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### MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	10:00am	Intention of Zac
Tuesday	10:00am	Holy Souls
Wednesday	10:00am	Liturgy of the Word
Thursday	10:00am	Intention of Cordelia
Friday	10:00noon	Holy Souls
Saturday	06:00pm	Private intention
Sunday	08:30am	Spread of the Gospel
	10:00am	People of the parish
	12:00noon	That Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, transforming human relationships in a very deep way and opening to the encounter with God and all their brothers and sisters.

### A BIG THANK YOU

To all those who helped make last Sunday's Parish Day such a joyful and successful day. It was wonderful to see the way people worked together and co-operated for the good of the whole parish. It is this kind of effort that makes St James' Parish a such a great parish. Thank you all once again.

### Praying by painting

Charlotte will be with us this and every *Monday evening 7pm to 8.30pm* **All welcome to join.**

### Books for Prisoners

Anyone with modern novels in eastern European languages: **Albanian, Bulgaria, Polish, Romanian**, etc please bring to church for prisoners.

### Volunteer DBS Renewals

DBS Certificates are now due for renewal for many of our Volunteers, so if it has been 3 years or more since your last renewal, please collect your renewal Memo from the Sacristy. This applies to Extraordinary Ministers, Catechists, Childrens Liturgy, Legion of Mary, Pastoral Support Assistants, SVP. –

*Lorna (Parish Safeguarding Representative)*

## Fr Jack

As a farmer's son, today's parable speaks volumes to me. In November you ploughed the land, spread fertilizer, later on ploughed again, harrowed, rotavated and then you were ready to plant six months later. Beautiful soil well broken and land fertilised to receive the golden grain. My father would lift it up and let it flow through his hand like dry sand blowing in the wind. Beautiful. In Ireland with rain and sun you could look forward to a good harvest. Still more work to be done with spraying and keeping the birds away with scarecrows. **Most of the work was done in preparing the land.** No preparation and the planting was a waste of time and certainly no harvest.

*Do you understand me?*

*Are you hearing me?*

If we do not prepare for our mass/readings then even the greatest of preachers are wasting their time. Yes, many people will say great sermon, Fr Jack, but by the time they get home the cares of the world take over.

***Read the readings again and make them their own.***

***NO PREPARATION, NO RESULTS.***

***DO I LIVE IN A WORLD OF REALITY OR A WORLD OF PERCEPTION?***

## Stella Maris

Is the Catholic charity supporting seafarers worldwide. They provide practical and pastoral care to all seafarers, regardless of nationality or belief. 90% of the world trade is transported by ship, the life of a modern seafarer can be dangerous and lonely. £500 has been donated to this worthy cause on your behalf.