

Psalm Response: The good man is a light in the darkness for the upright.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

SUN 16th Feb: 6th Ordinary

1st R. Ecc. 15:15-20
 2nd R. 1 Cor. 2:6-10
 Gospel: Matthew 5:17-37

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

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LOVE is patient
 is kind
 it does not envy
 it does not boast
 it is not proud
 it is not rude
 it is not self seeking
 it is not easily angered
 it keeps no record of wrongs
never fails



Royal Berkshire Hospital
 Chaplain:
 Mobile: 07391 896559
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Sunday Mass 4.00pm
 For patients, staff & visitors

Parish Liturgies for the week 9th Feb	
Saturday	5th SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME
SJ (Vigil Mass)	6.00pm People of the parish
Sunday	5th SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME
SW	9.00am François Barwendere RIP
SJ	11.00am Mhairi Gillanders RIP
Monday	ST SCHOLASTICA
SJ	12.15pm Mrs Bridie Roddy RIP
Tuesday	OUR LADY OF LOURDES
	NO MASS
Wednesday	5th Week Ordinary Time
SJ	12.15pm Fr Patrick Daly—Get well
Thursday	5th Week Ordinary Time
SJ	12.15pm John Brennan RIP
Friday	ST CYRIL & ST METHODIUS
SJ	12.15pm Miss Peggy Hartnett RIP
Saturday	6th SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME
SJ (Vigil Mass)	6.00pm
Next Sunday	6th SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME
SW	9.00am Zenon Rakowicz RIP
SJ	11.00am William O'Neill RIP
Confessions	SJ - Saturday 5pm - 5.45pm
Rosary	SJ - after 12.15pm Mass
Exposition	SJ - Friday 11am to 12pm

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

9th February 2020
 5th Sunday Ordinary Time



Fr John writes:-

LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE BEFORE OTHERS

Today we are told that it is not enough to believe. We are asked to give evidence of our faith by showing others what God is like through the way we live. We are called to serve the hungry, the homeless and the destitute to act in ways that prevent oppression, anger or harsh words. To become lights shining in the darkness so that our good works encourage others in their journey towards the praise of God in their own lives. Our friends and family should see in us the light of Christ and be attracted to Christ by the way we live our life.



PROGRAMME FOR VISIT OF BISHOP PHILIP

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



Happy St Valentines Day this Friday!



RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY—TODAY

The theme for this year is 'You are at the heart of the Church' and celebrates the contribution that Travelling Communities make to the Church. Sadly, Travellers continue to experience discrimination in the wider society and also within the Church. The aim of this Sunday is to encourage all of us to be more welcoming and inclusive towards our fellow Catholics who come from a Traveller background.



This Sunday 9th Feb
5th Sunday Ordinary Time
Racial Justice Sunday

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)

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE SICK
on Tue 11th Feb. You are invited to
pray for the sick and with the sick on
this day the Feast of Our Lady of
Lourdes. Everyone goes through
difficult times, struggles,
bereavements, and moments of
uncertainty and suffering. Everyone
needs at some stage healing, spiritually
physically or psychologically. Please
pray for healing of the sick on this day.

WELCOME to Fr David Sillince who will
be celebrating our 12.15pm Mass on
Wed and Thu this week.

SHARING OUR FAITH CONNECT GROUP
on Wed 12th Feb at 1pm in the Barberi
Room led by Nora.

**GOOD SHEPHERD CHARISMATIC
PRAYER GROUP** to meet on Wed 12th
Feb at 7.00pm in the Barbari room.
Please contact Arlene 07713 892407 for
further details.

CENTERING PRAYER Thu 13th Feb at
7pm in the Presbytery.

ADULTS wishing to explore Baptism,
Confirmation and Eucharist to meet on
Thu 13th Feb in St James Presbytery at
7.30pm. **Open invitation to all—come
along and join us.**

ALPHA AWAY DAY at Douai
Abbey on Sat 15th Feb at 9.30am
till 4pm. (All to bring a packed
lunch.) This is a very special day
for our Alpha group as they explore the
role of the Holy Spirit in their lives and
pray together. We offer them our
prayers and support, that the Spirit of
God will touch their hearts on this day.



Next 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).**



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

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.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS
please use the hand gel rub
to sanitise your hands
before distributing Holy
Communion. Please ensure
the chalice is wiped inside
and out after each
person receives Holy
Communion from the chalice



UNDERSTANDING THE MASS
The Rite of Communion—the sharing
in the sacred meal:

We begin with the Lord's Prayer and
then to the Sign of Peace. This
is a prayerful wish that all will be
blessed with 'Shalom'. The breaking
of the sacred host suggests we share
in the one bread in our communion in
the one Christ. The Lamb of God is
sung to accompany this action.
Sharing in communion is the climax
of the Eucharist. We acknowledge our
unworthiness 'Lord I am not worthy ...'
before we come to the table. We bow
before receiving holy Communion, as
the priest or minister says 'the Body
of Christ' and we reply 'Amen', the
same for the chalice. At the end of
Mass we receive a blessing and are
asked to go forth and to live the
mystery we have celebrated in the
Eucharist in the coming week.

**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 is a grant of £100 towards the
cost from the Rice Trust.

**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.

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.

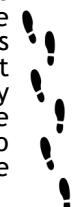
**WHITE GIFT AID/STANDING ORDER
ENVELOPES** please do not remove the
from the pews after Masses. They are
to remain in the pews and be available
for those who wish Gift Aid their
Sunday Mass contribution.

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, book early.



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,
points of historic and religious
interest, to a place where
many pilgrims in former days
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.



LAUDATO SI ACTION GROUP

TIP FOR THE WEEK:

**Remember the Food Bank when
we do our shopping...**

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