

Psalm Response: The Lord is my light and my help.



SCRIPTURE READINGS

SUN 2nd Feb: PRES. THE LORD

1st R. Malachi 3:1-4
2nd R. Hebrews 2:14-18
Gospel: Luke 2:22-40

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

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Sunday Mass 4.00pm
For patients, staff & visitors

Parish Liturgies for the week 26th Jan	
Saturday	3rd SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME
SJ (Vigil Mass)	6.00pm Jim O'Hea RIP
Sunday	3rd SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME
SW	9.00am Ronan Prendergast RIP
SJ	11.00am Daniel Tobin RIP
Monday	3rd Week Ordinary Time
SJ	12.15pm Andrew Petz RIP
Tuesday	NO MASS
Wednesday	3rd Week Ordinary Time
SJ	12.15pm Dominic & Gerard Prunty int
Thursday	3rd Week Ordinary Time
SJ	12.15pm Neville O'Farrell RIP
Friday	ST JOHN BOSCO
SJ	12.15pm Deceased parishioners of St James
Saturday	PRESENTATION OF THE LORD
SJ (Vigil Mass)	6.00pm Jan Sabol RIP
Next Sunday	PRESENTATION OF THE LORD
SW	9.00am Fr Louis Catterall RIP
SJ	11.00am Mr Carol Donavan RIP
Confessions	SJ - Saturday 5pm - 5.45pm
Rosary	SJ - after 12.15pm Mass
Exposition	SJ - Friday 11am to 12pm

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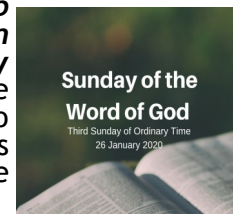
The Roman Catholic Parish of
St James and St William of York
Reading

26th January 2020
3rd SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

Fr John writes:-

SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD

Pope Francis is passionate about Jesus Christ and passionate about the Word of God. He has declared a special Sunday dedicated to the Bible each year. All of us are invited to respond imaginatively and actively to this new Feast. The Pope says: *"We need to develop a closer relationship with sacred Scripture; otherwise, our hearts will remain cold and our eyes shut, struck as we are by so many forms of blindness"*. The aim is to promote the importance of Scripture and to encourage all of us to have a bible and to read and pray the Scriptures regularly. Today and this coming year we will explore different ways of using the Scriptures alone and with others.



AV SCREENS GO LIVE TODAY at St James!

Today at the 6pm Vigil and the 11am Mass in St James we will have the benefit of the new screens to help us with the responses and with singing at Mass. This is work in progress as we start to integrate this new technology into our Sunday Masses. Still to be installed is a larger screen in the Lady Chapel, two screens in the porches and the Information Screen in the porch. Today we invite you to avail of the screens and to engage in the responses and singing at Mass.



WANTED NEW VOLUNTEERS TO MINISTER IN OUR PARISH

Today we again appeal for you to consider helping out. The forms are at the back with a box of pens. How about sharing a little of your time and talent and contributing to the life and mission of our parish community?

Can you please help? Please see the volunteer sheet and sign up

HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY

The theme for HMD 2020 is 'Stand Together'. It explores how genocidal regimes throughout history have deliberately fractured societies by marginalising certain groups, and how these tactics can be challenged by individuals standing together with their neighbours, and speaking out against oppression. HMD 2020 marks the 75th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz - this is a significant milestone and is made particularly poignant by the dwindling number of survivors who are able to share their testimony. It also marks the 25th anniversary of the Genocide in Bosnia.



This Sunday 26th Jan
3rd Sunday Ordinary Time
SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD

SECOND COLLECTION The Cathedral - to support the Cathedral our mother church.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CHILDREN to have a special part in the 9am & 11am Masses.



ALTAR SERVERS PRACTICE after 11am Mass.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION parent & child Session at 3pm at St Williams.



CENTERING PRAYER Thu 30th Jan at 7pm in the Presbytery.

ADULTS wishing to explore Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist to meet on Thu 30th Jan in St James Presbytery at 7.30pm. **Open invitation to all—come along and join us.**



FEAST OF ST JOHN BOSCO on Fri 31st Jan Many congratulation to all parishioners at Woodley on your feast day.

ALPHA on Fri 31st Jan at 7pm in St James church. **FULLY BOOKED.**



CAFOD Update Meeting on Sat 1st Feb at St Luke's' Church Theale RG7 4AG 2:30pm. See portsmouth@cafod.org.uk.



READERS WORKSHOP on Sat 1st Feb at 9.30- 11am in St James church. For all readers at 6pm, 9am & 11am Sunday Masses. For existing readers and new readers. Led by Fr John. This initiative is to promote the Year of the Word of God with in our readers. All readers are invited



Next Sunday 2nd Feb PRESENTATION OF THE LORD – also called Candlemas Day commemorates the time Mary & Joseph presented Jesus in the Temple to consecrate him to God. They meet Simeon & Anna who are inspired to recognise Jesus “as a light for revelation to the gentiles and glory for your people of Israel” (Luke 2:23). This sparked the tradition of blessing candles for the year.



NAME BADGE SUNDAY

BLESSING OF CANDLES before all Masses.



LAUDATO SI GROUP to meet on Mon 3rd Feb at 7.30pm in St James Presbytery.



CAMINO WALKING PILGRIMAGE

15th/16th-23rd/24th Sep 2020. Camino del Norte Stage 2: Vilalba to Santiago 125km over six days. Prices for flights and coach £290 approx. Hostel or hotel extra. Must be reasonably fit.

Information evening: Thu 6th Feb at 7.30pm in St James church.

Full information sheet & booking forms available at the meeting or afterwards from parish office.



PRESENTATION OF ALTAR SERVERS MEDALS at the end of all Masses 7th & 8th February.



NEW EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION TRAINING DAY for Reading parishes on Sat 8th Feb at 9.30am–12.00pm at St James. Led by Fr John and Ann Hogg.

FOOD CRISIS IN ZIMBABWE AND ZAMBIA Crippling drought and failed crops have left 10 million people with out food or water. Donate at: cafod.org.uk/foodcrisisappeal or in an envelope marked CAFOD through parish collection.



UNDERSTANDING THE MASS

The Mass can be divided into two major sections. One the Gathering and the Listening and next the Sharing and the Dismissal.

The Mass begins with the entrance hymn which helps us to get in the mood of celebration and gives us a sense of belonging. It is usually a well known hymn and suggests the theme of the Sunday. All of us are expected to sing, so please sing.

Next we have the Sign of the Cross and greeting. We are reminded of who we are and what life means, a sharing in the death–resurrection of Christ.

The Penitential Rite is not about saying sorry or being repentant but to remind us of God's great mercy and that we are already forgiven. We give thanks that we who are sinners gather through the gracious gift of God's love and forgiveness.

We continue to reflect on ways of participating in the Sunday Eucharist as we begin to use the screens at Mass. This is a must for all of us.

INVITATION TO CULTURAL MASS FOR NIGERIANS on Sun 23rd Feb at 3.00pm at St. John's Cathedral.

CRIB OFFERINGS will go to Christian Communities in the Holy Land.

DIOCESAN YOUTH PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 15th - 19th July. £545pp for 16yr-25yr (YR11 upwards). Fr John wishes to invite our young people to consider going to Lourdes. It is a very special experience. If interested please contact Fr John or Parish Office. There may be some financial help available.

PASTORAL VISIT BY BISHOP PHILIP 15/16 FEB. The Bishop will preach at all Masses and will try to meet as many as possible over the weekend. This is a special and joyful occasion for our community as we welcome and greet our Bishop.



PARKING IN FORBURY RETAIL PARK is now ANPR. for a max 3 hour stay. Over this you will get a ticket which we cannot appeal & you will have to pay. You no longer need the parking permit. Please respect this new arrangement.

PARKING AT ST JAMES FOR WEEKEND MASSES is reserved for the elderly or infirm and for those taking a led role at our **Masses that weekend ONLY**. Please do not park here otherwise and use Forbury Retail Park.

GIVING BY STANDING ORDER At the start of a New Year it is good to review how we contribute to the Church. The best way of giving is by Standing Order, whereby a certain sum comes directly from your bank account each month. If you would like a standing order form please contact the parish office or fill in the white envelopes in the church and return. Thank you.

MOBILE PHONES please turn to 'mute' when in church—thank you.



ENGAGED COUPLES EVENT On Sat 15th Feb. An Engaged Couples Breakfast and blessing at the Cathedral. All engaged couples welcome. Contact Kirsten at kmcguire@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk to book.

NEW DIOCESAN WEBSITE The diocese launched their new website this week. Fr John features and you will see a few familiar faces from the 11am Mass at St James!! Please have a look at: www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

LAUDATO SI ACTION GROUP

TIP FOR THE WEEK:

Buy loose fruit and veg whenever possible, and take into account air-miles. Buy local produce.....

