

## **CHURCH OF ST JAMES**

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### **NEWSLETTER 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT, LAETARE SUNDAY**

*The Bishops of England and Wales have suspended all public Masses until further notice. Baptisms, Marriages, Confirmation, First Holy Communion and Communion of the Sick are deferred. The Sacrament of Reconciliation may be heard in situations which account of distancing and hygiene.*

**CORONA VIRUS : THE CHURCH WILL BE OPEN** for private, prayer, lighting of candles and access to publications. In the event of other people being in church, please take account of distancing and hygiene.

**PLEASE ENSURE YOUR HANDS ARE CLEAN** if you come to church. Please especially check your children's hands; sanitisers are available by the doors into the church, and in the archway into the church straight ahead as you enter the church.

**Catch it - sneeze into a tissue ■ Bin it - bin the tissue Kill it.**

**Where do I get the latest information?** This is a rapidly evolving situation and latest updates can be found on the Gov.uk website here For the public <https://publichealthmatters.blog.gov.uk/2020/01/23/wuhannovel-coronavirus-what-you-need-to-know/> For professionals <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/wuhan-novelcoronavirus-background-information> The NHS has processes in place to manage cases where people may have or do have the virus.

**IF YOU HAVE HAD ANY CONTACT WITH THE VIRUS** directly or indirectly, please feel able to inform the parish office.

**Masses Online** We are trying to install a live streaming of mass or via youtube. However there are many instances of Mass being available these ways including from the Vatican. The web address for live streaming is [www.churchservices.tv](http://www.churchservices.tv).

**KEEPING ALIVE THE SPIRIT.** There are different ways of sustaining your spiritual life during the shut down of Masses e.g.

1. Praying together as a family at a fixed time
2. Paying a visit to the church for private prayer
3. Follow the Spiritual Communion cards [these are available in the church porch]
4. Making a little altar at home where you can reflect and pray
5. Saying the Rosary
6. Making use of prayer books eg 'My day by Day' for Lent and Easter [available for adults and juniors]
7. Using the Morning and Evening Prayer books which are in the church. This is the Prayer of the Church used at set times
8. Following the mass Mass through a missal
9. Bible reading

**HELP FOR THE VULNERABLE/ISOLATED** There has been a steady stream of volunteers offering their support in this way. Telephone contact is extremely important but some may require shopping which should be left at the door. Helpers should not be out of pocket and if necessary the parish will reimburse for any purchases made. Please contact the parish in the first instance if you want to be involved. *The Sussex Arms* is offering a £5 meal that can be delivered within a five mile radius. In some situations the charge may be waived.

**PARISH REACH OUT** It's extremely important for us that we keep parishioners informed of any useful information. Our main vehicle for this at present is the parish facebook page - St James, Twickenham. Thanks to all who have signed up to

this way of communicating. Please continue to send in your requests to join. At present we have about 270 members but it could be a lot more

**IN YOUR CHARITY PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF DONALD MCCARTHY AND PETER SMITH, EMERITUS ARCHBISHOP OF SOUTHWARK WHO HAVE DIED. DONALD MCCARTHY'S FUNERAL IS AT MORTLAKE CREMATORIUM ON TUESDAY AT .....**

**RICHMOND FOOD BANK NEED THE FOLLOWING ITEMS IN ORDER OF NEED: UHT MILK (1 LITRE), LONG LIFE FRUIT JUICE, SUGAR, MASHED POTATO (PACKET), RICE, TINNED FRUIT/PUDDINGS (400GMS), TINNED MEAT, COFFEE, JAM/MARMALADE, BREAKFAST CEREALS AND LAVATORY PAPER. BECAUSE OF PILFERING THE BOX IS NOW IN THE CHILDREN'S CHAPEL**

**PLEASE SUPPORT THE CARDINAL'S LENTEN APPEAL This Lent please give generously to strengthen marriage and family life, inspire young people in their faith and to serve those in need. Amongst projects supported are those for deprived children and marriages in difficulty. Please use the alms box which will be on the sanctuary from Ash Wednesday until Easter. Gift Aid envelopes are also available.**

**SETTLEMENT SCHEME FOR EUROPEAN CITIZENS All EU, EEA and Swiss citizens living in the UK are required by the government to apply through its Settlement Scheme to continue living, working and accessing services here. The deadline for applications is 30 June 2021. Details and links to the application process can be found at: [gov.uk/eusetledstatus](http://gov.uk/eusetledstatus) Please bring this to the attention of friends, family members and fellow parishioners who may need to apply. Information on assistance for those who may have difficulty applying is available at: [gov.uk/help-eu-settlement-scheme](http://gov.uk/help-eu-settlement-scheme) The Catholic Church in England and Wales stands in total solidarity with all fellow European citizens who have made their homes here. They are a most valued part of our parishes, schools and communities who enrich our lives and our faith.**

**HOST operates all year round we hope an Easter Appeal will gain your attention. Every year church communities offer us much-needed support. Please help us again this year. Will you consider inviting an international student to your home, a day (daytime only) or for a weekend? Share a meal, conversation and exchange cultural traditions and views of the world. It is so very rewarding for both host and student guest. Please consider becoming one of our volunteer hosts. We would very much welcome you to join us. Information can be found on our website: [www.hostuk.org](http://www.hostuk.org) Or email us on: [info@hostuk.org](mailto:info@hostuk.org) Or tel on: 020 7739 6292**

**INTERNATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS Budapest, 14-21 September 2020. Visit [www.IEC.tours](http://www.IEC.tours) or tel Tagney Tours 01732 886666**

### **OUR PRAYERS FOR TODAY**

**As a worshipping community we gather to pray to the Lord for all our needs**

**In this time of need we pray for unity in country, our locality and our parish.**

**As David was anointed to King to serve the Lord, we remember that through baptism we are anointed through our baptism to be people of service, and compassion.**

**In this time of darkness may we be people of the light.**

**By our witness may others be inspired to be people of healing and vision.**

**We especially pray for the people of Italy who have given so much to our Catholic Christian culture that be strengthened in this testing time.**

**We pray for all in positions of leadership and engaged in medical research that they may be people of compassion and care towards us all.**

**For all those struggling to find supplies, those with anxious about their jobs and who serve society in the medical world, social world and in so many other ways.**

**For all of those striving to manage their lives at this difficult time.**

### **THANK YOU FOR THE COLLECTION LAST WEEKEND**

**Total £; [Loose plate; £203.77 ; Envelopes £317.50; Standing Orders £ 983.36, *estimate* ] Refreshments £ 1.63; CAFOD £20; Cardinal's Lenten Appeal £19.26; donation £900**

### **PARISH FINANCIAL POSITION**

**We stand to lose a large portion of our income as a result of the shut down of masses. We can mitigate this if you feel able to give your offerings in other ways.**

- 1. Take out a standing order [E-mail the office for this to be arranged]**
- 2. Pay directly into our bank. Details are as follows:-  
WRCDT St James Church, HSBC UK, 69 Pall Mall, a/c no 01094831, sort code 40-05-20**
- 3. Drop your gift aid envelopes/ordinary envelopes through the the presbytery door**