

NEWSLETTER

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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday 4th January – Sunday 10th January 2021

Monday	10:00am	World Peace
Tuesday	10:00am	The Cry of Migrants <i>Epiphany of the Lord</i>
Wednesday	10:00am	Christians in China
	7:00pm	Peace in the World
Thursday	10:00am	Freedom from Addiction
Friday	10:00am	Respect for the Planet
Saturday	6:00pm	The Maritime World <i>Baptism of the Lord</i>
Sunday	8:30am	Deceased Friends
	10:00am	Jim Feeney R.I.P
	12:00noon	People of the Parish

POPE FRANCIS

You can have flaws, be anxious, and even be angry, but do not forget that your life is the greatest enterprise in the world. Only you can stop it from going bust. Many appreciate you, admire you and love you. Remember that to be happy is not to have a sky without a storm, a road without accidents, work without fatigue, relationships without disappointments. To be happy is to find strength in forgiveness, hope in battles, security in the stage of fear, love in discord. It is not only to enjoy the smile, but also to reflect on the sadness. It is not only to celebrate the successes, but to learn lessons from the failures. It is not only to feel happy with the applause, but to be happy in anonymity. Being happy is not a fatality of destiny, but an achievement for those who can travel within themselves. To be happy is to stop feeling like a victim and become your destiny's author. It is to cross deserts, yet to be able to find an oasis in the depths of our soul.

*It is to thank God for every morning, for the miracle of life. Being happy is not being afraid of your own feelings. It's to be able to talk about you. It is having the courage to hear a "no". It is confidence in the face of criticism, even when unjustified. It is to kiss your children, pamper your parents, to live poetic moments with friends, even when they hurt us. To be happy is to let live the creature that lives in each of us, free, joyful and simple. It is to have maturity to be able to say: "I made mistakes". It is to have the courage to say "I am sorry". It is to have the sensitivity to say, "I need you". It is to have the ability to say "I love you". May your life become a garden of opportunities for happiness ... That in spring may it be a lover of joy. In winter a lover of wisdom. And when you make a mistake, start all over again. For only then will you be in love with life. You will find that to be happy is not to have a perfect life. But use the tears to irrigate tolerance. Use your losses to train patience. Use your mistakes to sculptor serenity. Use pain to plaster pleasure. Use obstacles to open windows of intelligence. Never give up Never give up on people who love you. Never give up on happiness, for life is an incredible show.**

(Pope Francis). Happy new year!

For all your gifts, financial, cards and otherwise.

For your love, cooperation, friendship and support over the year, I believe we have all grown stronger in the Lord.

Thank you for all you do for the building of God's Kingdom here in Peckham Rye.

May we grow stronger and more prayerful in 2021.

Lots of love,

Fr Jack