

# Psalm Response: Who is the king of glory? It is the Lord.



## SCRIPTURE READINGS

### SUN 9th Feb: 5th Ordinary

1st R. Zeph. 2:3;3:12-13  
2nd R. Cor. 1:26-31  
Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

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

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Happy moments,  
*Praise God.*  
Difficult moments,  
*Seek God.*  
Quiet moments,  
*Worship God.*  
Painful moments,  
*Trust God.*  
Every moment,  
*Thank God.*

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**Sunday Mass 4.00pm**  
For patients, staff & visitors

## Parish Liturgies for the week 2nd Feb

Saturday	PRESENTATION OF THE LORD	
SJ (Vigil Mass)	6.00pm	Jan Sabol RIP
Sunday	PRESENTATION OF THE LORD	
SW	9.00am	Fr Louis Catterall RIP
SJ	11.00am	Mr Carol Donovan RIP
Monday	5th Week Ordinary Time	
SJ	12.15pm	Bernadette Ward & Kathleen Maugham RIP
Tuesday	NO MASS	
Wednesday	ST AGATHA	
SJ	12.15pm	Emilia Piedad Gomes RIP
Thursday	ST PAUL MIKI & COMPANIONS	
SJ	12.15pm	William, Mary & Joseph McGovern RIP
Friday	5th Week Ordinary Time	
SJ	12.15pm	George Vempala & Annamma Thomas RIP
Saturday	5th SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME	
SJ (Vigil Mass)	6.00pm	
Next Sunday	5th SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME	
SW	9.00am	
SJ	11.00am	Mhairi Gillanders 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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Parish Safeguarding: Ginika Okoye (StJ)  
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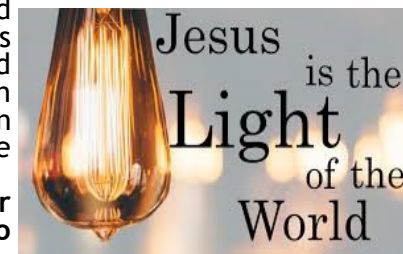
2nd February 2020  
THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD



*Fr John writes:-*

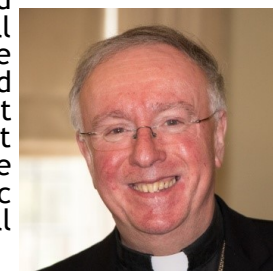
### PRESENTATION OF THE LORD JESUS IN THE TEMPLE

Forty days after Jesus was born he was presented in the temple. As the first born he belonged to God. According to the Law, Mary and Joseph were required to take him to the temple and 'redeem' him by paying five shekels. Our Gospel today tells us that two very old people, Simeon and Anna, were delighted as they recognised Jesus as the long awaited Messiah. We hear the prayer spoken by Simeon as he holds the infant Jesus in his arms. In Night Prayer we use Simeon's prayer as we close the day called the Nunc Dimittis. **Like Simeon we too are called to share our faith in Jesus and to be the light of Christ to the world.**



### PASTORAL VISITATION OF BISHOP PHILIP 15TH & 16TH FEB

We will be delighted to welcome Bishop Philip to our parish community. The Bishop will preside and preach at all of our weekend Masses, then meet and greet people as they leave Mass. We will have tea and coffee after all weekend Masses where the Bishop will join people for a quick cuppa. On Saturday evening he will meet with members of our Leadership, Strategy and Alpha Teams. On arrival the Bishop will make a short visit to the Reading Abbey Ruins, the ruins on the St James site and visit the Shrine of St James. Before he leaves he will visit the place where Blessed Dominic Barberi died and see the blue plaque. I am sure you will make him welcome to our parish community.



### AV SCREENS NOW LIVE AT ST JAMES !

Last Sunday was our first experience of the AV screens at Mass. It was apparent to me that the volume of the singing and the responses were significantly better. Many people had abandoned the hymn books and were looking at the screens and the choir did the same after the first verse. The comments have been very positive and affirmative and all of this suggests that we have made a good choice. A larger screen has been ordered for the Lady Chapel and we hope that with the extra cameras we can help the people seated there to see the altar and lectern. Again many thanks to Simon and the team who have done an excellent job.



**This Sunday 2nd Feb  
PRESENTATION OF THE LORD**

Also called Candlemas Day. Today we light candles at the beginning of Mass and sing 'The Light of Christ' as our first hymn. Candles are blessed after the greeting and introduction (no Penitential Rite).



**NAME BADGE SUNDAY** An opportunity for us to meet and greet new people and get to know each other.

**BAPTISMS** we welcome into our parish community Eli Taylor son of Jermyn & Fidelia and George Carrasco son of Carlos and Angie both to be baptised at 1pm St James



**LAUDATO SI GROUP** to meet on Mon 3rd Feb at 7.30pm in St James Presbytery.



**UCM** to meet after Mass in the Barberi room for Lectio Divina

**CENTERING PRAYER** Thu 6th Feb at 7pm in the Presbytery.

**ADULTS** wishing to explore Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist to meet on Thu 6th Feb in St James Presbytery at 7.30pm. **Open invitation to all—come along and join us.**



**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.

**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.

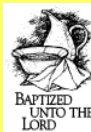


**ALPHA** on Fri 7th Feb at 7pm in St James church. **FULLY BOOKED.**



**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.

**BAPTISM** we welcome into our parish community Zoe D'Cruz Walker-Roberts daughter of James & Philippa to be baptised on Sat 8th Feb at 2pm at St William of York.



**Next Sunday 9th Feb  
5th Sunday Ordinary Time**

**FOLK GROUP** at 9am & 11am Masses.

**PRESENTATION OF ALTAR SERVERS MEDALS** at the end of all Masses.



**TAMIL MASS** at 5pm (Rosary at 4.30pm)

**ALPHA AWAY DAY** at Douai Abbey on Sat 15th Feb at 9.30am till 4pm. Please bring a packed lunch.



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

**VOCATION SEEKER EVENING** on Fri 7th Feb 7-9pm at Sacred Heart 41 Portland Street, Fareham PO16 ONF. Further info Fr. John Cooke 01329 318 869 or vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

**WALKING THE ST JAMES WAY** from Reading Abbey to Southampton in 6 stages on a Saturday starting 21st March at St James church. The route passes through beautiful countryside, past points of historic and religious interest, to a place where many pilgrims in former days will have set sail for Spain. Why not re-enact their journey by joining us this year. Please email the parish office to register your interest. See poster for full list of dates.



**UNDERSTANDING THE MASS  
The Liturgy of the Eucharist:**

Today we focus we focus on the action at the altar. We begin by preparing the altar for the **Eucharistic Meal** which follows. The bread and wine are brought forward to the altar, the collection is taken and this is our offering. A brief prayer is said over the bread and the wine dedicating them for the sacrifice.



Next we begin the **Eucharistic Prayer**, the core of the Mass, the high point of our celebration. The priest invites the people to lift their hearts to God. In the name of the people he prays to the Father through Jesus Christ. The entire prayer is a prayer of consecration, all of it proclaimed over the bread and wine which are consecrated and transformed into the **Body and Blood of Christ**.



We focus on the redemptive work of Jesus Christ, now the words, the symbols all focus on the **life, death and resurrection**. We give our full attention to all of this. We watch, we listen, we pray. Once again all of us join in offering the sacrifice of Jesus Christ to the Father.

Now is not the time for day dreaming, we concentrate and stay focused. We offer Christ, we offer ourselves, we ask the **Spirit of God** to transform us. In this great prayer we respond in the opening dialogue, we sing the **Holy Holy**, we acclaim the **Mystery of Faith** and with full voice we approve of all that is said and done with a powerful shout at the end as we sing the **Great Amen**.



**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.

**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. It is a very special experience. If interested please contact Fr John or Parish Office. There may be some financial help available.

**FOOD CRISIS IN ZIMBABWE AND ZAMBIA** Crippling drought and failed crops have left 10 million people with out food or water. Donate at: [cafod.org.uk/foodcrisisappeal](http://cafod.org.uk/foodcrisisappeal) or in an envelope marked CAFOD through parish collection.

**MILK BOTTLE TOPS**—please donate **washed milk bottle tops ONLY** for Air Ambulance. Collection box in porch. Other tops can be donated at Lush in the Oracle.

**WELCOMERS / HELPERS** please do not remove the white Gift Aid/Standing Order envelopes from the pews after Masses. They are to remain out and help to raise funds for the parish.

**LAUDATO SI ACTION GROUP**

**TIP FOR THE WEEK:  
Don't use single-use wipes**

