

Psalm Response: The Lord will bless his people with peace.

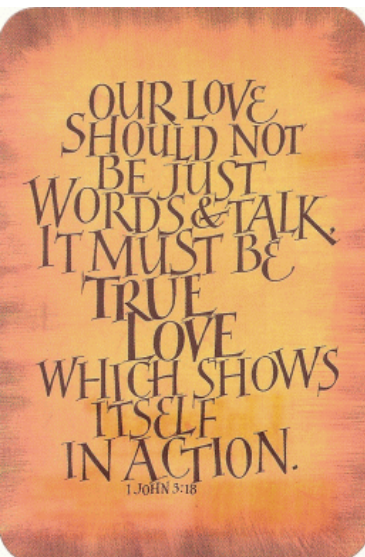
SCRIPTURE READINGS

SUN 19th Jan: 2nd Ord.
 1st R. Isaiah 49:3,5-6
 2nd R. 1 Corin. 1:1-3
 Gospel: John 1:29-34

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

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Parish Liturgies for the week 12th Jan	
Saturday	THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD
SJ (Vigil Mass)	6.00pm Watson Andrews RIP
Sunday	THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD
SW	9.00am Maria Ratto RIP
SJ	11.00am Norma Breen
Monday	1st Week Ordinary Time
SJ	12.15pm Roberto Salcedo RIP
Tuesday	NO MASS
Wednesday	1st Week Ordinary Time
SJ	12.15pm In thanksgiving
Thursday	1st Week Ordinary Time
SJ	12.15pm Antonio Marano Santano RIP
Friday	ST ANTHONY OF EGYPT
SJ	12.15pm In thanksgiving (Gibber)
Saturday	2nd SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME
SJ (Vigil Mass)	6.00pm Paulina Furtado RIP
Next Sunday	2nd SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME
SW	9.00am Arthur Robertson RIP
SJ	11.00am Philomena Vaz E Menezes
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

12th January 2020
THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Fr John writes:-

THE HOLY SPIRIT DESCENDED UPON HIM LIKE A DOVE

The Baptism of Jesus was a very special moment for him. It shows Jesus to be the Beloved Son of God, anointed by the Father with the Holy Spirit and with power. It marked a transition point in his life and the start of his public ministry. We, too, are the beloved children of the Father. We pray that we may follow Jesus more closely this week.

**In life who have pointed you in the right direction?
 What were the transition points in your own life?
 How has prayer helped you through these transition points?**



AV SCREENS MEETING ON MON 20TH JAN

At 7.30pm in St James presbytery. All those who have already volunteered to help with operating the screens, our organists and leaders of our choirs are all invited to this important meeting.



WANTED NEW VOLUNTEERS TO MINISTER IN OUR PARISH

As the New Year begins we would like to ask you to consider becoming more involved in the life of our great parish community. We are blessed with **Time, Talent and Treasure**. How about sharing a little of your time and talent and contributing to the life and mission of our parish community? Our aim is to bring people closer to Jesus Christ and to grow our parish into joyful, missionary disciples.

Make A Difference

Can you please help?

Please read the volunteer sheet and sign up.



INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CATHOLIC?

Being Confirmed as an adult or being baptised as an adult, or just wanting to explore further the Catholic tradition? No commitment is required.

Information evening

Thu 16th Jan at 7.30pm in St James Presbytery

Perhaps your experience at Christmas time has given you a desire to know more about your faith, if so please come and join us. If you know somebody who is interested in exploring their faith please suggest that they come and join us—an opportunity not to be missed! Speak to Fr John or fill out the sign up sheet at the back of the church.



This 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.

BAPTISMS we welcome into our parish community Nathaniel Banks son of Luke & Ailema and Nela Kellner daughter of Robert & Aleksandra to be baptised 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'.

ROSARY & PROCESSION at Our Lady of Peace on Mon 13th Jan at 7.30pm.

CENTERING PRAYER Thu 16th Jan at 7pm in the Presbytery.

ALPHA on Fri 17th Jan at 7pm in St James church. **FULLY BOOKED.**

PARISH STRATEGY GROUP to meet on Sat 18th Jan 9am-12 noon at St James presbytery.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 18th-25th Jan. Ecumenical Service at 6.00pm on Sun 19th Jan at Emmanuel Methodist Church, Oxford Road, Preacher: Bishop Olivia Music: Reading Salvation Army band. All welcome.



Next Sunday 19th Jan
2nd Sunday Ordinary Time
PEACE SUNDAY

SECOND COLLECTION for PAX CHRISTI

GOAN MASS at 4.30pm

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

CAFOD Update Meeting on Sat 1st Feb at St Luke's' Church Theale RG7 4AG from 2:30pm to 4:30pm. Everyone is welcome so please confirm your place at portsmouth@cafod.org.uk.

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.



INVITATION TO CULTURAL MASS FOR NIGERIANS on Sun 23rd Feb at 3.00pm at St. John's Cathedral. Refreshments will follow. Catholic TV of Nigeria will be covering the Mass. Traditional/cultural dress is highly encouraged.

PLANNING A BAPTISM IN 2020? 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 and your family in 2020.



PLANNING A WEDDING IN CHURCH HERE OR ABROAD IN 2020?

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 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.



ACCIDENT WHILST CROSSING FORBURY ROAD unfortunately on Christmas Day another child leaving Mass was knocked over whilst crossing Forbury Road. Please be extra vigilant when crossing especially with children. The child went to the RBH and is recovering well at home.

WANTED HEAD OF PREP AT ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE READING. For boys & girls aged 3-18yrs. To be a key member of the Senior Leadership Team working closely with the Head Master. To be a practising Christian supportive of the Catholic tradition & ethos of the school. Further details & to apply please see www.sjcr.org.uk/417/community/work-with-us. Closing date: Mon 20 Jan 2020 (noon).

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.

PASTORAL VISIT BY BISHOP PHILIP 15/16 FEB We look forward to the Pastoral Visitation of Bishop Philip. The Bishop will preside and preach at all Masses and will try to meet as many as possible over the weekend. We need to plan and organise so that it is a special and joyful occasion for our parish. Save the date!



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.

RECEIPT OF HOLY COMMUNION

When you come forward to receive Holy Communion please make a preparatory act of reverence by bowing your head in honour of Christ's presence in the Blessed Sacrament.



'STEP ASIDE' RETREAT at Boars Hill Priory, near Oxford, for those involved in lay ministry. Fri 14th Feb teatime until pm Sun 16th. The theme is "Step Aside - for the grace to be renewed and replenished in the Spirit". Cost for full residential with all meals & single room is £180 or non-residential is £70. For info & bookings please contact Clare at csimpson@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

PILGRIMAGE TO HOLY LAND 17th-24th Nov 2020. Led by Fr Tom Gruferty & organised by Sacred Heart Parish Hook. Cost £1695pp. Info & bookings to tomgruferty1@gmail.com

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 15th-19th July 2020. Cost is £695pp sharing. Contact Sue 07780 221686 for further info & bookings.

PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK SHRINE 16th March 2020. Cost £599.00pp sharing. Contact Patricia on 01268 762 278 for further info & bookings.

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TIP FOR THE WEEK:

This is the time people start thinking about summer holidays - so please consider air-miles when planning

your holidays...

