

Psalm Response: Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we have sinned.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

SUN 8th Mar: 2nd Lent

1st R. Genesis 12:1-4
 2nd R. 2 Timothy 1:8-10
 Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9

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

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Reminder

to all those with a Ministry at Sunday Mass:

Extraordinary Ministers



15 mins before Mass please gather with your group & pray together. Prayer cards are provided in holders in the Barberi room & choir loft.

Royal Berkshire Hospital Chaplain:

Mobile: 07391 896559
 RBH: 0118 322 7105

Sunday Mass 4.00pm
 For patients, staff & visitors

Parish Liturgies for the week 1st March

Day	Time	Event
Saturday 1st Sunday in Lent		
SJ (Vigil Mass)	6.00pm	Stephen Leonard RIP
Sunday 1st Sunday in Lent		
SW	9.00am	People of the parish
SJ	11.00am	Thanksgiving Lucy & family
Monday of 1st week of Lent		
SJ	12.15pm	Maria Pia Vieri RIP
Tuesday		
SW	11.15am	Funeral Mass: Teresa Barneicott
Wednesday of 1st week of Lent		
SJ	12.15pm	People of the parish
Thursday of 1st week of Lent		
SJ	12.15pm	Cyd Nicholls RIP
Friday of 1st week of Lent		
SJ	12.15pm	Christine Long's intentions.
Saturday 2nd Sunday in Lent		
SJ (Vigil Mass)	6.00pm	Lourdes Curayag RIP
Sunday 2nd Sunday in Lent		
SW	9.00am	
SJ	11.00am	Deceased members of Frank & Eames families RIP
Confessions	SJ - Saturday 5pm - 5.45pm	
Rosary	SJ - after 12.15pm Mass	
Exposition	SJ - Mon, Wed, Thu & Fri 11am to 12pm	

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

1st March 2020
 1st Sunday in Lent



Fr John writes:-

LENT—A TIME OF CHANGE, OF SPIRITUAL RENEWAL

Lent is a time for all of us to review our lives and to see if we can make more room for our God. Change is never easy, we love the comfortable life. Without change we can't grow in our relationship with God and our family. Lent is not just about "giving up" or indeed "taking up", essentially it is about coming closer to Christ our Heavenly Father. So enjoy Lent, embrace it, go for it—100% commitment.

God is with us and urging us on. How can we make best use of this Lent time? Let us pray and see what is God calling us to be. We may surprise ourselves!



BISHOP PHILIP'S SUGGESTIONS FOR LENT ?

During the season of Lent, the Church invites us to undertake three works of (1) prayer; (2) fasting and self-denial; and (3) almsgiving and charity. What we do is personal choice, as an offering to the Lord, but sometimes people struggle to think what might be best. Bishop Philip suggests:

- Works of (daily) prayer:** attending Mass; say the Rosary or Stations of the Cross; reading the Gospel of the day or daily meditation.
- Works of fasting:** give up, chocolate, biscuits, fasting on Fridays or by cutting back on TV.
- Works of charity:** assisting a parish charitable activity; visiting someone who is sick or elderly; volunteering when an appeal is made; saving money from fasting and donating it to a good charitable cause and supporting charities such as CAFOD.



USE OF SOCIAL MEDIA IN LENT

WOULD YOU LIKE TO JOIN THIS YEAR'S LENTEN COURSE ? Using Social Media we offer a different way of journeying through Lent. Presentations will be sent out weekly, **BY EMAIL**. View on Smart devices. 38 have signed up and there is still time to join please email the office.

YOUR FAVOURITE SCRIPTURE PASSAGE, one per weekday, on our Facebook group. Please write out your passage in large print on a card, take a photo of you holding it and email it to the parish office ASAP. **Please join in we only have 6 photos so far !!!** So please get snapping and email it to the office.
 For both email parish office: stjames@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk



1st Sunday in Lent-1st March

NAME BADGE SUNDAY when we get to know each other better.

CAFOD ENVELOPES to be distributed. Short talk after all Masses

DAY OF PRAYER & REPARATION FOR SINS OF SEXUAL ABUSE IN THE CHURCH today at the Cathedral. Bishop Philip invites all of us to do reparation on this Sunday for the sins of abusers in the church.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT in St James from 11am Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays & Fridays throughout Lent. Fr John encourages you to try and give some time for Adoration and prayer.

WELCOME to Fr David Sillince & Fr Richard who will be celebrating our 12.15pm Masses this week.

CAFÉ THÉOLOGIQUE Mon 2nd March Interview with the new bishop of Reading, Rt Revd Olivia Graham 7.30-9pm, Zero Degrees Bar, St Mary Butts. No charge & no booking.

RECENTLY DIED Teresa Barneicott. The Funeral Mass is on Tue 3rd March at St William of York church at 11.15am. Our sympathy to Christine Fletcher & family at this sad time. May she rest in peace.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS is after 12.15pm Mass Weds throughout Lent.

FAIRTRADE LECTURE Wed 4th March 6.15-7.30ppm www.reading.ac.uk/15/about/newsandevents/Events/Event835465.aspx

FRIDAYS IN LENT - days of abstinence from meat.

CAFOD LENT FAMILY FAST DAY on Fri 6th March. Can you eat a simple meal so that others can simply eat?



ALPHA Fri 6th Mar at St James at 7pm.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER (formally Women's World Day of Prayer) on Fri 6th March at Wesley Methodist Church, Queens Rd. 10.30am. Theme: 'Pray with Zimbabwe'. All welcome

Next Sunday 8th March
2nd Sunday in Lent

WELCOME to Fr Peter Glas and Fr Brian Oswald who will celebrate our 6pm Vigil, 9am and 11am Masses.

FOLK GROUP at 9am & 11am Masses

SECOND COLLECTION for CAFOD family fast day.



TAMIL RETREAT at 1.30pm, including Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and finishing with Mass at 5pm. Said in Tamil all welcome.

FAITH IN ACTION to meet on Mon 9th March in St James Presbytery at 7.30pm.

PROFESSOR BRIAN KEMP MEMORIAL LECTURE - Fri 20 Mar - St Laurence's Church by Dr Adrian Alies on 'The Heraldry of Reading Abbey and its Legacies'. At 7.30pm - free.

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. All readers who did not attend the last workshop expected to be there.

NEW ARCHBISHOP was installed in our sister diocese of Bamenda on Sat 22nd Feb. Archbishop Andrew Nkea Fuanya will take over from Archbishop Cornelius who will now retire.

FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT 24th Feb - 8th March. It's often quoted our actions are more powerful signs of our beliefs than talk - this is the case with our simple buying of chocolate, tea and coffee choices. Promoting Fairtrade is a great witness showing we care about some of the world poorest people growing things we enjoy.

SPECIAL DATES IN LENT:

MASS WITH ANOINTING OF THE SICK on Sat 14th March at 11am at St James. Open invitation to the elderly, to those in need of healing; either emotionally, physically & spiritually. With refreshments to follow.



12 HOURS FOR THE LORD on Sat 21st Mar from 6am -6pm. Mass at 6am and 6pm. The Blessed Sacrament will be on the altar for continuous Adoration throughout the day. Fr John will be available for confessions. A rota to be prepared. Details to follow.



PASSOVER MEAL on Thu 2nd April at St James 7pm.



ALMSGIVING IN LENT "Loose Change Boxes" from our Faith in Action group. All donations are for the homeless & refugees in Reading. Please fill a box with loose change & return before Easter.



SETTLEMENT SCHEME UPDATE:

Any **EU, EEA or Swiss citizens** living in the UK are required by the government to **apply online by 30.06.21** in order to protect their existing rights. To be eligible people **must be living here by 31.12.20**. Some non-European family members of EU, EEA or Swiss citizens are also eligible. Irish citizens do not need to apply. All details and links to application process can be found on gov.uk/eusettledstatus

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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. Please do not park here otherwise & use Forbury Retail Park.

CORONAVIRUS—advice from Bishops:

1. Please wash or sanitise hands before coming to Mass.
2. Those with **flu symptoms** please refrain from receiving communion on the tongue or from the chalice.
3. To disrupt the spread of the virus:
 - Catch it - sneeze into a tissue
 - Bin it - bin the tissue
 - Kill it - wash your hands
4. Our Ministers of the Eucharist now **sanitise their hands before and after distributing communion.**



LAST YEARS FIRST HOLY COMMUNION parents please collect your child's photo from the parish office.

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.

CAMINO WALKING PILGRIMAGE 15th-23rd Sep 2020. FULLY BOOKED 40 people.



LAUDATO SI ACTION GROUP

Install a water butt in your garden to collect rainwater for your garden and conserve tap water.

