

Psalm Response: Here I am, Lord! I come to do your will.



SCRIPTURE READINGS

SUN 26th Jan: 3rd Ord.
1st R. Isaiah 8:23-9:3
2nd R. 1 Corin. 1:10-13,17
Gospel: Matthew 4:12-23

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

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PRAYER FOR WORLD PEACE



O LORD GOD, WE PRAY FOR PEACE & LOVE IN ALL THE NATIONS, AMONG ALL THE PEOPLE THAT ALL WARS AND HATRED WILL END. WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO SUFFER FROM WAR, INJUSTICE, & INTOLERANCE, FOR THE CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE, THE POOR & NEGLECTED ONES. WE PRAY FOR PEACE IN OUR LIFE, LANDS, NATIONS, FAMILIES & IN OUR HEARTS. LORD GIVE US WORLD PEACE. WE ASK YOUR MERCY IN THE NAME OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST. AMEN.

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Sunday Mass 4.00pm
For patients, staff & visitors

Parish Liturgies for the week 19th Jan

Saturday		2nd SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME	
SJ (Vigil Mass)	6.00pm	Paulina Furtado	RIP
Sunday		2nd SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME	
SW	9.00am	Arthur Robertson	RIP
SJ	11.00am	Philomena Vaz E Menezes	
Monday		2nd Week Ordinary Time	
SJ	12.15pm	Sheila McCarthy	RIP
Tuesday		NO MASS	
Wednesday		2nd Week Ordinary Time	
SJ	12.15pm	Jim O'Hea	RIP
Thursday		2nd Week Ordinary Time	
SJ	12.15pm	Tito Gonsalves	RIP
Friday		ST FRANCIS DE SALES	
SJ	12.15pm	Mrs O'Sullivan	RIP
Saturday		3rd SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME	
SJ (Vigil Mass)	6.00pm	Jim O'Hea	RIP
Next Sunday		3rd SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME	
SW	9.00am	Ronan Prendergast	RIP
SJ	11.00am	Daniel Tobin	RIP
Confessions		SJ - Saturday 5pm - 5.45pm	
Rosary		SJ - 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

19th January 2020
2nd SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME



Fr John writes:-

BEHOLD THE LAMB OF GOD

In today's Gospel, John the Baptist is inviting us to look at Jesus. He calls Jesus "*the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the World*". John wishes to acclaim the identity of Jesus. He is in no doubt that Jesus is the one they have been waiting for. In Jesus' time two lambs were sacrificed in the temple every day. John refers to Jesus as the Lamb, as he believes that if you love as Jesus loved, then you will suffer at the hands of unjust systems and institutions.

We sing the 'Lamb of God' at Mass as an accompaniment to the ritual of Breaking of the Sacred Host, the Bread of Life.

Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.

John 1: 29



PEACE SUNDAY

The work of Pax Christi is based on the Gospel and inspired by faith. Their vision is of a world where people can live in peace, without fear of violence in all its forms. Rooted in Catholic Christianity, they work with all people who share their values to abolish war and create communities of peace and justice.

Please support the second collection today for Pax Christi.



WANTED NEW VOLUNTEERS TO MINISTER IN OUR PARISH

Sadly the response to our appeal last Sunday was very poor. 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



OUR PARISH LEADERSHIP TEAM

Our Parish Leadership Team is made up of Ann Frank, Gerard D'Cruz and Helen Andrews. They have been working with Fr John for over a year and meet every 2 weeks for two-three hours. They are responsible for implementing parish activities and projects and helping to deliver the parish vision plan. The Parish Planning Group, another group, 'dream the dream' and create a vision plan for the parish. This is the 'game plan' that the Leadership Team implements. Ann & Gerard will be attending the International Divine Renovation Conference 2020 in Halifax, Canada, led by Fr James Mallon. Our group works closely with the English Martyrs teams.

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



SECOND COLLECTION for PAX
CHRISTI

WELCOME RITE at 9am Mass

PARISH LEADERSHIP TEAM to be
introduced at all Masses.

GOAN MASS at 4.30pm

**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.



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. Can you
help with operating the screens?
Do join us.



**GOOD SHEPHERD CHARISMATIC
PRAYER GROUP** to meet on Wed 22nd
Jan at 7.30pm in the Barbari room.
Please contact Arlene 07713 892407 for
further details.

UCM to meet on Thu 23rd Jan at 1pm in
the Barberi room.

CENTERING PRAYER Thu 23rd Jan at
7pm in the Presbytery.

ADULTS wishing to explore Baptism,
Confirmation and Eucharist to
meet on Thu 23rd Jan in St
James Presbytery at 7.30pm.
Open invitation to all—come
along and join us.



ALPHA on Fri 24th Jan at 7pm in
St James church. **FULLY BOOKED.**



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

Next Sunday 26th Jan
3rd Sunday Ordinary Time

SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD 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. We will explore different
ways of using scripture in prayer. **“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”** Pope Francis.

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.



WELCOME RITE at 11am Mass

ALTAR SERVERS PRACTICE after 11am
Mass.

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



GOAN MASS at 4.30pm at St James

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.



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

**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.

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.



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



WHAT DO WE DO AT MASS Over the
next few Sundays we will explore
ways of increasing our participation
at Mass, the quality of our responses,
our singing, active listening to the
proclamation of the Scriptures, our
focus and attention as the Eucharistic
Prayer is said and preparation for
Holy Communion. We want all of this
to coincide with the introduction of
the AV screens in the church. The
aim is to promote **“active conscious
participation of all in the
celebration of the Eucharist”**.

Please do consider how you can be
more engaged with the Mass and be
prepared to change as to how you
respond.

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

**ANNUAL UNIVERSITY CHAPLAINCY
LECTURE** on Mon 20th Jan at 7.30pm. “A
Church for Shepherds or Kings” by Neil
McGregor. In Van Emden Lecture
Theatre, Whiteknights Campus. Free &
to book: www.reading.ac.uk/events.

**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.

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.



PARISH PROJECT RAFFEL PRIZES any
unwanted gifts, bric-a-brac etc
wanted. Please take to parish office.
Raffle will be in April in aid of our
Parish Project.

READING HALF MARATHON On Sun
5th April 2020. Sheila, Lorraine and
Jules will be running the Half
Marathon to raise funds for our Parish
Project and an African health care
facility. If you would like to join
them please go to the website &
register at readinghalfmarathon.com.
Please email the parish office if you
would like to join our team for
training.

LAUDATO SI ACTION GROUP

TIP FOR THE WEEK:

Treat yourself to a
reusable coffee
cup, water bottle
& canvas shopping
bags and say ‘NO’
to Plastic’s Big 4!!

