

Psalm Response: The Lord is compassion and love.



SCRIPTURE READINGS

SUN 1st Mar: 8th Ordinary

1st R. Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7
 2nd R. Romans 5:12-19
 Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11

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

Readers
 Welcomers
 Choirs

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
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Sunday Mass 4.00pm
 For patients, staff & visitors

Parish Liturgies for the week 23rd Feb

Saturday		7th SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME
SJ (Vigil Mass)	6.00pm	Mariano Fernandes & Cecilia Lucas RIP
Sunday		7th SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME
SW	9.00am	Mary McLoughlin RIP
SJ	11.00am	Shouky & Hortanse Yaghmour RIP
Monday		7th Week Ordinary Time
SJ	12.15pm	People of the parish
Tuesday		NO MASS
Wednesday		ASH WEDNESDAY
SJ	12.15pm	Millie Mahoney RIP
	7.30pm	People of the parish
Thursday		After Ash Wednesday
SJ	12.15pm	Desmond Rowan RIP
Friday		After Ash Wednesday
SJ	12.15pm	Thomas Fitzgerald RIP
Saturday		8th SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME
SJ (Vigil Mass)	6.00pm	Stephen Leonard RIP
Sunday		8th SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME
SW	9.00am	
SJ	11.00am	Thanksgiving Lucy & family
Confessions		SJ - Saturday 5pm - 5.45pm
Rosary		SJ - after 12.15pm Mass
Exposition		SJ - Friday 11am to 12pm

PARISH PRIEST: Canon John O'Shea

Parish Secretary: Catherine Ledgard
 Parish Safeguarding: Ginika Okoye (StJ)
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The Roman Catholic Parish of St James and St William of York Reading


23rd February 2020
 7th Sunday Ordinary Time



Fr John writes:-

WHAT ARE YOU DOING FOR LENT ?

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Thursday. It is a period of 40 days, a time of renewal, a time to enter into the Passion, Suffering, Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ. It is a period of **fasting, praying, and almsgiving**, when we root out all that is evil in our lives. We prepare for **The Great Feast of Easter** when we celebrate our central belief that God raised Jesus to new life after his death on the cross.

ASH WEDNESDAY Masses at 12.15pm & 7.30pm. Join us, receive 'The Ashes' and hear the words '**Repent, and believe in the Gospel**'. 

WEEKDAY MASS - can you join us once or twice a week at 12.15pm ?

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT IN LENT Mon, Wed, Thu & Fri 11am-12noon all in St James. Can you join us for prayer-if not can you find quiet time in your home and pray ?

FRIDAYS IN LENT - days of abstinence from meat - Eat Less Meat in Lent.

ALMSGIVING IN LENT "Loose Change Boxes" for the homeless & refugees in Reading. Please fill a box with loose change.

40 days of Lent

STATIONS OF THE CROSS -Wednesdays after 12.15pm Mass. When we reflect on the Passion and Death of Jesus Christ in the 14 stations.

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 together through Lent. Quality presentations from Bishop Barron's Word on Fire will be sent out weekly, **BY EMAIL**. View on Smart phone, tablet, iPad and laptop or projected on to TVs, enabling a household to watch together. Questions/reflections can be shared amongst the parish group or posted to the Leadership Team privately. Email: stjames@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

WORD on FIRE

YOUR FAVOURITE SCRIPTURE PASSAGE, one per day, on our Facebook group We are asking you to 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. We shall then post a new one each day starting Ash Wednesday. I am busy selecting my piece and would like to **encourage as many of you as possible to join me !!!** So get snapping and email it to: stjames@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk



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

LENT LOOSE CHANGE BOXES will be distributed at all masses.

RETURN OF PALMS please return last years palms for burning for Ash Wednesday.

BISHOP'S VISIT report from last weekend. Take a copy.

BAPTISMS we welcome into our parish community James Young, son of Andrew & Elaine, Osher Costa, son of Jos & Suzan and Marsha Muriithi, daughter of Patrick & Nancy all to be baptised at 1pm St James



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION parent and child session at 3pm 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 her brother James & family at this sad time.



ASHES ON BROAD STREET Fr John will be distributing ashes from 10.30-11.30am.

ASH WEDNESDAY on Wed 6th March. Masses at 12.15pm & 7.30pm. A day of fasting & abstinence. The beginning of the season of Lent.



SHARING OUR FAITH CONNECT GROUP on Wed 26th Feb at 1pm in the Barberi Room led by Nora.

ADULTS enquiring about the Catholic faith to meet after Ash Wednesday Mass 26th Feb in St James Presbytery.

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.

CENTERING PRAYER Thu 27th Feb at 7pm in the Presbytery.

CAMINO PILGRIMAGE OPEN EVENING on Thu 27th Feb at 7.30pm - 9.00pm in the Barberi Room. For those booked on our Camino Pilgrimage this year (fully booked), those wanting to find out more & are thinking of joining us in the future.

ALPHA Fri 28th Feb at St James at 7pm.

PARISH STRATEGY MEETING on Sat 29th Feb from 9am-11am.

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).



Next Sunday 1st March 1st Sunday in Lent DAY OF PRAYER & REPARATION FOR SINS OF SEXUAL ABUSE IN THE CHURCH

NAME BADGE SUNDAY

CAFOD ENVELOPES to be distributed and short talk after all Masses

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.



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.

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

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.

SPECIAL DATES IN LENT:

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



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.



BISHOP PHILIP'S VISIT LAST WEEKEND

I would like to thank everyone who helped to make the Bishop's visit to our parish such a success. Even though the weather was terrible and being half term we had good numbers at all of our Masses. The music, singing, Liturgy, welcome & hospitality and screens were great. The Bishop made time for each person, spoke passionately about his vision for the Church in today's society. He asked: How can we become more holy, more filled with the Spirit, more active in serving the poor? How are you going to grow in your faith? Will you give more time to prayer, to studying the Bible, to adoring Jesus in the Eucharist? This is his challenge to us - how do we respond.... Please reflect on these questions.

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.

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:
 - o Catch it - sneeze into a tissue
 - o Bin it - bin the tissue
 - o Kill it - wash your hands
4. Our Ministers of the Eucharist now sanitise their hands before and after distributing communion.



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 30 people



LAUDATO SI ACTION GROUP

Talk to your children about caring for the planet – school-age children are probably well aware of the problem and hopefully will remember when we adults might forget...