

Psalm Response: Lord come to my aid!

SCRIPTURE READINGS

SUN 25th Aug: 21st O Time
 1st R. Isaiah 66:18-21
 2nd R. Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13
 Gospel: Luke 13:22-30

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

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PRAYER FOR TRAVEL

*Dear Lord,
 May your angels
 fly with me
 wherever
 I shall roam,
 and guide me
 back safely to
 family
 and home.*

Amen



Parish Liturgies for the week commencing 18th Aug

Saturday		20th SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME
SJ (Vigil Mass)	6.00pm	Romeo Suzara & Marina D'Izson RIP
Sunday		20th SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME
SW	9.00am	Teresa Norris RIP
SJ	11.00am	Andrew Creighton RIP
Monday		20th week ordinary
SJ	12.15pm	Miko Cuddihy RIP
Tuesday		NO MASS
Wednesday		ST PIUS X
SJ	12.15pm	Osburn Pinto thanksgiving
Thursday		THE QUEENSHIP OF MARY
SJ	12.15pm	Dave Rynne RIP
Friday		20th week ordinary
SJ	12.15pm	People of the parish
Saturday		21st SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME
SJ (Vigil Mass)	6.00pm	Ana Mendez De Morillo RIP
Next Sunday		21st SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME
SW	9.00am	Deceased members of Kelly family
SJ	11.00am	Gods intervention in the family of Sangu
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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The Roman Catholic Parish of
St James and St William of York
 Reading



18th August 2019
 20th Sunday Ordinary Time

'SETTING THE WORLD ON FIRE!'

Today's Gospel is a bit sobering. Jesus tells the disciples: "I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing!" Then he asks them: "Do you think that I have come to establish peace on the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division." He then talks about households being divided and family members turning on each other. What is the message Jesus is trying to convey? Is he trying to open our minds and hearts to the reality of our world?

Nowadays we see and hear multiple stories of division and violence: in families, cities and countries. Perhaps the most frightening stories are the ones that take place in our own cities, our own neighbourhoods and perhaps within our own families.

Is Jesus trying to frighten us? Or is he simply hoping to awaken us? Is he trying to motivate us to live peacefully, lovingly, cooperatively and respectfully with each and every person on earth? Now, take a moment and imagine a world where every single person was respected and honoured simply because he or she is a human being whom God created in love.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION PROGRAMME

The Reading parishes have 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 will receive First Holy Communion during the Sunday Mass they normally attend over 3-4 Sundays in June.

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 Fr John will be pleased to meet with parents wishing to enrol their child, to begin the discernment process. Please phone for an appointment.

The parents info evening will be on Mon 7th Oct for those who have been enrolled.



This 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 YOUTH MASS at 3.00pm at Christ the King, Whitley.

RESTORATION OF READING ABBEY RUINS AT ST JAMES Our apologies for any inconvenience and thank you for your patience while the work is being carried out.

WELCOME to Fr's Patrick Daly, Peter Glas & Stan Gibinski, who will celebrate our 12.15pm Masses this week.

LAUDATO SI ACTION GROUP to meet on Tue 20th Aug at 7.30pm in the Barberi room.



Next Sun 25th August
21st Sunday Ordinary Time

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

BANK HOLIDAY Mon 26th August.

GOOD SHEPHERD PRAYER GROUP to meet on Wed 28th August at 7.30pm in the Barberi room. More info from Liz Tanner 0778 0553077

CAFOD Update meeting on Wed 4th Sept 7:15pm to 9pm at St Joseph & St Margaret of Clitherow Church, Bracknell RG12 1BE. Please book your place by emailing portsmouth@cafod.org.uk or phone 01252 32938

A DAY WITH MARY St John's Catholic Cathedral, Portsmouth on Sat 7th Sept. A day of instruction, devotion & intercession based on the message, given at Fatima in 1917. Details from: www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

DR SIMON UTTLEY - Headmaster of Blessed Hugh Faringdon School will be speaking on Sun 22nd Sept at 9.00am & 11.00am Masses and will be available for questions afterwards.

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

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

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



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.

NEW READERS ROTA has been issued last 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!

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

CARING FOR OUR COMMON HOME

The recent UN warning over food security and climate change challenges us as Catholic Christians to be pro-active with regards to how we care for our environment.

Pope Francis lays out his vision in On care for our Common Home ("Laudato Si"). The pope speaks to the "ecological crisis" of our time. Laudato Si helps us to reflect seriously on how we are living in communion not only with God, others and ourselves but also with all creatures and with nature as a whole.



Royal Berkshire Hospital
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Sunday Mass 4.00pm
Patients, staff & visitors welcome

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

MESSAGES LEFT ON ANSWER PHONE sometimes get lost in the system. So to avoid this please call again to the Parish Office - thank you.

APF RED BOXES please return your red boxes for counting. Emptied boxes are in the Sacristy for collection. Thank you.

READIFOOD Urgently needs: Tinned ready meals, tinned meat, tinned vegetables, tinned or dry potatoes, jam, marmalade, tinned fruit, tinned puddings, tinned rice/custard, toiletries, baby nappies & milk.

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Reading's Food Bank
Food Parcels for those in Need

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

