

Psalm Response: Happy are the people the Lord has chosen as his own.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

SUN 18th Aug: 20th O Time
 1st R. Jer. 38:4-6,8-10
 2nd R. Hebrews 12:1-4
 Gospel: Luke 12:49-53

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

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My Summer Prayer

As I begin the summer months, gracious and loving Jesus, remind me of Your ever present guidance and love.

Give me confidence in Your presence, remembering all that I have been taught this year and let me live it in my summer experiences.

As I work, play and enjoy my family and friends this summer, may I feel Your love within me, guiding me toward all that is right and just.

Let me be grateful for the gift of summer, Jesus. Allow me to enjoy it safely and remind me daily of Your love for me. Amen.



Parish Liturgies for the week commencing 11th Aug

Saturday	19th SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME	
SJ (Vigil Mass)	6.00pm	Andrzej Botkowski int.
Sunday	19th SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME	
SW	9.00am	In thanksgiving
SJ	11.00am	Maria Menezes RIP
Monday	19th week ordinary	
SJ	12.15pm	Osten Pinto in thanksgiving
Tuesday	NO MASS	
Wednesday	ST MAXIMILIAN MARIA KOLBE	
SJ	12.15pm	John McDonnell RIP
Thursday	THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	
SJ	12.15pm	Bartolomew Collaco RIP
	7.30pm	People of the parish
Friday	ST STEPHEN	
SJ	12.15pm	Adrian & Fidi McDonagh & all cancer sufferers
Saturday	20th SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME	
SJ (Vigil Mass)	6.00pm	Romeo Suzara & Marina D'Izou RIP
Next Sunday	20th SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME	
SW	9.00am	Teresa Norris RIP
SJ	11.00am	Andrew Creighton RIP
Confessions	SJ - Saturday 5pm - 5.45pm	
Rosary - weekdays	SJ - Mon to Thu after 12.15pm Mass	
Exposition	SJ - Friday 11am to 12pm	

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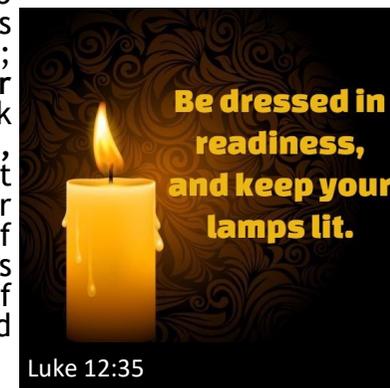


11th August 2019
 19th Sunday Ordinary Time

Fr John writes:

'WE DO NOT KNOW THE DAY OR THE HOUR'

The opening verses of this Gospel reading invite us to ask ourselves what we see as our purpose in life. What are our priorities? Is our heart set on material progress and advance or do we have other priorities? What has helped you to appreciate that there is more to your life than earthly possessions and success. At times one can sense in Jesus an urgency, as if he wanted to shake people and wake them up to take his words seriously. The parable has that tone; 'be dressed for action and have your lamps lit'. It might seem morbid, but ask yourself this; if you were to die tonight, would you be ready? Your answer might tell you something about the areas of your life that need work. In this short parable of 'the householder and the burglar', Jesus again emphasises the importance of standing ready. We only have one life, and we do not know how long it will last.



THE ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY—15TH AUGUST

On Thursday we celebrate the Feast of the Assumption of Mary, defined by Pope Pius XII in 1950. In the east it was referred to as the Dormition of Mary. For most of us one of our favourite hymns is "Hail Queen of Heaven". We believe that God would not allow decay to touch Mary's body, because from her body Christ, "the Author of all life", was born. In Mary's Assumption we find hope and pray that heaven might be our final goal and that we will come to share Mary's glory with the Saints and the angels.

"May my Soul glorify the Lord and my Spirit rejoice in God my Saviour, because he has promised me a share in the divine nature and the gift of eternal life".

For this Holy Day of Obligation Masses will be at 12.15pm and again at 7.30pm.



This Sun 11th August
19th Sunday Ordinary Time

WELCOME to Fr Peter Glas who will celebrate our 6pm Vigil Mass, Fr Jack Creagh who will celebrate our 9am Mass and Fr JP who will celebrate our 11am Mass this weekend.

FOLK GROUP at 9am and 11am Masses

TAMIL MASS at 4.30pm

RESTORATION OF READING ABBEY RUINS AT ST JAMES began last Mon 5th August for 16 weeks. Our apologies for any inconvenience and thank you for your patience while the work is being carried out.

WELCOME to Fr's Michael Dennehy, Patrick Daly, Jeremy Corley & Pat Madden, who will celebrate our 12.15pm Masses this week.

RECENTLY DIED Judge Des Sousa of Dartington Place. Funeral Mass on Wed 14th Aug at 12.15pm at St James. Our sympathies to his family. May he rest in peace.

GOOD SHEPHERD charismatic prayer group are meeting on Wed 14th August at 7.30pm in Barberi Room. Info from Liz Tanner on 0778 055 3077 after 1pm.

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY on Thu 15th Aug. Masses at 12.15pm and 7.30pm.

RECENTLY DIED Rita Belletty, parishioner at St John Bosco. Rita was very well known for her work & commitment to CAFOD and Justice and Peace issues in the Reading area. Rita was instrumental in achieving the CAFOD 'Live Simply' Award for her parish. Her Funeral Mass has been arranged for Fri 16th August at St John Bosco at 11.30am. Our sympathy to her family May she rest in peace.

Next Sun 18th August
20th Sunday Ordinary Time

WELCOME to Fr Jeremy Corley who will celebrate our 6pm Vigil Mass, Fr Jack Creagh who will celebrate our 9am Mass and Fr David Elliott who will celebrate our 11am Mass this weekend.

GOAN MASS at 5.00pm

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CATHOLIC ? or being Confirmed as an adult or for those baptised as Christians of other denominations, who would like to be received into the Catholic Church? **RCIA**
Come to an info evening on Thu 12th Sept in St James Presbytery at 7.30pm.



SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

At St William of York church, RG1 5JT
Child Protection Training Sat 28th Sept
10.00am - 12.30pm

Vulnerable Adult Training Sat 28th Sept
1.30pm - 4.00pm.

We would like to encourage all our catechists, group leaders and volunteers to attend this training as it is right on our door step and is a relatively short session. All new volunteers for Children's Liturgy & First Holy communion catechists and helpers must complete this training.

Register by emailing the parish office at stjames@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

NEW READERS ROTA has been issued this week and emailed out. Paper copies available from the Sacristy.

GARDENING CONNECT GROUP will be holding a fruit, veg, jam & chutney sale in later September with proceeds to the Parish Project. If you are making any jam or chutney they would be grateful for donations which they could sell. Call the parish office if you can help.

GOING AWAY over the summer? Have you arranged a swap for your parish ministry? Please don't let us down!

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION PROGRAMME Last year the parishes in Reading launched a new approach to First Holy Communion. It was agreed that only children of Year 3 and above of practising parents would be admitted into the First Holy Communion programme. By practising we mean those who are already committed to participating in the Sunday Mass. Children would receive First Holy Communion during the Sunday Mass they normally attend over 3-4 Sundays in June. I am pleased to say that this year we had very special First Holy Communion Celebrations at our Sunday Masses. This emphasised that reception of Holy Communion is a sign of a deeper belonging to our parish community of faith and celebrated for the first time their full participation in the Sunday Eucharist.

It was also agreed that parents who wish to enrol their child in preparation for First Holy Communion would need to make an appointment to see Fr John to begin the discernment process on the way forward.

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 to prepare for First Holy Communion.

In September I will be pleased to meet with parents wishing to enrol their children in the preparation programme for First Holy Communion. Please telephone for an appointment. The parents info evening will be on Mon 7th Oct for those who have been accepted.



CALLED & GIFTED

Sat 5th Oct 'Called & Gifted' day. This process helps you to understand your own calling and to discover the charisms (gifts) that you have been given by God. Each one of you has been given a unique gift that is personal to you. This could be a life changing experience. We begin with an interactive workshop. This helps you to explore the 24 most common charisms and to discern what is your gift.

We are sharing this day with the Sacred Heart Polish church. Limited to 50 participants. Please join us & apply to www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/calledandgifted Then return the booking form and £25 (after parish subsidy) to the parish office.

MARRIAGE CARE need qualified counsellors to provide support to couples in the local area. For details: www.marriagecare.org.uk/volunteer.

CANDLES please only use the candles provided in the candle stands & do not bunch together. Please put donations in the collection box below.

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'.

HCPT Group 128 HCPT (Hosanna house Children's Pilgrimage Trust) Could you give up a week of your time to travel to Lourdes with disabled & disadvantaged children Easter 2020? They need adult helpers & a group nurse. If you would like to know more please contact Pat Burke on brkjoe@btinternet.com

DIOCESE OF PORTSMOUTH—DIOCESAN PROPERTY MANAGER VACANCY Salary £25,000-£35,000 dependant on qualifications and experience. Due to the nature of our work with schools and vulnerable adults a DBS check will be required. For informal enquiries contact Hilary Foley (Director of Estates) 023 9282 5430. Closing date 14.8.2019. See www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk for further details.