

## Psalm Response: Seek the Lord you who are poor, and your hearts will revive.

### SCRIPTURE READINGS

SUN 21st July: 16th O Time  
 1st R. Genesis 18:1-10  
 2nd R. Colossians 1:24-28  
 Gospel: Luke 10:38-42

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

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**Royal Berkshire Hospital**  
 Chaplain: *Fr JP Lyttle*  
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**Sunday Mass 4.00pm**  
 Patients, staff & visitors welcome

On admission all Catholics should inform the hospital staff that they are Roman Catholic & if they wish to have Communion or see a priest. All arrangements in RBH are 'Patient Led'.

### Parish Liturgies for the week commencing 14th July

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>15th SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME</b>	
SJ (Vigil Mass)	6.00pm	Bernard Emilio Fernandes RIP
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>15th SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME</b>	
SW	9.00am	Margaret Mary Tanner RIP
SJ	11.00am	Thanksgiving 50th anniversary of ordination of Fr John
<b>Monday</b>	ST SWITHUN	
SJ	12.15pm	Patrick & Nancy Ward RIP
<b>Tuesday</b>	NO MASS	
<b>Wednesday</b>	ST BONAVENTURE	
SJ	12.15pm	James Smith—get well
<b>Thursday</b>	15th week ordinary	
SJ	12.15pm	William O'Neil RIP
<b>Friday</b>	15th week ordinary	
	12.15pm	Denis Daly RIP
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>16th SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME</b>	
SJ (Vigil Mass)	6.00pm	Alex Travasso RIP & Alexis McKenzie 1st birthday
<b>Next Sunday</b>	<b>16th SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME</b>	
SW	9.00am	Thanksgiving to the 13 blessed souls
SJ	11.00am	Bridgie Kennady RIP
<b>Confessions</b>	SJ - Saturday 5pm - 5.45pm	
<b>Rosary - weekdays</b>	SJ - Mon to Thu after 12.15pm Mass	
<b>Exposition</b>	SJ - Friday 11am to 12pm	

**PARISH PRIEST:** Canon John O'Shea  
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The Roman Catholic Parish of  
**St James and St William of York**  
 Reading



**14th July 2019**  
**15th Sunday Ordinary Time**

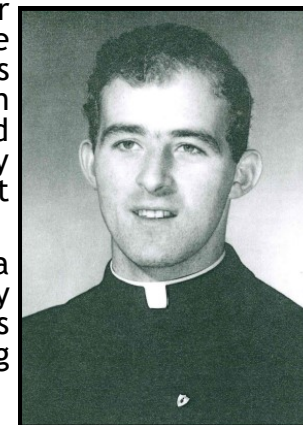
*Fr John writes:*

### 50th ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION

My thanks to you all for your good wishes, prayers, support, gifts and love on the 50th Anniversary of my Ordination to the Priesthood. I am pleased to celebrate with you this Mass of Thanksgiving and look forward to the Reception at St Joseph's College. I feel very embarrassed by all this attention—roll on Monday!

I was ordained on the 7th June 1969 in Carlow College, along with 23 others. Looking back it seems to have passed by so quickly and I find it hard to believe that 50 years have flown by. I have served in parishes in Bournemouth, Leigh Park Havant, Guernsey CI, Cosham, Southampton and finally to Reading. Having completed a years study on RE in Dundalk, I served for 11 years as advisor in Religious Education and Catechetics in the diocese. It was during these years that RCIA was launched, Sacramental Preparation was taken out of the schools and moved to the parishes and the training of people to be Ministers of Holy Communion began. After this I had a year at Loyola University in Chicago in 1991.

It has been a rich and varied experience as a priest and today I thank God for the many blessings and for the kind people in the parishes and schools who supported and loved me during the past 50 years.



### THE PARABLE OF THE GOOD SAMARITAN

Today's Gospel goes to the very heart of being a Christian—love of God and love of neighbour. One of the questions in this story is: Who offers correct worship to God? The emphasis is on action and compassion. The hero in the story is The Samaritan, seen to be an outcast. The story challenges us about how we react when we come face to face with a person in need. Sometimes we try to avoid getting involved. When were you last a neighbour to someone in need? Did you walk by on the other side?

### SEA SUNDAY

Today is Sea Sunday, when the Church prays for all those who live and work at Sea. There will be a second collection for Apostleship of the Sea, the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church.



**REUSE  
 REDUCE  
 RECYCLE**

**This Sun 14th July—SEA SUNDAY**  
**15th Sunday Ordinary Time**

**SECOND COLLECTION** Apostleship of the Sea.

**WELCOME RITE** at 6pm Vigil Mass

**11AM MASS OF THANKSGIVING**


**PARISH RECEPTION** at 12.30pm at St Joseph's College. RG1 5JT

**TAMIL MASS** at 5.00pm

**DAY OF PRAYER AND FASTING FOR 'LIFE'** on Mon 15th July please pray for the end to abortion in this country.

**ALPHA** to meet on Mon 15th June at 7.00pm at St James Church. 


**'CALLED & GIFTED' PLANNING MEETING** on Wed 17th June at 7.00pm in St James Presbytery. This is a process to enable us to discover and discern the charisms (gifts) that we have been given by the Holy Spirit for the service of others in everyday life. It begins with an interactive workshop, which helps us to explore the 24 most common charisms. This has been arranged for Saturday 5th Oct at St James (save the date!)


**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION TEAM** review and planning meeting on Thu 18th July at 7.30pm at St James Presbytery. 

**CENTERING PRAYER GROUP** to meet on Thu 18th July at 7pm.

**THANKSGIVING MASS** for John Cosgrove on Fri 19th July at Christ the King. Our prayers and good wishes to John on his retirement as Head teacher at Christ the King Primary school.

**LECTIO DIVINA CONNECT GROUP** to meet on Fri 19th July at 7.30pm in the Barberi room.


**BAPTISM** we welcome into our parish community Juliet Kerr daughter of Cyrus & Precious to be baptised on Sat 20th July at 10.30am at St James. 


**WEDDING BELLS** Congratulations to Aaron Dawson & Sinead Carolan due to be married on Sat 20th July at St James at 12.30pm. We wish them every blessing for the future. 

**Next Sun 21st July**  
**16th Sunday Ordinary Time**

**BAPTISMS** at 1pm St James.

**GOAN MASS** at 4.30pm


**FIRE DRILL IN JULY** will be carried out during Mass on a Sunday in July. When the alarm sounds please leave the church immediately. It is essential that we carry out Fire Drills on a yearly basis for the safety of all parishioners & your co-operation is very much appreciated. 


**WELCOMERS 'MEET & GREET'** from the 11am Mass to meet on Fri 26th July at 7.00pm in St James Presbytery. New volunteers are welcome. We want to offer a better quality welcome to parishioners, visitors and strangers to our Sunday celebration. Many non-churchgoers, non Catholics and visitors join us for Mass. We want to develop a culture of hospitality & welcome to all. Can you help? Come to the meeting? 

**MEGA SWINDON YOUTH EVENT: GOAN CHAPLAINCY** along with HRYM are organising a youth event on Sat 27th July 9.30am-4pm at St Joseph's Catholic College. For young people in year 9 and onwards, including working young lincs. Mass, speakers, Adoration, live band and music. Refreshments and lunch will be provided. Coach/Transport leaving from Reading, kindly book your places through Margaret on 07405872706 or Felix on 07852413906.

**HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE REUNION** on Sat 3rd August at 12.30pm at English Martyrs church hall, a chance to meet up and share experiences and reminisce.

**CHRIST THE KING CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL** is looking for class teachers for Years 3 and 4 for Sept 2019. More details on the school website at [www.christthekingreading.co.uk](http://www.christthekingreading.co.uk)

**DATE SET FOR NEWMAN CANONISATION** Pope Francis will canonise Blessed John Henry Newman in St Peter's Square on Sun 13th Oct 2019 alongside 4 others. Cardinal Newman is the first English person who has lived since the 17th century officially recognised as a saint by the Church. Cardinal Newman is widely considered to be one of the most significant figures of the 19th century. Pope Benedict XVI declared him Blessed in Cofton Park near Birmingham in Sept 2010, as part of his historic visit to Britain. 

**CAFOD** petition on Climate Change. Please sign the petition at the back of the church in support of CAFOD's campaign on Climate Change to be sent to the Prime Minister next week. 

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION** Our thanks to the parents and the FHC Preparation team for their help and support in preparing children for First Holy Communion. For the first time the celebrations were held during Sunday Masses and the organisation proved that this was possible and successful. Congratulations to all the children who celebrated First Holy Communion this year.

We will continue to offer First Holy Communion to those who are committed to attending Sunday Mass. We don't wish to close the door to any families seeking First Holy Communion, however we must respect the integrity of the Sunday Eucharist and have expectations that need to be met. For some it may take a little longer. In due time I will begin the process of discernment with parents as to the appropriate time for FHC. 

**PARKING IN FORBURY RETAIL PARK** Please park your car by the perimeter wall (in & out) and not in middle. All cars **MUST** display a parking permit on their windscreens (available from the Sacristy). Please note that we have permission to park for Masses & Services only at St James. Please do not park in front of 'Home Sense'.

**PLASTIC MILK BOTTLE TOPS** wanted to support the Air Ambulance. Collection box in porch.

**CAFOD** meeting on Wed 4th Sept 7:15pm to 9pm at St Joseph & St Margaret of Clitherow Church, 39 Braccan Walk, Bracknell RG12 1BE. Update on CAFODs work and donations. Please book your by emailing [portsmouth@cafod.org.uk](mailto:portsmouth@cafod.org.uk) or phone 01252 329385

**TRAINING TO BE A PRIEST** Farvin Gonsalves, Christ the King Parish, has been accepted by our diocese to begin formal training for the priesthood. Please support him with your prayers.

**RECYCLING FOR GOOD CAUSES** Jewellery, coins & currency, mobile phones, cameras & gadgets and stamps. Please see the collection boxes in both churches. Thank you.

**ATTEND RISE THEATRE'S YOUTH SUMMER SCHOOL** 15th - 18th August for just £65 Up to 10 bursaries are available for Catholic young people aged 12 to 18 from the Reading parishes to attend at St Cassian's in Kintbury. Normally £265 (includes accommodation & meals). For an application form email Michele at [admin@risetheatre.co.uk](mailto:admin@risetheatre.co.uk).

**NEW PARISHIONERS** If you have just moved into the Parish, please introduce yourself to Fr John and go register online. Please go to our website: [www.jameswilliam-reading.org.uk](http://www.jameswilliam-reading.org.uk) and press the register now button.