church</b> | Altar Servers / Readers |
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**24th October  
Wednesday Coffee**

M Howell, S Barradell

**28th October 2018**

| <b>Mass</b> | <b>Saturday 6pm (Vigil)</b> | <b>Sunday 9.15am</b> | <b>Sunday 11am</b> |
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| <b>Welcomers</b> | J Callinan | L&J Samuels | S&J Ingle |
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| <b>Readers</b> | P Cantopher<br>J Bajorek | Children's Mass | M Ingledeu<br>N D'Silva |
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| <b>Ministers of Holy Communion</b> | C Wakefield<br>C Cosgrave<br>P Cosgrave<br>T Babb<br>B Babb | B Cotta<br>W David<br>B D'Arcy<br>T Forde<br>M Howell | J Chan<br>K Evans<br>A Evans<br>P May<br>S Ingle |
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| <b>Bar</b> |  |  | F Simon<br>B Fleeman |
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| <b>Coffee</b> |  | S Barradell<br>L Lynch | T Troy<br>J Cosgrave |
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| <b>Altar Servers</b> | Jude<br>Nathan<br>Peter | Lydia<br>Zacari<br>Aimee | Dejan<br>Valentino |
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| <b>Tellers</b> | C Delf, M Troy |
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