

Psalm Response: In your goodness, O God, you prepared a home for the poor

SCRIPTURE READINGS

SUN 7th Sept: 23rd O Time
1st R. Wisdom 9:13-18
2nd R. Philemon 9-10,12-17
Gospel: Luke 14:25-33

*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 1st Sept

Saturday	22nd SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME
SJ (Vigil Mass)	6.00pm Kay & Tony McDonagh RIP
Sunday	22nd SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME
SW	9.00am Rueben Aguiar (RIP)
SJ	11.00am Special intention (HECY)
Monday	ST GREGORY THE GREAT
SJ	12.15pm Thanksgiving Berta & Orlando
Tuesday	NO MASS
Wednesday	22nd week ordinary
SJ	12.15pm People of the parish
Thursday	22nd week ordinary
SJ	12.15pm Anthony Fernandes RIP
Friday	22nd week ordinary
SJ	12.15pm Christine Long int.
Saturday	22nd SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME
SJ (Vigil Mass)	6.00pm Peter Walsh 10th ann. RIP
Next Sunday	22nd SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME
SW	9.00am People of the parish
SJ	11.00am 50th ann. of Ord. Fr John
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



1st September 2019
22nd Sunday Ordinary Time

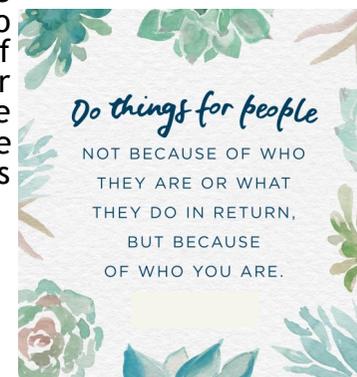
Fr John writes:

HOW TO BE GENEROUS AND HAVE NO EXPECTATIONS ?

Today the Gospel is told from two different points of view. First we hear from the wedding guest and then we hear from the host who gives the feast. Luke in his Gospel likes to make contrasts. Jesus invites us to look at things from the opposite point of view. If you are the host and not the guest how would you behave? If you invite friends, relatives or rich neighbours they might invite you back so your good deed will be cancelled out. The suggestion is that we invite people with no chance of repaying the complement out of pure generosity. Today many would consider doing this unusual. Every Sunday we are invited to 'The Table of the Lord', the banquet of the Eucharist at which no one has an honoured place above anyone else.

**What have you learned from today's
Gospel ?**

**What message do you take away ?
How does this impact on your life ?**



O Lord,
grant us the grace to respect
and care for Your creation.
Bless all of your creatures as a
sign of Your wondrous love.
Help us to end the suffering
of the poor and bring healing
to all of your creation.
Help us to use our
technological inventiveness
to undo the damage we have
done to Your creation
and to sustain
Your gift of nature.
Amen.



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR CREATION

Sunday 1 September marks the "World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation." This day of prayer was instituted in the Catholic Church in 2015 by Pope Francis.

It also marks the start of the "Season of Creation," which unites Christians in prayer and action for the protection of our common home. The Season of Creation ends on 4 Oct, the feast day of St Francis of Assisi. During this season we are encouraged to **deepen our relationship with God, our neighbour and the earth we share, being ever more attentive to the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor.**

Especially at this time, with attention on the fires in the Amazon Rainforest, we pray for those in positions of power and influence to be effective 'guardians of God's creation,' which includes all of us who exercise influence as consumers

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER
FOR THE CARE OF CREATION
September 1

The annual World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation will offer individual believers and communities a fitting opportunity to reaffirm their personal vocation to be stewards of creation, to thank God for the wonderful handiwork which He has entrusted to our care, and to implore His help for the protection of creation as well as His pardon for the sins committed against the world in which we live.

POPE FRANCIS

This Sun 1st September
22nd Sunday Ordinary Time
Day of Prayer for Creation



NAME BADGE SUNDAY -
Please put on a name badge
as you arrive for Mass.



HERITAGE OPEN DAYS promotion
after Masses by Lindsay Mullaney.



**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 BACK to all who have been
away over the summer.
Especially to all teachers,
pupils, students and staff
as they return to school,
college & university soon.



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:
portsmouth@cafod.org.uk or phone
01252 32938

WELCOME to Fr Pat who will celebrate
on our 12.15pm Mass on Thu 5th Sept.

NEW PARISH STRATEGY TEAM to meet
on Sat 7th Sept in St James Presbytery
9-11am.

Next Sun 8th September
23rd Sunday Ordinary Time
Education Sunday

FOLK GROUP at 9am & 11am Masses

CALLED & GIFTED promotion after
all Masses by Geoff & Gina at 6pm,
Anne-Marie at 9am & 11am.
Opportunity to sign up.

BAPTISM at 1pm

TAMIL MASS at 5pm

FINANCE & PROPERTY COMMITTEE to
meet on Mon 9th Sept at 2pm at St
James Presbytery.

**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.



CAMINO Final preparation
meeting (for those booked on
this year's pilgrimage) on Fri
13th Sept at 7.30pm in the
Barberi room at St James.
Camino Pilgrimage 19th-27th
Sept.



HERITAGE OPEN DAYS on Fri 13th & Sat
14th Sept at St James. John and Lindsay
Mullaney are planning a special **concert
and talk** about the music of the Abbey,
inspired and motivated by Prof. Brian
Kemps last work, 'Reading Abbey
Records a new miscellany', published in
2018. The section about the
commemoration of Henry's death
contains details of much of the music
sung on this occasion. Along with a local
chamber choir, 'Chorate', they have put
together a programme of music
connected with the Abbey from its
foundation to the present.
Lindsay is also giving a talk about the
foundation charter, which is based to a
considerable extent on Brian
Kemps work. Carole Van De
Velde is demonstrating
church embroidery. **Talk on
Friday and talk & concert on
Sat, both at 2pm and both
free.**



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.

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



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](http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/calledandgifted) Then return the booking
form and £25 (after parish subsidy) to the
parish office.

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.

Royal Berkshire Hospital
Chaplain: **Fr JP Lyttle**
Mobile: 07391 896559
RBH: 0118 322 7105

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'.

RECENTLY DIED Professor Brian
Kemp - The co-founder and
President, of Friends of Reading
Abbey, died aged 79 on 12 August.
The funeral will be held at St
Peter's Church, Earley, RG6 1EY on
Fri 6 Sept, at 11.00am. All are
welcome.

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
and press the register now button.



GOOD SHEPHERD PRAYER GROUP

GRATEFUL THANKS to Liz & Garry
and to Benny for their inspiration,
faith and leadership of the Good
Shepherd Prayer Group over very
many years. They have helped to
establish this charismatic prayer
group as a significant part of our
parish faith community. They have
lead a series of 'Life in the Spirit'
seminars, Healing Masses and
prayer evenings with other faith
groups from Reading. All of this has
enhanced and developed the faith
life of many people in the Reading
area. They have introduced new
charismatic hymns and helped to
make this part of our parish
repertoire.

The Prayer group will continue in
our parish under new leadership and
will meet on the 2nd and 4th
Wednesdays of the month at
7.30pm.