

Psalm Response: O Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to the next.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

SUN 15th Sept: 24th O Time
 1st R. Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14
 2nd R. 1 Timothy 1:12-17
 Gospel: Luke 15:1-32

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 8th Sept		
Saturday 23rd SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME		
SJ (Vigil Mass)	6.00pm	Peter Walsh 10th ann. RIP
Sunday 23rd SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME		
SW	9.00am	Rueben Aguiar RIP
SJ	11.00am	50th ann. of Ord. Fr John
Monday 23rd week ordinary		
SJ	12.15pm	Teresa Bricker int.
Tuesday NO MASS		
Wednesday 23rd week ordinary		
SJ	12.15pm	FUNERAL MASS: Remedios D'Souza
Thursday 23rd week ordinary		
SJ	12.15pm	John McDonnell RIP
Friday ST JOHN CHRYSOSTOM		
SJ	12.15pm	Fr Dominic McDonagh int.
Saturday 24th SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME		
SJ (Vigil Mass)	6.00pm	Maureen & Dermot Murphy & Reilly & Murphy families
Next Sunday 24th SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME		
SW	9.00am	People of the parish
SJ	11.00am	Da Fonseca & Solipa families
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



8th September 2019
 23rd Sunday Ordinary Time

Fr John writes:

ANYONE WHO DOES NOT CARRY HIS CROSS, CANNOT BE MY DISCIPLE

Today the Gospel is troubling. Does Jesus really expect us to hate our families, friends and even ourselves in order to be his followers? We are invited to think about how we attach ourselves to things and to people, even to images of ourselves. If we are to grow, we must move on from the comfortable, let go of the familiar, this can be very painful. It is strange to hear that our family ties can be an obstacle and keep us from giving ourselves completely to living as a faithful, intentional disciple of Jesus Christ. Today I ask you to take this message seriously. **What distracts you from being a disciple? What needs to go?**



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. The first parents meeting is on Monday 7th October in St William of York church at 7pm. The parent and child sessions begin on Sunday 13th October, 3-4.30pm at St Williams.



'CALLED & GIFTED' DAY AT ST JAMES SAT 5th OCT

We welcome the Diocesan Called & Gifted Team; Geoff & Gina Poulter and Anne-Marie Fletcher, who will speak to us at Mass today. They will present to us an outline of the 'Called & Gifted' day, and help us to understand the process which will help us to discover the charisms, the gifts and talents that God has blessed us with. We all have a unique gift that is personal to us. This could be a life changing experience. **I appeal to you to give serious consideration to this opportunity.**

We will be joined by the polish community from the Sacred Heart Church. Limited to 50. **Please join us.** The cost is £25 (£43 less £18 parish subsidy).

CALLLED & GIFTED



Back to School Prayer For Students

God of wisdom and might,
 We praise you for the wonder
 of our being,
 for mind, body, and spirit.
 Be with us as we begin a
 new school year.
 Bless us and the teachers and staff
 at our school.
 Give strength and grace
 to our growing bodies,
 wisdom and knowledge to our minds
 as we search for understanding,
 and peace and zeal to our hearts.
 We ask this through
 Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

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

FOLK GROUP at 9am & 11am Masses

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

BAPTISM we welcome into our parish community Cayden D'Souza son of James & Cheryle to be baptised at 1pm

TAMIL MASS at 5pm

RESTORATION OF READING ABBEY RUINS AT ST JAMES The work is now ahead of schedule. Please look at the ruin by the Lady Chapel which is due to be completed first.

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



FAITH IN ACTION meeting on Wed 11th Sept at 7.30pm in Presbytery.

RECENTLY DIED Remedios D'Souza. Funeral Mass on Wed 11th Sept at 12.15pm at St James. Our sympathy to his family. May he rest in peace.



GOOD SHEPHERD PRAYER GROUP to meet on Wed 11th Sept at 7.30pm in the Barberi Room. Please contact Arlene 07713 892407 for further details.

UCM to meet after 12.15pm Mass in Barberi Room. Welcome back meeting with 'wine & cheese'.

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.**



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.**



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



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

SECOND COLLECTION Home Missions

GOAN MASS at 4.30pm

AV PLANNING GROUP meeting on Wed 18th Sept at St James Presbytery at 7.30pm.

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 9.30-10.30am in St James Presbytery.

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



CALLING YOU We need your help! Please consider being part of our **Baptism Preparation Team** or our **First Holy Communion Team**. You are asked to help out and to be part of a group of volunteers. Please speak to Fr John or contact the parish office 01189 574171.



CIRDIC ART EXHIBITION 17th-28th Sept at Holy Brook Gallery, Reading Central Library, RG1 3BQ. An exhibition of work by clients of Churches in Reading Drop-in Centre.

CONGRATULATIONS to the Association of Ukrainians on the 50th anniversary of their Community Centre in Reading. We wish them a wonderful celebration on Sat 14th September.

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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'.

PRAYING FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE SEAS AND OCEANS IN SEPTEMBER

Pope Francis requests action and prayer "that politicians and scientists will work together to protect the world's seas and oceans". Due to global warming the glaciers in the Arctic Ocean are turning into water. This will quicken the rise of sea levels and affect peoples lives. Please join with Pope Francis in praying for greater Care Of our Common Home.



PLANNING A WEDDING IN CHURCH HERE OR ABROAD ?

If you are planning a marriage here in the parish please contact Fr John to begin the marriage paperwork.

If you live here & are planning a marriage elsewhere in the UK or abroad, you must do the marriage paperwork and marriage preparation course here with Fr John.

Please phone the parish office on 957 4171 to make an appointment to see Fr John.



INSTALLATION OF VISUAL DISPLAY SYSTEM IN ST JAMES CHURCH.

The Historic Churches Committee approved and supported the installation of an AV system at their meeting on Thu 5th Sept. Fr John, Simon Still and Marius Hopley presented our application and after due consideration the use of projectors and screens in the church was approved. Our thanks to the AV Planning Group for their research and hard work in arranging the presentation.