

St James the Great Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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"Doing our best for God, for others and for ourselves"

Friday 27th March 2026



When they were near Jerusalem, Jesus sent two disciples into a nearby village to collect a donkey. He said to them, "If anyone stops you, tell them that it is for the Lord, and that the donkey will be returned." So the disciples went out and did as Jesus had told them. They brought the donkey and Jesus sat on it. As he set off, great crowds of people spread their cloaks on the road, while others were spreading palm branches on the path in front of him. The crowds were all shouting, "Hosanna! Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heavens!" When Jesus entered Jerusalem, everyone was excited and some asked, "Who is this?" "This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee" was the reply.

DATES

HALF TERM DATES

Monday 30th March to
Monday 13th April

Tuesday 14th April

ALL BACK TO SCHOOL!

St James the Great Church
Peckham
Mass times - Holy week

Maundy Thursday 2nd April

10am - Children's liturgy
8pm - Mass of the Last
Supper

Good Friday 3rd April

10am - Children's Stations of
the Cross
10:30am - Procession of
Witness with other churches
to Peckham Square
3pm - Liturgy of The Passion

Holy Saturday 4th April

10am - Annual Spring
cleaning of the Church -
EVERYONE NEEDED
8pm - Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday 5th April

8:30am - Private Intention
mass
10:30am - People of the
Parish mass
12pm - Thanksgiving mass



WE WISH YOU ALL A VERY HAPPY EASTER!

**PLEASE TRY TO COME TO CHURCH DURING THE EASTER HOLIDAY
Have a look at the timetable for Parish below!**



Palm Sunday | 29th March - Masses as usual - 8:30am, 10am, 12pm

On Palm Sunday we recall Jesus' journey into Jerusalem on a donkey. The crowd waved palm leaves and covered his path with them. We remember this with crosses made from palm leaves. Today also marks the beginning of Holy Week.

Maundy Thursday | 2nd April - 10am Children's Liturgy; 8pm Mass of the Last Supper

It is the day that commemorates Jesus Christ's Last Supper with his disciples and reminds us of the importance of humility, selflessness, and service to others. The word Maundy comes from the Latin, mandatum, or command, which refers to the instructions Jesus gave his disciples at the Last Supper. Jesus commanded that people should love one another, and then washed the feet of his disciples as an act of kindness.



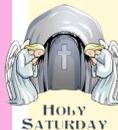
Good Friday | 3rd April - 10am Children's Stations of the Cross; 10:30am Procession to Peckham Square; 3pm Liturgy of The Passion

It is the day Christ was sacrificed on the cross, a day for sorrow, penance, and fasting. When Jesus was executed he sacrificed his own life so that everyone can be forgiven for their sins.



Holy Saturday | 4th April - 10am Annual Spring Cleaning of the Church; 8pm Easter Vigil

It ends the Lenten season, falling on the day before Easter Sunday. It marks a time of waiting and preparation. Today, the sorrow of Jesus dying is replaced by a quiet hope. Today is a day to imagine you are waiting at the tomb with Jesus. We are told that today "All creation holds its breath." There is a stillness about this day.



Easter Sunday | 5th April - Masses as usual - 8:30am, 10am, 12pm

Easter Sunday marks Jesus' resurrection.

After Jesus was crucified on the Friday his body was taken down from the cross and buried in a cave tomb. The tomb was guarded by Roman soldiers and an enormous stone was put over the entrance. On Sunday Mary Magdalene and some of Jesus' disciples visited the tomb. They found the stone had been moved and that Jesus' body had gone. Jesus was seen later that day by Mary and the disciples, and for forty days afterwards by many people.



JESUS HAD RISEN FROM THE DEAD!

It's been a busy and exciting week in Nursery! We were delighted to welcome parents for a special maths session, where we shared fun and practical ways to support and develop children's mathematical vocabulary at home. The children also enjoyed celebrating the arrival of spring and Easter with a lovely picnic, where they tucked into watermelon, crackers, bananas and juice while exploring the changes in the season around them. We finished the week on a high with a very exciting Easter egg hunt! It's been a joyful few days filled with learning, exploration and celebration.



MATH
WorkShop
FOR PARENTS



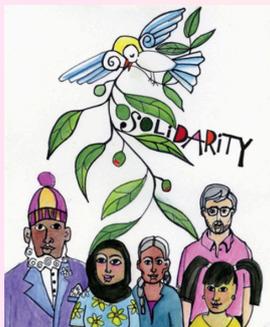
Year 6

Isle of Wight trip

Gentle reminder to please come see us in the office if you have yet to pay the installements for the upcoming Isle of Wight residential trip.



Alter Servers 48th Annual Rally
The Friars, Aylesford Priory Kent
Monday 4th May 2026
Full day 8am-5pm
Please let Fr Jack know if you are interested



Focus of Year 3

Virtue we live by
FRIENDSHIP

I AM A GOOD FRIEND
when

I am friendly.

I treat others as I want to be treated.

I show an interest in others.

I ask people about themselves.

I say kind and loving words.

I show my friends love.

I share my time and things with others.

I help my friend when they are in need.

I do little things for others that make them happy.

I forgive my friend.

We believe in - 'Solidarity'

Solidarity arises when we remember that we belong to each other.

We reflect on this in a special way at Mass.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church states, "The Eucharist commits us to the poor.

To receive in truth the Body and Blood of Christ given up for us, we must recognise Christ in the poorest."

Solidarity spurs us to stand side by side with our sisters and brothers, especially those living in poverty.



St James the Great Award



GOLD STAR

- Year 1 - Daphne
- Year 2 - Elliott
- Year 3 - Princess
- Year 5 - Sultan
- Year 6 - Elmer

Well done Everyone!
St James the Great, Pray for us.



STUBBERS ADVENTURE CENTRE



Year 4

