

Psalm Response: I will bless your name forever, O God my King

SCRIPTURE READINGS

SUN 10th Nov: 32nd O Time
1st R. 2 Macc. 7:1-2, 9-14
2nd R. 2 Thes. 2:16-3:5
Gospel: Luke 20:27-38

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

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

LAUDATO SI ACTION GROUP

Here is our tip for the week:

**Support the Co-op:
they are environmentally-
friendly, are the first
supermarket to introduce
totally compostable bags,
and have introduced a
huge range of
environmental
and community
initiatives.**




Royal Berkshire Hospital
Chaplain: *Fr JP Lyttle*
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Sunday Mass 4.00pm
Patients, staff & visitors
welcome

Parish Liturgies for the week commencing 3rd Nov

Saturday	31st SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME	
SJ	11.00am	Maureen Orazuikie RIP
SJ (Vigil Mass)	6.00pm	Special intentions
Sunday	31st SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME	
SW	9.00am	Emer Prendergast RIP
SJ	11.00am	Lucy & family thanksgiving
Monday	ST CHARLES BORROMEO	
SJ	12.15pm	Tomlin Xavier int.
Tuesday	NO MASS	
Wednesday	31st week ordinary	
SJ	12.15pm	People of the parish
Thursday	31st week ordinary	
SJ	12.15pm	Roman Josefa RIP
Friday	31st week ordinary	
SJ	12.15pm	Maria Leopoldina Britto RIP
Saturday	32nd SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME	
SJ (Vigil Mass)	6.00pm	Agostinha Furtado RIP
Next Sunday	32nd SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME	
SW	9.00am	Sadie Ruddy
SJ	11.00am	Carlos Querido, Luis Silver & Felix Mota RIP
Confessions	SJ - Saturday 5pm - 5.45pm	
Rosary	SJ - Mon to Thu after 12.15pm Mass	
Exposition	SJ - Friday 11am to 12pm	

PARISH PRIEST: Canon John O'Shea
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The Roman Catholic Parish of
St James and St William of York
Reading
3rd November 2019
31st Sunday Ordinary Time



Fr John writes:-

BAMENDA SUNDAY

Forty four years ago, the diocese of Bamenda and Portsmouth were twinned. Sadly, over the last few years there has been a steady deterioration in the socio/political situation between the English speaking region of Cameroon (within which Bamenda sits), & the French speaking government. This has led to an escalating cycle of violence, resulting in deaths, villages being destroyed and schools being closed. Recently we had a special Mass at English Martyrs to pray for Fr Bon's family members who had been killed in the conflict. In this crisis, the Bishops in Bamenda have been forthright in condemning the violence and killings. Please pray and be generous in your donations. See www.bamendaandportsmouth.com.



JESUS SEEKS OUT THE CHEAT - ZACCHAEUS

Today we hear the story of Zacchaeus who showed himself open to the call of Jesus, to the surprise of everyone who thought that tax collectors were evil. Sometimes we get it wrong and fail to see goodness in those we have written off. As a grown man he climbed a tree to see Jesus, he must have been the laughing stock of the crowd. The best know swindler in town is rewarded with a visit of Jesus to his home. A moment when he offered to change his life and to make restitution for the money he had stolen. So good to hear again that no matter what we have done wrong Jesus is willing to forgive us.



NEW YOUTH MINISTRY

We would like to invite all those interested in Youth Ministry in our parish to a planning meeting on:

Wed 6th November at 7.30pm in St James presbytery

We will look at planning for Youth Sunday on 24th Nov at 11am which is the Feast of Christ the King, a new Youth Ministry Team to plan youth events. We need new volunteers to help with this and your help would be much appreciated. We would love to hear your ideas, suggestion etc so please come to the meeting and help us to reach out to the youth. Come to the meeting or speak to Fr John.

YOUTH SUNDAY we need our young people to volunteer to **READ** and **WELCOME** at the Youth Mass. If you would like to volunteer please speak to Fr John, Ginika or Ann Frank.



This Sunday 3rd November
31st Sun Ordinary Time
BAMENDA SUNDAY

NAME BADGE SUNDAY when we get to know others at Mass.



SECOND COLLECTION for Bamenda & Bamenda newsletter distributed.

BAPTISMS we welcome into our parish community Chukwuka Okoye son of Chukwuka & Ijeoma and Thomas Carolan son of Jed & Helen both to be baptised at 1pm.



BLESSING OF GRAVES 3pm at Mayes Lane.

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE PERSECUTED CHURCH today. Every November Christians around the world unite to pray for others who suffer for their beliefs. Please pray for those who are persecuted because of their Christian faith.

125th ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF ST JOSEPHS COLLEGE will be celebrated on Tue 5th Nov. Congratulations to Headmaster, Staff and Students.

RECENTLY DIED Rev Dom Nicholas Broadbridge OSB a monk of Douai Abbey. Funeral Mass at Douai Abbey Wed 6th Nov at 2.30pm. May he rest in peace.

PLANNING FOR 'YOUTH SUNDAY', YOUTH MINISTRY & CONFIRMATION meeting on Wed 6th Nov at 7.30pm in St James presbytery.



UCM on Thu 7th Nov after 12.15pm Mass. Sew/knit premature baby quilts.

CENTERING PRAYER on Thu 7th Nov at 7pm in St James Presbytery.

PARISH STRATEGY GROUP Meeting on Sat 9th Nov at 9am-12noon at St James presbytery.

Next Sun 10th Nov
32nd Sunday Ordinary Time
REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY Masses at 9am & 11am. Before the 11am Mass we will stand in silence and play a recording of The Last Post and Reveille—please arrive early & be seated before 11am. The 11am Mass will be celebrated as a Mass for the Dead with Readings and Hymns chosen appropriately.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION RITE OF COMMITMENT at 9am & 11am Masses

RENEWAL OF WEDDING VOWS at 11am Mass. Congratulations to Columbus & Theodora Ndah on their 20th wedding Anniversary.



BLESSING OF GRAVES 3.00pm Henley Road Cemetery.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION parent & child session at 3pm at St William of York.



TAMIL MASS at 4.30pm

'COME HOME FOR CHRISTMAS' planning meeting on Mon 11th November at 7.30pm in St James Presbytery.

FEAST OF BLESSED HUGH FARINGDON on Thu 14th November. Happy feast day to the Headmaster, staff and pupils at BHF school. Masses in the school at 9.30 & 11am. Fr John to lead 9.30am Mass.

CARING FOR ENVIRONMENT - OUR COMMON HOME Our parish Laudato Si Group would like to invite you to an evening on Thursday 14th November at 7.30pm at St James church. The aim of this evening is to raise awareness of the environment issues facing us all following Pope Francis' encyclical 'Laudato Si - Caring for our Common Home', and to pool practical suggestions which we can all take on board. Please note the date and come and share in our efforts to care for our common home.



'CALLED & GIFTED' small group discussion meeting on Fri 15th Nov at 7.30pm in St James church. For all those who attended the recent 'Called & Gifted' day.

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION on Sat 16th & 23rd Nov at 10.00am in St James Church

ON FIRE!" PRAYER & HEALING SERVICE Sat 16th Nov at 5 - 7pm at St Joseph's, Tilehurst - all welcome.

CHRISTMAS CHOIR PRACTICES Come and join the singing rehearsals:

Thursday 21st Nov
 Tuesday 26th Nov
 Wednesday 4th Dec
 Thursday 12th Dec
 Tuesday 17th Dec
 All at 7.30pm.



Open to all - not just choirs!

From 7.30pm—9pm at St James. An most enjoyable evening assured. You must attend at least two practices to sing at Christmas Masses.

BLESSING OF GRAVES

SUN 3RD NOVEMBER

Mays Lane Burial Ground	3 pm
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SUN 10TH NOVEMBER

Henley Road Cemetery	3 pm
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VOLUNTEERS WANTED to join the **Baptism Preparation Team** If you can spare some time to help please speak to Fr John and email the parish office

NEW FOR WEBSITE Our website team have been busy filming new 360 degree views of St James and St Williams of York which are now available on the website. Go and take a look at:

www.jameswilliam-reading.org.uk

In due time we will have new sections on the St James Ruins Renovations and the spirituality of walking pilgrimages. Our thanks to the website team.

MASS COUNTS

The average Mass counts were:

<u>MASSES</u>	<u>2019</u>
St James 6pm	200
St Williams 9am	150
St James 11am	500
Parish total	850

STJ Ordinariate 9.15am	15
STJ Goan (once a month)	140
STJ Tamil (once a month)	50
STW Extraordinary form 11am	110

Thank you to the counters at all of the weekend Masses.

TEA & COFFEE please join us after the 9am & 11am Sunday Masses for tea and coffee. Get to know other parishioners and join in with our parish community. All welcome - stay and say hello!

BED FOR THE NIGHT (B4N) Seven churches in Reading are opening their doors Jan—Mar 2020 to homeless people giving them a hot meal and a bed for the night. Volunteers needed to help. Training sessions at LifeSpring church, RG1 7UY Sat 9th & 23rd Nov and 14th Dec. All 9.30am – 12 noon. Volunteer forms at the back of church.



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.**

THE BOOK OF THE NAMES OF THE DECEASED please inscribe the names of your family & friends, who you wish to be remembered. This will be displayed at the front of the church.

NEW BEGINNINGS READING: ALL NIGHT CAFE at Queens Arms alcohol free pub, 24 Great Knollys Street, RG1 7HL. Fri & Sat evenings. Volunteers needed. Visit their website www.newbeginningsreading.org