St JAMES THE GREAT

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| Parish Diary and Mass Intentions

Saturday, 7th November (The Dedication of the Cathedral Church of Saint George)
Second Collection – Archbishop's Appeal
5.00 pm Confessions
6.00 pm Ian Goldsmith RIP (Wyse Family)

Sunday, 8th November (Thirty-Second Sunday)
Second Collection – Archbishop's Appeal
9.15 am Elizabeth (Betty) Said RIP (T Robinson)
11.00 am Mary Simon (F Simon)
Yildray (Ray) Osman RIP (Troy Family)

Monday, 9th November (The Dedication of The Lateran Basilica)
10.00 am Agnes Poyser RIP (E Theodore)
Deceased members of Cardoza Family
11.00am Lectio Divina – Via Zoom

Tuesday, 10th November (Saint Leo the Great)
10.00 am Paul Cosgrave RIP (Marshall Family)
Deceased members of Jackson Family
11.00 am Meditation in the church

Wednesday, 11th November (Saint Martin of Tours)
10.00 am Tom Gillin RIP (M O'Mahony)
Deceased members of Dunsmore Family
10.45 am Eucharistic Adoration
1.30 pm Companions Club in the Community Centre

Thursday, 12th November (Saint Josaphat)
10.00am Deceased Priests (H Marvell)
Deceased members of Tan Family

Friday, 13th November (Feria)
No Mass from St James'. Please note that St Edmund Beckenham will live stream their Mass at 10.00 am.

Saturday, 14th November (Feria)
5.00 pm Confessions
6.00 pm Margaret & Des Kelly RIP (Davey Family)

Sunday, 15th November (Thirty-Third Sunday)
9.15 am People Of The Parish
11.00 am Deceased Members of Knights of St Columba
Christine Adams RIP (E Chavannes)

| Mass Attendance last week
421 attendees

| Offertory Collection
Thank you for your offerings last week of **£513.53**
(Please note this is the cash offerings only and does not include any standing orders we have received).

| November Second Collections

8th November – Archbishop's Appeal

22nd November – Catholic Youth Service

29th November – Building Fund

Parishioners who wish to give money via standing order should use the following references –

Offertory – OF/GAN*/ Name

Archbishop's Appeal – AA/ Gan*/Name

Catholic Youth Service – CYS/Gan*/Name

Building Fund – BF/GAN*/Name

*Gift Aid Number

| Food Bank Appeal
Urgent needs this week: Long life desserts, UHT milk, Bleach, Sugar, Ladies Deodorant, multi surface sprays & wipes, Soap, Razors.

| Parish AGM Minutes
Printed copies of the Parish Annual General Meeting (AGM) minutes are available at the back of the church and will also be published on the parish website.

| Notices

Month of The Holy Souls
During November, we remember and pray for our departed loved ones. Please collect an envelope from the church entrance, write the names of those you wish to remember, and return it to Fr Daniel or the Parish Office. Masses will be offered for them throughout November.

Cake Sale
3rd Petts Wood Cubs will be holding a cake sale after the 9.15am and 11am Masses to raise funds for Guide Dogs. Please support them if you can!

Pondering the Word (Lectio Divina)
Join us on Mondays, 11am–12 noon (except Bank Holidays), via Zoom for a quiet reflection on the following Sunday's Gospel. Contact the Parish Office for the Zoom link. All welcome!

Book Group
Join us on Wednesday 11 November (*The Things We Never Say* by Elizabeth Strout) or Thursday 10 December (*Just Sayin* by Malorie Blackman). Sessions run from 7.30–9pm, starting with a cup of tea. All welcome!

Mass for Deceased Priests
Thursday 12th November, 12.30pm Mass at the Cathedral

Film Night, 14 November
Join us for *Goodnight Mr Tom*, set during the Second World War. The Community Centre and bar open at 7pm, with the film starting at 7.30pm (101 minutes).
Advance Notice: December's Film Night will be on Saturday 5 December. Details to follow.

Social Club AGM – Sunday 15 November
The Community Centre (Social Club) AGM will take place after the 11am Mass. All welcome.

Memorial Mass – Sunday 15 November
Our annual Memorial Mass will take place at 3pm at St James, remembering loved ones who have died in the past year. To include a loved one, please provide their name to the Pastoral Care Team or Parish Office. A votive candle will be prepared for collection before Mass.

Taizé Taster Session – Saturday 21 November
Join us in the church from 2–4pm to try Taizé chants. Whether you sing, play or are simply curious, all are welcome! Refreshments included.

Advent Wreath Making – Wednesday 25 November
Join us in the Community Centre, 10.30am–12.30pm. Oasis rings, candleholders and candles available to purchase from the repository.

First Holy Communion and Confirmation Applications
Email the Parish Office for 2027 application packs. Completed forms must be submitted by **Thursday 26 November**.

Catholic Primary School Applications
For Catholic Certificates of Practice, please submit all paperwork, your child's baptism certificate and a family photo to the Parish Office (281A Crescent Drive) by **Friday 27 November** for Fr Daniel to sign.

CWL Military Whist Drive – Saturday 28 November
Join us at 7pm for a 7.30pm start. Beginners welcome! Tickets £5, available after weekend Masses. Bar and raffle available; bring your own snacks. Children must be accompanied by an adult and able to participate. Proceeds support CWL charities.

Christmas Fair – Sunday 13 December
Volunteers needed! Sign-up sheets are at the back of the church and in the Community Centre. Donations of raffle prizes, bottles and sweets are welcome and can be left at the Parish Office or in the church donation box.

Gold Stars of Remembrance
Gold Stars are available in Our Lady's Chapel and will be placed on the Christmas tree for the Carol Concert on Sunday 20 December at 3pm. To remember a loved one, contact the Pastoral Care Team or Parish Office. Stars from previous years are retained.

Bromley Food Bank Christmas Appeal
Donations of festive treats, including mince pies, chocolates, sweets, Christmas cake and tinned ham, are welcome to help provide Christmas hampers for local families. Thank you for your generosity!

Christmas Items in the Repository
Christmas cards, Advent calendars, Advent candles and 2027 diaries are now available to purchase.

Friday Adoration – 4 December
Join us for Adoration from 6–7pm.

Sleeping Bag Appeal
The Parish Office is collecting unwanted sleeping bags to donate to a homeless charity. All donations welcome.

Parish Registration
If you do not think you are registered please complete the form on our website:
https://stjamespettswood.weebly.com/database.html

Westminster Cathedral Chorister Opportunities
Boys entering Years 4 or 5 can apply to join Westminster Cathedral Choir School, with fee discounts of up to 100%. A Zoom information session takes place on **Wednesday 18 November at 6.30pm**. Register at https://tinyurl.com/2zsf92j8 or visit www.choirschool.com.

Westminster Cathedral Interfaith Group
Join us on **Wednesday 18 November, 1.30–3pm**, in the Hinsley Room, Morpeth Terrace, to discuss Pope Leo XIV's *Magnifica Humanitas*. Refreshments provided. All welcome!

More on our website Find **parish news, event details, sacramental forms** and **hall bookings** on our website: **stjamespettswood.weebly.com**