

Psalm Response: Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

SUN 3rd Feb: 4th O Time
 1st R. Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19
 2nd R. 1 Corinth.12:31-13:13
 Gospel: Luke 4:21-30

Please read these readings at home and listen to them at next Sunday's Mass.

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Parish Liturgies for the week commencing 27th Jan

Saturday	3rd Sunday Ordinary Time	
SJ (Vigil Mass)	6.00pm	Paixao & Virginia D'Souza RIP
Sunday	3rd Sunday Ordinary Time	
SW	9.00am	Tim Cawley - get well
SJ	11.00am	Andrew Petz RIP
SW (Uni students)	6.00pm	(Led by Fr Stan)
Monday	ST THOMAS AQUINAS	
SJ	12.15pm	Funeral Mass: Vera Kochman
Tuesday	NO MASS	
Wednesday	3rd week of ordinary time	
SJ	12.15pm	Bryan & Antony McDonagh RIP
Thursday	ST JOHN BOSCO	
SJ	12.15pm	Dec. parishioners of St James
Friday	3rd week of ordinary time	
SJ	12.15pm	Jan Sabol RIP
Next Saturday	4th Sunday Ordinary Time	
SJ (Vigil Mass)	6.00pm	Ivy & Bert Millam
Next Sunday	4th Sunday Ordinary Time	
SW	9.00am	People of the parish
SJ	11.00am	Jimmy Knox RIP
SW (Uni students)	6.00pm	(Led by Fr Richard)
Confessions	SJ Saturday 5pm - 5.45pm	
Rosary - weekdays	SJ Mon to Thu after 12.15pm Mass	
Exposition	SJ Friday 12.45pm to 1.45pm	

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The Roman Catholic Parish of
St James and St William of York
 Reading



27th January 2019
3rd Sunday Ordinary Time

Fr John writes:

“SO THAT YOU MAY KNOW THE TRUTH”

Today we begin reading the Gospel according to Luke. We hear of Jesus attending the service at his local synagogue. He sets out his ‘Manifesto for Ministry’. Reading from Isaiah, Jesus tells the people that he is the fulfilment of these words. For us, this passage is as relevant today as it was at the time of Jesus. Sadly people still await liberation, the oppressed are not free. May I ask; who are these today? How has the message of Jesus been good news for you, freed you, given you new sight or revealed God’s favour to you? What is all this saying to me today?

Good News
GOD
LOVES YOU

ALPHA - IS THERE MORE TO LIFE THAN THIS ?

The **ALPHA** course will begin with a taster and information evening on **Monday 29th April** and subsequently run every Monday in May, June & July. I would like to ask you today to consider joining us for these **ALPHA** sessions. Each evening will begin with a light meal, followed by an interesting video exploring various topics around the Christian faith and ending with a discussion in small groups. Please **“COME AND SEE”**, explore with us and allow the Spirit of God to guide you. Our experience of **ALPHA** last year was very positive, many moved to a much deeper love of Jesus Christ, to have a passion for their faith. Sign up sheets at back of the church. **Please join us this time!**



HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY—TODAY

This year, the theme chosen is **“TORN FROM HOME”** it invites us to reflect on what it must be like to be forced out of what we know as “home”. Millions of Jews and others were sent to concentration camps where they were used as slave labour. Millions were murdered as part of the Nazi organised program of annihilation. As we keep the memory of the past alive, we pray that the future may be free from hatred and prejudice of all kinds.



Welcome
 It's great to have you with us

Royal Berkshire Hospital
 Chaplain: *Fr JP Lyttle*
 RBH: 322 7105
 Parish: 957 2149

This Sun 27th January
3rd Sunday Ordinary Time
RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY

2nd COLLECTION – The Cathedral
Fr PJ Smith, the new Cathedral Dean, declares ‘our Cathedral needs 1 million pounds’ to ensure that the cathedral roofs are water tight, it is brought in-line with health & safety regulations and deterioration of electrical systems are replaced.’

APPEAL FOR SINGERS at 11am Mass.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CHILDREN to have a special part in the Masses. Parent & child Session at 3pm at St Williams.



ECUMENICAL SERVICE TO PRAY FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY at Our Lady of Peace at 3pm.

UNIVERSITY CHAPLAINCY MASS at St Williams at 6pm.

RECENTLY DIED Vera Kochman, of Bader Court, Howth Drive, Woodley. Funeral Mass on Mon 28th Jan at 12.15pm. Our sympathy to her family. **May she rest in peace.**



SHARING OUR FAITH CONNECT GROUP to meet after Mass on Wed 30th Jan in Barberi Room.

FEAST OF ST JOHN BOSCO on Thu 31st Jan - congratulations to our fellow parishioners in Woodley.

UCM to meet after Mass on Thu 31st Jan in Barberi Room for ‘Armchair exercises with Cate’.

JOURNEY IN FAITH Are you interested in being Confirmed, Baptised as an adult or seeking to know more about the Catholic faith? Join us on Thu 31st Jan in St James Presbytery at 7.30pm.



PRAISE & WORSHIP on Fri 1st Feb 7.30-9.00pm at English Martyrs Church.

FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD On Sat 2nd Feb—also called Candlemas Day which commemorates the time Mary & Joseph presented Jesus in the Temple to consecrate him to God. They meet Simeon & Anna who are inspired to recognise Jesus “as a light for revelation to the gentiles and glory for your people of Israel” (Luke 2:23). This sparked the tradition of blessing candles for the year.



BAPTISM PREPARATION on Sat 2nd Feb St James Church at 10am-11.15am.

Next Sun 3rd February
4th Sunday Ordinary Time

MISSION APPEAL We welcome Fr Melaku, an Ethiopian Comboni missionary priest, who will be making the mission appeal at all Masses. This year the Comboni Missionaries are the designated missionary order to make the mission appeal in our diocese.

READING—CLONMEL IRL LINK We welcome the visitors from Clonmel Civic Authority to our 11am Mass.

BAPTISMS at 1pm at St James

UNIVERSITY CHAPLAINCY MASS at St Williams at 6pm.

RECENTLY DIED Josefa Mabanta, of Henley. Cremation Service on Mon 4th Feb at 2.30pm. Our sympathy to her daughters. **May she rest in peace.**



READING COMMUNITY GOSPEL CHOIR CONCERT in aid of Next Generation Christian Foundation, funding education for disadvantaged children in Nigeria. On Sat 9th Feb at 7.30pm Concert at Our Lady of Peace Church. Tickets £10 adults, under 18s free, available from 0118 9663711

READERS TRAINING on Sat 16th Feb 10am-11am at St James. For existing & new Readers at our weekend Masses.



“ON FIRE!” PRAYER & HEALING SERVICE - on Sat 16th Feb fro 5-7pm at St Joseph’s, Tilehurst. All welcome. Come for 2 hours or just for 10 minutes.

CAFOD FAST DAY BRIEFING on Mon 18th Feb 7:15pm at Christ the King church. To book your place call 01252 329385

NEW EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION TRAINING DAY for Reading parishes on Sat 2nd March at 9.30am–12.30pm at St James church. Led by Fr John and Ann Hogg.



WANTED FLOWER ARRANGERS to join our team on Saturday mornings. A little knowledge of flower arranging would be helpful. However training can be given. Also to help with wedding flowers. Contact Priscilla on 0118 9410117 / pearnshaw@outlook.com



GIVING BY STANDING ORDER At the start of a New Year it is good to review how we contribute to the Church. The best way of giving is by Standing Order, whereby a certain sum comes directly from your bank account each month. If you would like a standing order form please contact the parish office or fill in the white envelopes in the church and return. Thank you.

WANTED HELP WITH CHURCH CLEANING at St James on a Tuesday morning from 10am-12noon. Last week we had only three ladies over 80 cleaning the church. If you have a little time to spare on a Tue morning please pop along and help. It would be much appreciated.



SUNDAY MASS IN HOSPITAL Every Sunday in the RBH Chapel at 4pm. Patients, staff and visitors are all welcome.

CATHOLIC MARRIAGE CARE Marriage and Relationship Counselling. The Reading centre offers counselling with fully-trained counsellors. Further info: 0800 389 3801.

ENGAGED COUPLES are invited by Bishop Philip to attend a special St Valentines Breakfast and blessing at the Cathedral Portsmouth on Sat 16th Feb at 9.15am. Book via the parish office.

READING PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM - Sat 15th June (a change from our usual date in May). Please save the date. Full details to follow.



ORATORY SCHOOL at Woodcote will be accepting girls as well as boys from Sept 2020 for further details please go to www.oratory.co.uk

REGISTRATION FEE FOR EU CITIZENS LIVING IN THE UK has now been scrapped by the government. We are pleased that this unjust tax has been abandoned.

MOBILE PHONES please turn to ‘mute’ when in church—thank you.

WORLD YOUTH DAY Panama extends a global welcome to young Catholics from all over the world. Pope Francis is to celebrate the main Mass of the event. Apparently a carnival atmosphere, world cup-like celebrations are sweeping the country. Check into EWTN TV and see the celebrations with Pope Francis.

PARISH ADMINISTRATORS VACANCIES

CHRIST THE KING 15 Hours per week over 3 days. Phone 01189 314469 for details. Closing date 5th Feb.

ST JOHN BOSCO 25-30 hours per week. Phone 01189 693423 for details. Closing date 12th Feb.