

<p>St James The Great Catholic Church, Peckham Rye. Fr. Jack 07909 140867 1<sup>st</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> June 2020</p>	<p><b>VOLUNTEERS.</b> The bishops are talking with the government about the possibility of opening. Hopefully it will happen soon. We need to be prepared. I would like 3 or 4 four volunteers to discuss what we may need to do here and plan the way forward. Send me a text please.</p>
<p><i>Dear Friends, I miss you all so much, praying that you are all keeping safe. Things seem to be fairly good in the parish TG. (to my knowledge) The great birthday of the church is coming up on Sunday, I have no cake, and even though we do not have sacramental communion we have the Holy Spirit who is the glue that binds all things together. That great spirit that <b>connects</b> everything. God is in all things and we need to stay connected to flowers, trees, art, music, sexuality, the sun, the stars, the sky at night, to prayer, to beauty, to positivity, to Sunday readings, to exercise, to useful relaxation, to kindness, to relationships.</i></p>	<p><b>NORMAL.</b> In many respects a return to the old normal is the last thing we need; avarice, over-production, global pollution, self-absorption and exploitation are all choking the life out of God's once green earth, our common home. *When a billion people, one fifth of the human race still do not have decent housing. *Where there are still 20 million Latin American children sleeping on the street. *When one out of every four human beings still have no access to drinking water. *Where there are still 40,000 people dying every day from hunger. Vaccine food/available. *Where we are still burning down rain forests, depleting the ozone layer that protects us from the sun, sending noxious gases into the atmosphere so they return to the earth as acid rain. Etc. etc.</p>
<p>ZOOM meeting on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June. Click in about 7.25p.m. <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89582758682">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89582758682</a></p>	<p>It is now the hour to wake up from sleep. The challenge to beat our swords into ploughshare has been around for centuries, to cast off the deeds of darkness. To prepare a better place for the coming of Christ. Amen.</p>
<p><i>The gospel is not idealism but realism plus. And we have got to hold the mystery without understanding it. At this time, I find that God can live in our emptiness. But staying connected as I said above and also "holding hands" with 2 or 3 other people, not just in service but in <b>solidarity</b>. As Jesus says; - "Where 2 or 3 people are gathered....." Don't forget the people in your own house partner, parents, children, brother, sister. Mother Theresa says: - "Souls of prayer are souls of great silence." Let us go forward in hope but truly in <b>humility</b>.  Lots of love and prayers, <i>Fr. Jack</i></i></p>	