

# Psalm Response: My soul, give praise to the Lord.

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

**SUN 6th Oct: 27th O Time**  
 1st R. Haba. 1:2-3; 2:2-4  
 2nd R. 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14  
 Gospel: Luke 17:5-10

*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 £ 100.00  
 Non gift aid loose £ 881.09

**Thank you** for your generous contributions. Your donations make the life and work of the parish possible.

## LAUDATO SI ACTION GROUP

Following our campaign and survey, we were delighted that so many of you expressed encouragement.

### 'SUGGESTION FOR THE WEEK':

**Don't overfill the kettle!**  
**Just boil what water you need...**



**Royal Berkshire Hospital**  
 Chaplain: *Fr JP Lyttle*  
 Mobile: 07391 896559  
 RBH: 0118 322 7105  
**Sunday Mass 4.00pm**  
 Patients, staff & visitors welcome

## Parish Liturgies for the week commencing 29th Sept

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>26th SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME</b>
SJ (Vigil Mass)	6.00pm Vincent Jones RIP
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>26th SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME</b>
SW	9.00am William Duffin int. (Birthday)
SJ	11.00am Mrs Rosemary McDonagh RIP
<b>Monday</b>	<b>ST JEROME</b>
SJ	12.15pm Saveria Dobrewski RIP
<b>Tuesday</b>	NO MASS
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>THE HOLY GUARDIAN ANGELS</b>
SJ	12.15pm Maria Browning RIP
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>26th week ordinary</b>
SJ	12.15pm Les & Anne Wells RIP
<b>Friday</b>	<b>ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI</b>
SJ	12.15pm People of the parish
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>27th SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME</b>
SJ	8.30am 'Called & Gifted' participants
SJ (Vigil Mass)	6.00pm Maria Biomonte RIP & family
<b>Next Sunday</b>	<b>27th SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME</b>
SW	9.00am Rueben Aguiar RIP
SJ	11.00am Thanksgiving 20th wedding ann
<b>Confessions</b>	SJ - Saturday 5pm - 5.45pm
<b>Rosary - week-days</b>	SJ - Mon to Thu after 12.15pm Mass
<b>Exposition</b>	SJ - Friday 11am to 12pm

**PARISH PRIEST:** Canon John O'Shea  
 Parish Secretary: Catherine Ledgard  
 Parish Safeguarding: Ginika Okoye (StJ)  
 Ministers: Françoise Le Saux (StW)

✉ [stjames@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:stjames@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)  
 St James Presbytery,  
 Abbey Ruins, Forbury Road, Reading, RG1 3FD  
 Tel: (0118) 957 4171

St James & St William of York Reading  
 Website: [www.jameswilliam-reading.org.uk](http://www.jameswilliam-reading.org.uk)

This parish is a part of the Roman Catholic Diocese



The Roman Catholic Parish of  
**St James and St William of York**  
**Reading**  
 29th September 2019  
 26th Sunday Ordinary Time



*Fr John writes:*

## THE RICH MAN - DIVES AND LAZARUS

Today we are again challenged with the stark language of the dangers of being rich and comfortable while indifferent to the needs of the poor. Those of us living in the first world live at a time of great luxury. However, many families struggle to pay their bills and live on the edge week to week and month to month. The Gospel today presents a challenge to those of us who live in comfort not to be deaf to the needs of the less fortunate.

**What simple steps should I take in being more generous to the poor and needy?**

**How can I 'Live Simply'?**

**What should I do on Harvest Fast Day next Friday?**



# LAST CHANCE TO BOOK



## 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 30th Sept.



## CALLED & GIFTED DAY

**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. 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). Please bring a packed lunch. 22 have now signed up. You must also apply online at: [www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/calledandgifted](http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/calledandgifted)



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

**MASS COUNT** at all Masses

**WELCOME RITE** at all Masses for families of children to be baptised next Sunday

**CAFOD** Distribution of envelopes and talk at the end of Masses.



**NOVENA WITH NEWMAN** leaflet available. Please take one.

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

**10 DAYS OF PRAYER - 2019 - READING** 29th Sep - 9th Oct  
For more details please see [www.10daysofprayer.info/whats-on](http://www.10daysofprayer.info/whats-on)

**ALPHA PLANNING MEETING** on Mon 30th Sep at 7.30pm in Presbytery.



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



**ADULTS** wishing to explore Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist to meet on Thu 3rd Oct in St James Presbytery at 7.30pm. **Open invitation to all—come along and join us!**



**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 available from back of church.

**CAFOD Family Fast day Fri 4th Oct.** CAFOD Please fast, pray and give. CAFOD invites us to eat a simple meal for lunch/dinner and donate what we save. Please use a Fast Day envelope.



**FEAST OF ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI** on Fri 4th October.

**Next Sun 6th Oct**  
**27th Sunday Ordinary Time**

**MASS COUNT** at all Masses

**NAME BADGE SUNDAY** please put a name badge on as you arrive at Mass.

**SECOND COLLECTION CAFOD** autumn family Fast Day.



**VOCATIONS WEEKEND** Fr John Cooke, Priestly Vocations Promoter, for the Diocese will speak at all Masses. 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.

**BAPTISMS** at 1pm at St James

**AFTERNOON TEA DANCE** organised by the Hibernian Society on Sun 6th Oct at 2pm-4.30pm at English Martyrs hall. Free admission.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PARENTS MEETING**

On Mon 7th Oct in St William of York church at 7.30pm.



**LAUNCHPADS 'BIG SLEEP OUT'** on Thu 10th Oct from 7pm-7am. Sleep out for one night so homeless people don't have to. Join in on World Homeless Day at Abbey Ruins and help to raise vital funds for Reading's homeless. Book your place at: [launchpadreading.org.uk](http://launchpadreading.org.uk)



**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 concelebrated by the Reading priests, along with the Cameroon priests serving in our diocese. Music lead by the Reading International choir. All are welcome - please join us.

**HARVEST PRODUCE SALE** by Gardening Connect Group after 9am Mass at St Williams on Sun 13th Oct. Any chutneys, jams or produce to be donated to the sale can be dropped off at 10am on Sat 12th Oct or on the day. Please support them.

**CANONISATION OF JOHN HENRY NEWMAN** Sun 13th Oct. J H Newman 1801-1890. He was the Vicar of the C of E University Church but after his retirement from Littlemore, Oxford he was received into the Catholic Church by Blessed Dominic Barberi on 9th Oct 1845. Ordained a priest in Rome he became the Rector of the Catholic University in Ireland & founded the Oratory school in Birmingham. In 1879 he was made a Cardinal by Pope Leo XIII. Praised for his unstinting care of souls, humility and prayerful contact with the invisible world. He died in Birmingham in 11th August 1890.

**READING GOAL 'HUG'** on Sun 13th Oct 2-3pm as a demonstration of the wish to have Reading Gaol as an arts hub and museum accessible to all. Reading Gaol is an important heritage site. The Ministry of Justice want to sell it to the highest bidder, most likely a housing developer. We want to surround the Gaol with people linking hands to show our support for it being open to the public as an arts hub and museum. Meet at the Abbey Ruins before moving to the Gaol. Helpers needed - see Ann Frank after 11am Mass.

**RECENTLY DIED:**

Fr Donal O'Brien died in Cork Ireland recently. He was former parish priest at Christ the King parish 1981-87. Fr Donal was also responsible for the reordering of CTK church.

Fr Colin Ward who died recently in Jersey. Our sympathy to their families may they rest in peace.



**WELCOME TO STUDENTS** today Dorinda Bray, University Lay Chaplain, will be attending the 9am Sunday Mass. She wishes to meet with new and returning students at Reading University. Students are very welcome.

**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.

**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 CATHOLIC SCHOOL** for Year 7 Admissions Sep 2020. You must attached the Supplementary Information Form (SIF) so that your application can be ranked correctly. Queries to Mrs Farrelly, on 01189574730. Download from the school website or the school office.

**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

**EXTRAORDINARY MONTH OF MISSION** October 2019 will be a special month of prayer and action to strengthen and grow God's mission and the Church.

**SERVICE MANAGER VACANCY** at the Salvation Army life houses (hostels) in Reading. For further details visit their website.

**THE FOURTH ANNUAL CATHOLIC MEDICAL ASSOCIATION YOUTH CONFERENCE:** Care of the Dying Patient. For 18-40 year old Catholics in healthcare at 1:30pm - 6pm Sat 5th October at St Aloysius' Catholic Church, Euston. £5 students, £10 waged to be paid on the door. Book at: [codp.eventbrite.co.uk](http://codp.eventbrite.co.uk). year.

**OCTOBER IS DEDICATED TO THE HOLY ROSARY** we are invited to pray the Rosary every day during this entire Marian month.

