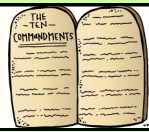


Psalm Response: They are happy who follow God's law!



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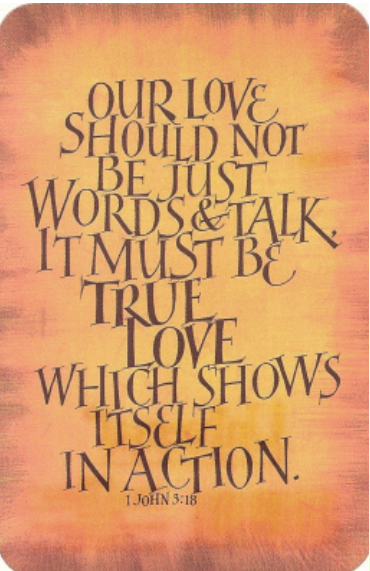
SUN 23rd Feb: 7th Ordinary

1st R. Lev. 19:1-2, 17-18
 2nd R. 1 Cor. 3:16-23
 Gospel: Matthew 5:38-48

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

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 Chaplain:
 Mobile: 07391 896559
 RBH: 0118 322 7105
Sunday Mass 4.00pm
 For patients, staff & visitors

Parish Liturgies for the week 16th Feb

Saturday	6th SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME	
SJ (Vigil Mass)	6.00pm	Mary McCloughin RIP
Sunday	6th SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME	
SW	9.00am	Zenon Rakowicz RIP
SJ	11.00am	William O'Neill RIP
Monday	6th Week Ordinary Time	
SJ	12.15pm	Union of Catholic Mothers intentions
Tuesday	NO MASS	
Wednesday	6th Week Ordinary Time	
SJ	12.15pm	Jose Martinho Cardoso RIP
Thursday	6th Week Ordinary Time	
SJ	12.15pm	George B Scaria RIP
Friday	6th Week Ordinary Time	
SJ	12.15pm	Steven Mahon RIP
Saturday	7th SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME	
SJ (Vigil Mass)	6.00pm	Mariano Fernandes & Cecila Lucas RIP
Sunday	7th SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME	
SW	9.00am	Mary McLoughlin RIP
SJ	11.00am	Shoukry & Hortanse Yagmour 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

16th February 2020
 6th Sunday Ordinary Time



Fr John writes:-

AFFAIR OF THE HEART

Today's Gospel tells us that the Commandments are to be observed with the heart, and that this must be to a higher standard than the self-seeking attitude of the scribes and pharisees. Jesus gives a series of examples about anger and courtesy, about sexual morality, about divorce, and about swearing oaths. He is setting a high standard for our behaviour on serious issues. The last verse sums it up: 'Say Yes if you mean yes, and No if you mean no'.



PASTORAL VISIT OF BISHOP PHILIP

Today we welcome Bishop Philip to our parish community. We are delighted to have our Bishop with us and to have the opportunity to meet with him. This is his first Pastoral visit to our parish.



In a diocese a Bishop is a shepherd of his people, the leader who administers the life of the many parish communities in the diocese. It is a visit from our Apostle Philip to his people and we rejoice and celebrate his presence among us. As Bishop he is the symbol of our unity with all the other communities in the different parishes and the priests in the diocese and our unity with the principle Apostle Francis, Bishop of Rome.

Saturday 15th February:

3.00pm Visit to the Abbey Ruins and Shrine of St James
 5.00pm Bishop to hear **confessions** at St James
 6.00pm Vigil **Mass** Bishop to preside and preach and afterwards meet with Parishioners with refreshments in the Barberi room
 8.00pm Bishop to meet **Parish Leadership, Strategy and Alpha Teams.**

Sunday 16th February:

9.00am **Mass** at St Williams, Bishop to preside and preach and Afterwards meet with parishioners with refreshments
 11.00am **Mass** at St James, Bishop to preside and preach and afterwards meet with parishioners with refreshments
 12.30pm Bishop to meet with **youth of the parish**
 1.00pm 30 Minutes of **Adoration** and prayer for vocations Followed by a visit to the place where Bl. Dominic Barberi died and see the blue plaque (weather permitting).



This Sunday 16th Feb
6th Sunday Ordinary Time

PASTORAL VISITATION OF BISHOP PHILIP to celebrate all Masses

REFRESHMENTS available after all Masses on the occasion of the Bishop's visit.

YOUTH MEETING WITH THE BISHOP at 12.30pm in St James church.

ADORATION WITH PRAYERS FOR VOCATIONS led by Bishop Philip at 1.00-1.30pm.

GOAN MASS at 4.30pm

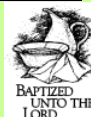


PLANNING A BAPTISM IN 2020? To book and register please make an appointment to see Fr John 957 4171.

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



BAPTISM We welcome into our parish community Chrystian Chi-Nsoh Alamunu son of Donald & Josuer on Sat 22nd Feb at 2.30pm at St James.



FATIMA CELEBRATION at Westminster Cathedral on Sat 22nd Feb at 2-4pm. info@worldfatima-englandwales.org.uk

Next Sunday 23rd Feb 7th Sunday Ordinary Time DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE UNEMPLOYED

BAPTISMS at 1pm St James

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION parent and child session at 3-1.5pm at St William of York.



RECENTLY DIED Theresa Lavelle. The Funeral Mass is on Mon 24th Feb at St James at 1.45pm. Our sympathy to the her family at this sad time. May she rest in peace.



ASH WEDNESDAY 26th Feb. Masses at 12.15pm and 7.30pm. Ashes will be blessed and distributed at both Masses.



READERS WORKSHOP on Sun 22nd Mar 3-5pm in St James church. For all readers at 6pm, 9am & 11am Sunday Masses. Led by Fr John. This initiative is to promote the Year of the Word.

All readers who did not attend the workshop in Feb are expected to be there.



YEAR OF THE WORD - Apps and online resources for all to use:

Online resources:

<http://www.wordonfire.org>
<http://www.catholicreadings.org>
<http://www.lighthousecatholicmedia.org>
<http://www.pray-as-you-go>
<https://www.youcat.org/daily>
<https://www.sacredspace.ie/>

Apps (from google play store)

Catholic Meditations app
Laudate app
Blue Letter Bible BLB app

Please check these out. There are daily prayers, Readings of the day and other scripture passages that we hope will help you to become more familiar with the Sacred Scriptures.

WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE

Advanced notice. On Sat 23rd May from St James. 2 coaches for 100 people. £20 each. More details to follow.



READIFOOD Urgently needs: Tinned ready meals, tinned meat, tinned vegetables, tinned or dry potatoes, jam, marmalade, tinned fruit, tinned puddings and tinned rice/custard. Please leave donations in the collection bins provided—many thanks.

ReadiFood
Reading's Food Bank
Food Parcels for those in Need

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. If interested please contact Fr John or Parish Office. There is a grant of £100 towards the cost from the Rice Trust.

LENT RETREATS at Monastery of Our Lady & St Bernard, Stroud GL6 8AL. 28th Feb-1st Mar or 17th-19th Mar. **EXPLORING MONASTIC LIFE** weekend for young adults. At Monastery of Our Lady & St Bernard on 6th-8th Mar. See posters for further details.

UCM CAFOD HUNGER LUNCH is on Thu 27th Feb in the Barberi Room after 12.15pm Mass. Soup available - all donations to CAFOD. All welcome.

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.

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.

HOLY COMMUNION- Extraordinary Ministers have been asked to use the hand sanitiser before distributing Holy Communion & to wipe the chalice inside & out after each person.



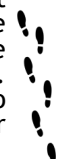
WORLD DAY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE on Thu 20th Feb and supports the international community's efforts towards social justice for all.



CAMINO WALKING PILGRIMAGE 15th-23rd 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. Info sheet & booking forms available from the Sacristy. Limited places—20 booked, only 10 available.



WALKING THE ST JAMES WAY from Reading Abbey to Southampton in 6 stages on a Saturday starting 21st March at St James church. The walks follow the historic route that pilgrims took in the past. Email the parish office to register your name. See poster for full list of dates.



LAUDATO SI ACTION GROUP

TIP FOR THE WEEK:

**Turn off lights in unused rooms.
Don't leave electrical items
on standby.
Switch it OFF !!!**



HALF TERM 17th-21st February.



CALLING YOU to a Social Media meeting on Mon 17th Feb at St James Presbytery at 7.30pm. The aim of the meeting is to explore with interested people sites and apps on the use of Sacred Scripture and prayer. Our hope is to agree on a Lenten programme that we can roll out in the parish and make available to all on mobiles and tablets. Please do join us and share in this research and planning.



CENTERING PRAYER Thu 20th Feb at 7pm in the Presbytery.

ADULTS exploring Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist to meet on Thu 20th Feb in St James Presbytery at 7.30pm.

ALPHA on Fri 21st Feb at St James

INVITATION TO CULTURAL MASS FOR NIGERIANS on Sun 23rd Feb at 3.00pm at Cathedral PO1 3HG. National dress is encouraged. Refreshments afterwards. Details: Fr Daniel Agber 07424426845. Coach from English Martyrs available—phone Barbara on 957 2149 by 4pm on 21st Feb for details & to book coach.