

Psalm Response: Praise the Lord, who raises the poor.

**PRAYSE
THE LORD!**

SCRIPTURE READINGS

SUN 29th Sept: 26th O Time
1st R. Amos 6:1, 4-7
2nd R. 1 Timothy 6:11-16
Gospel: Luke 16:19-31

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

Offertory Collection £1,585.45
(£366.73 Gift Aid)
Gift aid envelopes £ 316.00
Non gift aid loose £ 930.48

Second Collection:
Home Missions £ 265.52

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make the life and work of the
parish possible.



A prayer for harvest time

Dear God,

We bring before you
our modest gifts,
like tiny seeds,
not knowing what fruits
you may bring out of them.

We wait before you,
asking that our hands and gifts,
offered in your service,
will make a difference to the world
beyond all our imaginings.
In the name of Jesus,
who once was weak
and now is exalted.

Amen



Parish Liturgies for the week commencing 22nd Sept

Saturday 25th SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME	
SJ (Vigil Mass)	6.00pm Margaret McHugh & family int.
Sunday 25th SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME	
SW	9.00am Thanksgiving to Sacred Heart
SJ	11.00am Ina Dias RIP
Monday ST PIO OF PIETRELCINA	
SJ	12.15pm Amy Devon RIP
Tuesday NO MASS	
Wednesday 25th week ordinary	
SJ	12.15pm Carmelita De Guzman RIP
Thursday 25th week ordinary	
SJ	12.15pm Joseph Petz RIP
Friday ST VINCENT DE PAUL	
SJ	12.15pm Clem, Sophie & Josephine Starling/Wadsworth RIP
Saturday 26th SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME	
SJ (Vigil Mass)	6.00pm Vincent Jones RIP
Next Sunday 26th SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME	
SW	9.00am
SJ	11.00am Mrs Rosemary McDonagh 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
22nd September 2019
25th Sunday Ordinary Time



Fr John writes:

'YOU CANNOT BE A SLAVE OF GOD AND MONEY'

You may be shocked to hear Jesus praising the injustice of the steward who is struggling to pay his debts. Jesus admires the clever way he prepares for his uncertain future. Jesus says 'No one can be a servant of two masters, you cannot be a slave of God and Money'. However Jesus also says, Money can so easily become a substitute for God in our lives and has formed the basis of secular religion in our time, that of progress. We live at a time where we have become very wealthy. We seem to be able to do what we wish. The Earthly City of Progress has replaced the City of God for many.

**When have you been a slave to money? How do you use money?
True happiness comes from God
and not from money and the world.**



HARVEST SUNDAY

Harvest is one of the most wonderful times of celebration in the Church year. There is unbridled joy at the beauty of creation. At harvest time we thank God, for the fruits of the earth which have been given to us, and all of the opportunities made available to us from the world and its resources. Yet this planet is not ours to do what we want with. It is made by God and we are privileged to have a time here to look after and enjoy it. The expectation is that we will pass it on to our children in a better condition than we found it.

We celebrate this year by asking for donations (for Readifood) which will form part of our offertory procession at 11am Sunday Mass.



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 closes at the end of September.



CALLED & GIFTED

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). From our parish 15 have now signed up. You must also apply online at: www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/calledandgifted

This 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 at 9.00am & 11.00am Masses and will be available after Mass.

GOAN MASS at 4.30pm

HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY Mon 23rd Sept 75th anniversary.

SHARE OUR FAITH Connect Group to meet on Wed 25th Sept at 1pm in the Barberi Room.

GOOD SHEPHERD PRAYER GROUP to meet on Wed 25th Sept at 7.30pm in the Barberi Room. Please contact Arlene 07713 892407 for further details.

UCM to meet on Thu 26th Sep at 1pm in the Barberi room. Holy Land Pilgrimage talk.

BAPTISM we welcome into our parish community Ava De La Cruz daughter of Luisito & Melody to be baptised on Thu 26th Sept at 4.40pm



OPEN DAY at Blessed Hugh Faringdon School for YR7 prospective pupils on Thu 26th Sept from 9am-12 noon & 5pm - 7.45pm.

ADULTS wishing to explore Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist to meet on Thu 26th Sept in St James Presbytery at 7.30pm. **Open invitation to all—come along and join us!**



WALKING THE CAMINO Pilgrimage returns Fri 27th Sept.



NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER & FASTING FOR LIFE on Sat 28th Sep. Pray and fast for the end of abortion and euthanasia.

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING On Sat 28th Sept: Child Protection Training 10.00am -12.30pm and Vulnerable Adult Training 1.30pm - 4.00pm. Register by emailing the parish office.

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

Next Sun 29th September
26th Sunday Ordinary Time
World Day of Prayer for Migrants and Refugees

MASS COUNT at all Masses

WELCOME RITE at 11am Mass for families of children to be baptised next Sunday

CAFOD envelopes to be distributed and talks at the end of Masses.

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

EXTRAORDINARY MONTH OF MISSION Pope Francis has declared that October 2019 will be a special month of prayer and action to strengthen and grow God's mission and the Church. World Mission Mass 20th Oct at 2pm at the Cathedral Portsmouth.

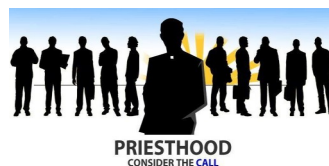
11AM CHOIR REHEARSAL on Wed 2nd Oct at 7:30pm at St James.

NOVENA WITH NEWMAN - nine days of prayer for the canonisation of J H Newman. From Fri 4th Oct- Sat 12th Oct on the eve of the canonisation. Leaflets to be distributed next Sunday.

CAFOD Family Fast day Fri 4th Oct. CAFOD Please fast, pray and give, so we can extend the hand of friendship to the world's poorest people. CAFOD invites us to eat a simple meal for lunch or dinner and donate what we save. Please collect a Fast Day envelope.



VOCATIONS WEEKEND Fr John Cooke, Priestly Vocations Promoter, for the Diocese will speak at all Masses on weekend 5th & 6th Oct. He would like to talk with anyone interested in exploring the possibility of serving as a priest in our Diocese. He will be available after Mass to talk further about this.



A MEMORIAL MASS will be celebrated on Sat 12th Oct at 11am in English Martyrs. This is for Fr Bon's brother & family members who were killed recently in Cameroon. The Mass will be a concelebrated Mass by the Reading priests, along with the Cameroon priests serving in our diocese. The music will be lead by the Reading Cameroon choir. This is an opportunity for us to pray for Fr Bon's family and other priests and people who have also been killed in the conflict and to show our support for Fr Bon and our sister Diocese of Bamenda. Fr Bon served at St Joseph's Tilehurst for year & St John Bosco for 5 years. All are welcome - please join us.

CALLING VOLUNTEERS to help with the First Communion preparation programme We need 3 people to sit in on the small groups of parents and children and to work with the 2 leaders. 9 Sessions Sun at 3pm-4.30pm. See Fr John

NEW EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS ROTA has been issued this week and emailed out. Paper copies available in the Sacristy

STANDING ORDERS & GIFT AID if you would like to make your weekly donations by standing order and if eligible Gift Aid your donations, please fill out your details on the white Gift Aid envelopes and return to the parish office. **If you have recently set up a standing order and not completed a Gift Aid form please contact the parish office.**

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).** During Mass only.

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. Judged Outstanding by the Diocese of Portsmouth, Blessed Hugh is true to its patronal heritage.

FAITH IN ACTION GROUP

Have donated some of the funds they have raised recently to:

£500 - MONGU MATERNITY UNIT in Zambia.

£300 - HOPE INTO ACTION READING who provide homes for the most vulnerable in society in partnership with local churches in Reading.

£500 - FAITH CHRISTIAN GROUP who run 'Readifood', Bed for the Night scheme and 'Readistreet'.

For the next year they have decided to continue supporting CAFOD, local charities acting for the homeless and refugees in Reading and keeping a modest relief fund to respond to emergency appeals. Thank you for your donations and the group hope you will continue to support their initiatives over the coming year.

