

# NEWSLETTER

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Monday 16th November – Sunday 22nd November 2020

*Next Sunday is the feast of  
Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe.*

## CHURCH OPENING

I say mass everyday alone for all.

However the church is open for private prayer;-

1. During the week at the usual mass times.
2. Saturday 6 to 6.30
3. Sunday 8.30 to 12.30

### Fr Jack

We are all gifted in one way or another and some of us may feel we have been dealt a poor hand in life. Whether it be 5, 3 or 1, **appreciate what you have been given**. The real beauty of talents is not how many I have, but **how well do I use my talent**. We see many less well able people achieving great things with very little.

**But they are mega in their determination.**

We admire and congratulate people like them. As a young person growing up I was a fluent Irish speaker. I did not use it after leaving school and so I lost it. As we say; "Use it or lose it."

So the land owner, Jesus is going off to a distant land, heaven. He has totally **trusted** us and given us, as his people, everything we need to make the world a good place for everyone. He has given us the tools, wonderful creation, sacraments, prayer, each other and he has given us all different gifts, talents to take care of it.

Some of us could not manage five talents so Jesus, very kindly has given us what he knows 4, 3, 2, 1, according to our ability to be fruitful.

## DISCUSS

1. How well do you think we/you are doing?
2. Are you good at looking after things?
3. If someone asked you to look after something very valuable, what would you do?
4. What talent/s have you been given by God?
5. Do you use your talent well?
6. Has God given you too many/few talents?
7. Are you easy to live with?

*Death is not the opposite to Life, but  
the full process.*

## CONFIRMATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION.

*We have now finished registering people for the above sacraments. Thank you, you will be hearing from us shortly. Applications for baptism can be made any time.*

St Thomas More, Dulwich.

Parish Administrator – we are looking for a new recruit to run the parish office. This is a part-time role (20 hours per week). Working days and hours to be discussed. For further information, please email the parish office.

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Closing date: 16 November.

## BORNEO.... Love of our planet.

Intensive forest clearing over the last few decades, has caused an ecological disaster in the Malaysian state of Sarawak where both endangered species and indigenous ways of life are at risk of disappearing.

Al Jazeera interviewed Komeok Joe from the indigenous Penan people. He warned "It will destroy our rivers and medicines and prevent us from satisfying all of our needs in the forests on which we depend for our lives. We Penan communities reject any logging activities in our Baram territory," he added, referring to an area of the Baram River, which is a major source of source of nourishment for animals, plants and people.

Vast swathes of virgin forest have been cleared for timber and agricultural use on Borneo, the world's third-largest island whose jungles are among the most biodiverse areas on earth. These old-growth forests are home to such unique species as orangutans, sun bears and hornbills, all of which are critically endangered.

"Only half of Borneo's forest cover remains today, down from 75 percent in the mid-1980s, with a current deforestation rate of 1.3 million hectares per year."

However, the wanton exploitation of precious natural resources continues in key areas of Borneo inhabited by indigenous peoples. The subsistence livelihoods and traditional lifestyles of these local people are in danger of disappearing along with their forests.

Agricultural conglomerates reportedly continue to clear forested land for new palm oil plantations in what many ecologists have described as an ecological catastrophe on the island, which is shared by Malaysia, Indonesia and Brunei.

*The Finance Committee have decided to give  
£5000 to the Manna Centre on your behalf.*