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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	10:00am	Intention of Leroy Amon
Tuesday	10:00am	Intention of Estrella
Wednesday	10:00am	Tolentino RIP
	7:00pm	RCIA Meeting All Welcome
Thursday	10:00am	Liturgy of the Word
Friday	10:00am	Intention of Cordelia
Saturday	6:00pm	Fruitful Academic Year
<i>Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>		
Sunday	8:30am	People of the Parish
	10:00am	Jean Oncho RIP
	12:00noon	Queen Elizabeth RIP

HER MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH. RIP.

There is a great sadness at this time. For me, one of the high points of her 70 years of service was her humble yet powerful symbolic acts of reconciliation during her state visit to Ireland. Reaching across the centuries of division and conflict did much to foster a time of healing and peace making. An example and inspiration to all of us. May she rest in peace.

Humans have caused over 320 animal extinctions over the past 500 years. And are now in danger of extinction themselves.

Altar Servers

There will be a meeting next Saturday at 2pm for all servers, old and new. Anyone from class five upwards is very welcome.

To sin is human to forgive is divine.

Christmas

It seems early days, but we need to plan in time. Anyone with any ideas for a Christmas party on Christmas day, or a week or two before Christmas, or a party for anybody on their own. Please talk to Fr Jack.

Confirmation

Final call for applications for Confirmation, for anyone in class 9 and upwards. Please sign up immediately.

FR JACK

"Christians are usually sincere and well-intentioned people until you get to any real issues of ego, control power, money, pleasure, and security. Then they tend to be pretty much like everybody else. We often give a bogus version of the Gospel, some fast-food religion, without any deep transformation of the self; and the result has been the spiritual disaster of "Christian" countries that tend to be as consumer-oriented, proud, warlike, racist, class conscious, and addictive as everybody else—and often more so, I'm afraid."

Richard Rohr

That is a frightening comment from Richard Rohr. And yes, forgiveness is very difficult for many people... I don't like Fr Jack, so I will go to Thomas More/Sacred Heart.

People may run away from St James' and Fr Jack as far as Timbuktu, to continue practicing a fast-food religion but they will never be able to run away from themselves, from their own heart, or from Jesus Christ or from eternity.

People may worship in the same church and ignore each other. We may even receive Christ in communion while not talking to our brother or sister.

We pray that like the prodigal son, "they will come to their senses and return to their father's house." The house of forgiveness.

"Forgive us our trespasses like we forgive others their offences." To expect forgiveness from God we must be ready to forgive.

Sincere thanks from Fr Mario and the Comboni Missionaries for your very generous donation of £1001.37 last week.

Bereavement Support

"Grief in Loss, Hope in Christ" weekend for those who are in mourning. Emotions out of control, feeling at a loss, this weekend is a time for you. A space for you. Aylesford Priory 7-9th October. For enquiries, please telephone Aylesford Priory 01622 717272.