

# NEWSLETTER

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Monday 18th November – Sunday 24th November 2019

<b>Monday</b>	<b>10:00am</b>	+ Michael Bowen R.I.P
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>10:00am</b>	Fr James Kirby R.I.P
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>10:00am</b>	Liturgy of the Word
	<b>7:00pm</b>	Jadwiga R.I.P
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>9:30am</b>	<b>Requiem</b>
		<b>Grace Fernando R.I.P</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>10:00am</b>	In Thanksgiving
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>6:00pm</b>	Holy Souls
<b>Sunday</b>	<i>Thirty-fourth week in Ordinary Time</i>	
<b>8:30am</b>	Ruggeri family	
<b>10:00am</b>	World Peace	
<b>12 noon</b>	People of the Parish	

**Confessions 2 – 4pm every Saturday,**  
**but can be organised anytime,**  
**text 07909 140867**

*It is with great sadness that we announce*

***Christina 'Gracie' Fernando***

passed away on 4<sup>th</sup> November 2019.

*She was 81 years old and had been a long standing parishioner here at St James' for over 60 years, having been married here when she was aged 25.*

Her funeral service is at 9.30am on 21<sup>st</sup> November. All welcome.

*She will be greatly missed.*

## Public Consultation

Southwark Council is consulting the community on a strategy to tackle loneliness and social isolation. They would like to hear views on how to make Southwark a more inclusive place to live.

[www.southwark.gov.uk/letstalkloneliness](http://www.southwark.gov.uk/letstalkloneliness)

## Youth Mass

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November is the feast of Christ the King and Youth Sunday. All the parish youth will be playing a special part at all the masses, but especially at 12 noon, where the confirmation group will take a lead role in the liturgy. We also hope that many families will bring along food for sharing on the day.

Fr Jack

There is no biblical basis for a hope in inevitable progress. Nowhere in the Bible does it say that things will gradually get better until at last the kingdom is present, and in fact it is closer to the biblical truth to say that things will get worse before they get better.

Consider, for example, the matter of deaths caused by war: in the 18th century, about 4 million people died in wars; in the 19th century, about 8 million people died in wars; in the 20th century, nearly 100 million people died in wars.

We know that the Lord comes to rule the earth with justice. The scales will be balanced in the end, and in the meantime we must live out our faith that God's plans for us are peace and not disaster.

In today's world, including the world of economics, the prevailing picture is one destined to lead us more quickly toward death rather than one of concern for true development which would lead all toward a more human life.

God speaks through the events of life but he does not cause them.

**OUR JOB IS TO SEE WHERE THE FINGER OF GOD IS WORKING IN ALL THESE EVENTS.**

***The dictionary is the only place where success comes before work.***

## Christmas Card Competition

All children aged 6 to 11 are invited to design a Christmas card and submit an entry to The Centre for Catholic Formation by Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December.

Six winners will be chosen to receive a Jesse Box.

Please visit [www.ccftootingbec.org.uk](http://www.ccftootingbec.org.uk) for more information.

## Memorial Mass

Archbishop John will be celebrating a Memorial Mass on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November at 12.30pm in St George's Cathedral for four diocesan priests whose funerals took place outside the diocese during 2019:

Father Alexander Fraser, Father Seamus Hetherington, Father Patrick (Paddy) Murtagh and Father James (Jim) Kirby.

*All welcome, please let Fr Jack know if you wish to attend.*