

Psalm Response: All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

SUN 12th Jan: Baptism Lord
 1st R. Isaiah 42:1-4,6-7
 2nd R. Acts 10:34-38
 Gospel: Matthew 3:13-17

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

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A New Years Prayer

*Dear Lord,
 Thank you for a
 New Year filled with
 fresh grace & countless
 opportunities!
 Lead me to Your heart,
 Your Word and Your
 ways, as I strive to live
 out Your love in 2020.
 Please take my hand,
 enrich my soul and let
 me walk with you.
 Amen.*

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Sunday Mass 4.00pm
 Patients, staff & visitors
 welcome

Parish Liturgies for the week 5th Jan

Saturday		EPIPHANY OF THE LORD	
SJ (Vigil Mass)	6.00pm	Margaret Fitzgeralds int.	
Sunday		EPIPHANY OF THE LORD	
SW	9.00am	Sara & Michael Scanlon RIP	
SJ	11.00am	Micha Rodler int.	
Monday		Monday of Christmastide after Epiphany	
SJ	12.15pm	Frances Maria Reed RIP	
Tuesday		NO MASS	
Wednesday		Wednesday of Christmastide after Epiphany	
SJ	12.15pm	Eileen "Molly" Lovell RIP	
Thursday		Thursday of Christmastide after Epiphany	
SJ	12.15pm	Thomas Fitzgerald RIP	
Friday		Friday of Christmastide after Epiphany	
SJ	12.15pm	Aiden Farrelly RIP	
Saturday		THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD	
SJ (Vigil Mass)	6.00pm	Watson Andrews RIP	
Next Sunday		THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD	
SW	9.00am	Maria Ratto RIP	
SJ	11.00am	Norma Breen	
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

5th January 2020
THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



Fr John writes:-

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Today we mark the arrival of 'THE THREE WISE MEN' from the East at the manger in Bethlehem to pay homage to Christ. Tradition suggests that the three men dressed in robes of Kings came bearing gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. Gold is a gift for a King. Frankincense used in worship of God indicates the baby is God, he is Christ the Lord. Myrrh was used in oil to anoint Kings. They were guided across the desert through the darkness by the light of a star. The wise men represent all of us, (all nations) who are in search of Jesus Christ.

20+C+M+B+20

Epiphany is a time for asking Christ to bless the house. Many inscribe on the front door in chalk the letters C M B, the initials of the three Kings; Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar, and the date of the year 2020. Say a prayer of blessing in your house today.



Epiphany



EVERY BLESSING TO YOU IN 2020



ALPHA STARTS 10TH JAN - LAST CHANCE TO SIGN UP!!

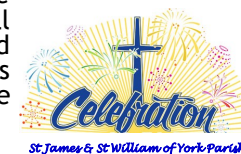
ALPHA will begin this Friday for 8 sessions 7-9pm. Each session includes a meal and covers a key element of the gospel in a way that is easy-to-follow and leaves space for people to explore their questions about life, faith, and God. Sessions include: *Is there more to life than this? Who is Jesus? Why did Jesus die? Why and how do I pray? Why and how do I read the Bible? How does God guide us? What does the Holy Spirit do? How can I be filled with the Holy Spirit? How can I make the most of the rest of my life?*

WHY DON'T YOU REGISTER TODAY FOR ALPHA ?



PASTORAL VISIT BY BISHOP PHILIP 15/16 FEBRUARY

We look forward to the Pastoral Visitation of Bishop Philip. The Bishop has overall care and responsibility for the spirit and well being of all parishes in his diocese. The Bishop will preside and preach at all Masses and will try and meet and greet as many as possible over the weekend. We need to plan and organise the visit so that it is a special and joyful occasion for our parish.



This Sunday 5th Jan
The Epiphany of the Lord
NAME BADGE SUNDAY
WELCOME RITE at 11am Mass



GOOD SHEPHERD CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP to meet on Wed 8th Jan at 7.30pm in the Barbari room. Please contact Arlene 07713 892407 for further details.

UCM to meet after Mass on Thu 9th Jan in Barberi room. Welcome back & raffle

CENTERING PRAYER Thu 9th Jan at 7pm in the Presbytery.

ALPHA first session on Fri 10th Jan at 7pm in St James church.



Next Sunday 12th Jan
The Baptism of the Lord



THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD. (This ends the Christmas season). We hear of another revelation and the beginning of Jesus' public ministry after he had been immersed in the water of the Jordan River by John the Baptist.

FOLK GROUP at 9am & 11am Masses.

SECOND COLLECTION for PAX CHRISTI BAPTISMS at 1pm at St James

TAMIL MASS at 5pm (Rosary 4.30pm).

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PARENTS SESSION on Mon 13th Jan at 7.30pm at St William of York church. This session will focus on 'Reconciliation'.

JOURNEY IN FAITH (RCIA)

Are you considering becoming a Catholic? Are you seeking adult Confirmation? What it means to live as a Catholic? Could this be for you? Come to an info evening on:

**Thursday 16th Jan
at 7.30pm**

at St James Presbytery or see Fr John.



WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 18th-25th Jan.

"ON FIRE" Healing & Prayer Service on Sat 25th Jan at 5-7pm at St Joseph's Tilehurst—all welcome. Led by Fr Peter Glas.

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 & prepare by walking regularly before the Camino.

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

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



PORTSMOUTH DIOCESE NIGERIAN MASS on Sun 23rd Feb more details to follow.

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



PLANNING A BAPTISM? To book and register please make an appointment to see Fr John 957 4171.

Baptism Preparation on Saturdays at 10am-11.15am on 22nd & 29th Feb (must attend both).



FR JOHN would like to thank you for your generous Christmas offerings, Christmas cards & gifts. Please be assured your kindness, generosity, love and support are deeply appreciated.

May God bless you all for your kindness and for your generosity.



PLANNING A WEDDING IN CHURCH HERE OR ABROAD?

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.

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

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



SPIRITUAL NEW YEAR RESOLUTIONS

One aspect of our lives that is often neglected is our spiritual development. The busyness of life can sometimes get in the way of our responsibility to keep God at the centre of what we say and do. So it might be worth trying some of the suggestions below:

Read the Bible. Try a chapter a day or listening to an audio book is a great alternative and it means you can hear the Word of God anywhere, anytime.

Join a parish group. If you're not involved in a local parish group, why not join one. Your faith will develop significantly when you join with others in prayer and fellowship.

Pray more. Get into the habit of praying when you wake and before bed. It doesn't have to be a long session, but make sure it's thoughtful and focused.

Be thankful. The world can seem like a horrid place sometimes, and this prompts us to complain and moan. Instead try to be more grateful for the things that you do have.

Give more. Make a concerted effort this year to volunteer your time and talents.



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.

NEW TO THE PARISH? Please register on our online parishioner database. Please go to our website: www.jameswilliam-reading.org.uk press the register now button, log in, & fill in your details, which are for parish use only & confidential. Don't delay - please register now!

QUINQUENNIAL REPORT at our 5yr property inspection it was identified that St Williams needs substantial repairs to the building. We are sourcing a project manager to over see the work. The work will be ongoing through 2020 - updates to follow.

AV SCREENS have almost finished being installed. Testing at Masses will begin towards the end of Jan. Volunteers still needed to join the teams operating the screens at Masses. See Fr John or contact parish office if you can help.

TEA & COFFEE Please join us for tea & coffee which is served after 9am and 11am Masses on Sundays. All are most welcome.



LAUDATO SI ACTION GROUP GREEN NEW YEAR RESOLUTIONS:

- Use your own shopping bags.
- Cook from scratch.
- Eat organic as much as possible.
- Eat less meat.
- Avoid fast fashion.
- Bring your own water bottle.
- Hang your laundry to dry.

