

Psalm Response: I will leave this place and go to my father.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

SUN 22nd Sept: 25th O Time
 1st R. Amos 8:4-7
 2nd R. 1 Timothy 2:1-8
 Gospel: Luke 16:1-13

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

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HOME MISSION

On Home Mission Sunday we pray for our Church in England and Wales. It is estimated that there are 4 million Catholics in this

country but only 1 million will gather each Sunday to celebrate Mass together.

Our prayers this week are that all can feel that the Church welcomes them with open arms and our faith will be greatly strengthened as we worship together.

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Sunday Mass 4.00pm
 Patients, staff & visitors welcome

Parish Liturgies for the week commencing 15th Sept

Saturday		24th SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME
SJ (Vigil Mass)	6.00pm	Maureen & Dermot Murphy & Reilly & Murphy families
Sunday		24th SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME
SW	9.00am	People of the parish
SJ	11.00am	Da Fonseca & Solipa families
Monday		SS CORNELIUS & CYPRIAN
SJ	12.15pm	Cesare Paonessa RIP
Tuesday		NO MASS
Wednesday		24th week ordinary
SJ	12.15pm	People of the parish
Thursday		24th week ordinary
SJ	12.15pm	Dina Mapp RIP
Friday		ST ANDREW KIM TAEGON, ST PAUL CHONG HASANG & COMPANIONS
SJ	12.15pm	Kathleen O'Shea RIP
Saturday		25th SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME
SJ (Vigil Mass)	6.00pm	Margaret McHugh & family int.
Next Sunday		25th SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME
SW	9.00am	Thanksgiving to Sacred Heart
SJ	11.00am	Ina Dias 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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The Roman Catholic Parish of
St James and St William of York
Reading
 15th September 2019
 24th Sunday Ordinary Time



Fr John writes:

CALLED TO 'COME TO OUR SENSES'

Today we hear about things lost and found, the lost sheep, the lost coin and the lost son—better known as the Prodigal son. We hear of the father who watches out for his 'prodigal' son and runs out joyfully to meet him. The younger brother 'came to his senses' and returned home. What a homecoming, what a welcome. The spendthrift son is rewarded and the elder son is hurt and angry. It seems to be unfair.

Questions to ponder:

What helped you to come to yourself and make the journey home?

What experience of human love helped you to see God's love for you?

Who is lost and who is found in the story?



COMING TO OUR SENSES

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARTION PROGRAMME

Parents enquiring about First Holy Communion for their child are invited to make an appointment to see Fr John to discuss the way forward for them and their child. Children should be baptised, in school YR3 or above and regularly attend Mass with their family. Registration for the programme will close at the end of September.



TODAY IS HOME MISSION SUNDAY

At our meeting last Thursday evening for those adults exploring Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist, we had two ladies: one from South Korea who discovered our meeting on our excellent website and a lady from Portugal who was impressed with the quality of our welcome and the experience of Sunday Mass. Today we reflect on our efforts to reach out and to share the joy of meeting and choosing to follow Jesus Christ. Our group on Thursday evening were delighted to see these enquirers turning to Christ.

Only 13% of baptised Catholics in our diocese practice their faith. 87% are now "resting" or "lapsed". In today's strong secular culture, faith struggles to survive. The number of Catholics leaving the church is worrying. Many regulars seem to only attend Sunday Mass once or twice a month. **Home Mission Sunday reminds us that we are called to share the joy of the Gospel with our family and friends.**



This Sun 15th September
24th Sunday Ordinary Time
HOME MISSION SUNDAY

SECOND COLLECTION Home Missions

HARVEST SUNDAY APPEAL Please bring tinned ready meals, tinned meat, tinned vegetables, tinned or dry potatoes, pasta, jam, marmalade, tinned fruit, tinned puddings, tinned rice/custard, to form part of the offertory procession next Sunday and then donated to Readifood.

GOAN MASS at 4.30pm

WANTED NEW VOLUNTEER FOR WEBSITE GROUP from St Williams 9am Mass community. If you have an interest in IT & would like to join the team please contact Fr John or parish office.

LAUDATO SI GROUP to meet on Mon 16th Sept at 7.30pm in St James Presbytery.

MULTI MEDIA planning group to meet on Wed 18th Sept at St James Presbytery at 7.30p

WALKING THE CAMINO
Pilgrimage departs 12.30pm on Thu 19th Sept. Returns Fri 27th Sept. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.



ADULTS wishing to explore RCIA Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist to meet on Thu 19th Sept in St James Presbytery at 7.30pm. **Open invitation to all—come along and join us!**



RECENTLY DIED Sara De Fatima Braga Vargas of Janson Court. Funeral Service on Friday 20th September at 2.15pm at Reading Crematorium. Our sympathy to her family. May she rest in peace.

BAPTISM PREPARATION on Sat 21st Sept at 9.30-10.45am in St James Presbytery. Fully booked.

Next Sun 22nd September
25th Sunday Ordinary Time
HARVEST SUNDAY

MASS COUNT at all Masses

HARVEST DONATIONS to come in procession to the altar.

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.

GOAN MASS at 4.30pm



CALLING YOU to join us at the 'Called & Gifted' day on Sat 5th Oct at St James. 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. If you are interested please talk with Fr John this is an opportunity not to be missed.

Please complete the booking form and return to the parish office with £25 (£43 less parish subsidy of £18). You must also apply online at: www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/calledandgifted

CALLING ALL PARISH CATECHISTS on Sat 19th Oct, to attend a Day for Catechists at Portsmouth Cathedral. It is for all those involved with Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation, Marriage, RCIA and Children's Liturgy of the Word with talks, testimonies, Mass and discussion groups. Speak to Fr John or the parish office and Register online at: www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/catechists

MASS COUNT for our Pastoral Statistics will take place the last 2 weekends in Sept & the first 2 in Oct.

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

At St William of York church, RG1 5JT
Sat 28th Sept: Child Protection Training 10.00am - 12.30 pm and Vulnerable Adult Training 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 must complete this training.

Register by emailing the parish office.

CAMEROON KILLINGS—FR BON'S LOSS

For the past few years there have been many killings in the ongoing conflict in Cameroon. Sadly, Fr Bon's family have now been affected by this. Following contact from Fr John, Fr Bon has written: *'Death visited my brother Omer in the early hours of Tues 27th August. He was sleeping in the same room with my cousin Linus, another family member, Richard and his son Ambrose when the military broke into the house and killed them all. The military did not question or arrest them they simply killed them in their sleep. Other people were killed and the military set fire to the houses.'*

In response to this shocking & tragic news the Reading priests are organising a special Memorial Mass on Sat 12th Oct at 11am at English Martyrs church. All welcome.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER & FASTING FOR LIFE on Sat 28th Sept please pray and fast for the end of abortion and euthanasia. Also pray that anti-life 'Buffer Zones' will be ruled illegal. Your prayer and fasting is urgently needed. www.goodcounselnetwork.com

GHANAIAN COMMUNITY MASS OF THANKSGIVING on Sun 29th Sep at Christ the King Church at 2:00pm. Reception afterwards. All are welcome.

10 DAYS OF PRAYER - 2019 - READING 29th Sep - 9th Oct For more details see www.10daysofprayer.info/whats-on

PARKING AT THE CHURCH is reserved for those transporting disabled or elderly parishioners or for members of the congregation who have a specific role or duty in the mass, such as welcomers or musicians, who will usually be at the church for over 2 hours.

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 park on the perimeter'.

BLESSED HUGH FARINGDON SCHOOL provides outstanding teaching and support in a unique climate focused on learning and personal growth. A Catholic school with focus on Prayer, the celebration of the sacraments, engagement with the local and wider Church and outstanding achievement in Religious Education- at GCSE and A-Level. This reflects the school's Catholic identity and mission integrity. Judged Outstanding by the Diocese of Portsmouth, Blessed Hugh is true to its patronal heritage. **OPEN DAY** for YR7 prospective pupils on Thu 26th Sept from 9am-12 noon & 5pm- 7.45pm.

IN THIS SEASON OF CREATION, CATHOLICS ARE STRIKING Pope Francis is calling on Catholics to protect creation. On Sept 20 and 27, Catholics worldwide will participate in more than 150 climate strikes to sound an urgent call for climate justice, led by Laudato Si' Generation, an international network of young Catholic leaders. These actions advance what Pope Francis himself has said: "I want the Church to go out to the streets! I ask you in the name of God to defend Mother Earth!" Go to the www.cafod.org. Nearest event Henley Town Hall on 20th Sept at 12 noon.

