

# St James the Great - Peckham Rye

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Mon 29<sup>th</sup> April to Sun 5<sup>th</sup> May 2024

## Mass Intentions

Mon 10:00am Emily Appah  
Tues 10:00am Int. of Ellen Suttcliffe  
Weds 10:00am Liturgy of the Word  
Thurs 10:00am Int. of Betty McAnley  
Fri 10:00am Peace  
Sat 06:00pm Understanding  
Sun 08:30am Maria Minh Tamrip  
10:00am Int. of James  
12:00noon People of the Parish

## Mary Our Mother

In her The Word became flesh. In her womb. We listen to The Word of God from the Bible day after day and if The Word is to become real, which it must, then it must become real in us. My hands helping, my words encouraging, my talk meaningful. Christ must live in me in a very real fleshy way. Not just words. If I say wine a million times a day it will not make me drunk. And if I say Jesus a million times a day it will not make me Christian. Words, words, words. Instead of Action, action, action. The month of May is Mary's month. Say the rosary or some other devotion to build your relationship with your/our mother.

## FR JACK

Today's gospel sums it all up. Am I connected to the vine? Truly am I connected to Jesus Christ? Why go to church, why help the poor, why visit the sick, why give money, why feed the hungry, why welcome the stranger?? Why? Why? Why? Why? Because they are your brothers and sisters. You believe in Jesus Christ and your relationship with him depends on your relationship with your brothers and sisters. The spirit is our internal dynamo leading us on to greater things. Why is an irrelevant question to the believer. To those who don't believe no explanation is adequate. To those who believe no explanation is necessary.

## A Challenge

A blatant contradiction between message and action is holding us back in every part of the world. Christians too often preach a self-absorbed gospel of piety and religiosity, rather than a "lifestyle gospel;". The gospel is so radical that if we truly believed its message, it would call into question all the assumptions we currently hold about the way we live, how we use our time, whom we relate to, how we marry and how much money we have. Everything we think and do would be called into question and viewed in a new way.

*Knowing yourself is the beginning of all wisdom.*

## Ellen Suttcliffe of Marsden Rd.

Ellen asked me to let you know she is now in *Rose Court Nursing Home, 253 lower Road, SE8 5DN.* She would appreciate a visit.

## First Communion

Will take place on **4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> May.**

**The London Migrant Workers Mass & Feast of St Joseph the Worker**  
**On Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May at 12:30pm**  
At St George's Cathedral.

## Job Vacancies

St Philomena's Catholic High School for Girls, in Surrey is seeking to appoint the following positions for an immediate start: *Teaching Assistant (LSA) & Examination Invigilator.* Further details and an application form are can be downloaded on <https://www.stphils.org.uk/join-us/vacancies> or contact HR on **020 8642 2025**