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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	10:00am	Special Intention
Tuesday	10:00am	Intention of Donat Family
Wednesday	10:00am	Liturgy of the Word
	7:00pm	RCIA
Thursday	10:00am	Private Intention
Friday	10:00am	Intention of Nicola Johnstone
Saturday	6:00pm	Peter and Ann RIP
Sunday	8:30am	People of the Parish
	10:00am	Tram Sam Che
	12:00noon	Peace and Harmony

A warm Welcome to Fr Melaku Tafesse

Fr Melaku will be standing in for me during the next two weeks, please do extend a BIG St James' welcome

Confirmandi and Parents

Thank you for continuing to send in your homily reflections each week, it is an important part of your preparation on your faith journey. Face to face confirmation sessions will commence on

Saturday 4th February 2023 4:30 – 6:00pm and concluding on the May half Term. Full programme with calendar of dates/sessions will be sent out shortly.

Flame CYMFed 2023

Flame Congress on Saturday 4 March 2023 at OVO Arena, Wembley the largest Catholic gathering of young people in England and Wales. The theme for this year – which is exactly 150 days before World Youth Day in Lisbon is taken from the WYD Scripture "Mary arose and went with haste" and crystallises it into the theme, "Rise Up!" Rise up after the pandemic, Rise up as young Catholics, Rise up – as Mary did – for the surprising and beautiful adventure that is our Catholic faith. This is open to everyone aged school year 9 through to University age. If you're interested see Sophie or Felishia

Remember the one thing that separates you from God, is the thought that you are separated.

FR Jack

Last week we heard we are beloved sons and daughters. Do I really hear it. John today declared openly that Jesus **baptised with the Holy Spirit.**

He is the one who gives us the extra dimensions to our life. The one who empowers us. The one who helps us, yes to engage,

1. with ourselves
2. with each other
3. with God.

After 50 years in the priesthood, where I often blamed myself for the failures of the parish, I now think there is a very different dynamic at work. Or should I say not at work.

Many of us do not want to engage. Still very much on the personal salvation route. Please consider do you engage with fellow parishioners, fellow brothers and sisters here in St James. We are all on this journey together and if we travel together, it is so much more enjoyable.

Act of Contrition/Sorrow

"Oh my God because you are so good I am very sorry that I have sinned against You and with the help of your grace I will not sin again." Every Christian should know the above. Parents teach your children.

Pilgrimage

A number of people are interested in going on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land some time after Easter. Could be expensive in the region of £1,800 let us know your thoughts. Maybe we could go else where if it's cheaper Knock, Medjugorje, Fatima.....