

## Psalm Response: O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.

### SCRIPTURE READINGS

#### SUN 22nd March: 4th Lent

1st R. 1 Sam. 16:1,6-7, 10-13  
2nd R. Eph. 5:8-14  
Gospel: John 9:1, 6-9,13-17,34-38

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

Offertory Collection £1,361.22  
(£340.30 Gift Aid)  
Gift aid envelopes £ 84.00  
Non gift aid loose £ 896.23

### SECOND COLLECTION

CAFOD £ 1681.02

**Thank you** for your generous contributions. Your donations make the life and work of the parish possible.

**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  
RBH: 0118 322 7105

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

### Parish Liturgies for the week 15th March

Saturday	3RD Sunday in Lent
SJ	11.00am All those in need of healing
SJ (Vigil Mass)	6.00pm Fernando Fonseca RIP
Sunday	3RD Sunday in Lent
SW	9.00am Margaret Mably RIP
SJ	11.00am Christopher Brian Kiernan RIP
Monday	of 3rd week of Lent
SJ	12.15pm Josefa Petz RIP
Tuesday	ST PATRICK
SW	
Wednesday	of 3rd week of Lent
SJ	12.15pm Joseph, Joe, Gerard & Tina Lawrence RIP
Thursday	ST JOSEPH
SJ	12.15pm Josephine Fernandes RIP
Friday	of 3rd week of Lent
SJ	12.15pm People of the parish
Saturday	4th Sunday in Lent
SJ (Vigil Mass)	6.00pm Holy Souls (BDFS)
Sunday	4th Sunday in Lent
SW	9.00am Dermot Francis Murphy RIP
SJ	11.00am Ricardo Dos Santos Mendes RIP
Confessions	SJ - Saturday 5pm - 5.45pm
Rosary	SJ - after 12.15pm Mass
Exposition	SJ - Mon, Wed, Thu & Fri 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

15th March 2020  
3rd Sunday in Lent



*Fr John writes:-*

## THE WOMAN AT THE WELL

Today we hear of a very personal meeting between Jesus and the Samaritan woman at Jacob's well. Jesus sees into the heart of her being; He understands her true longing and invites her to draw from the well of 'Living Water'.

The woman experiences a conversion at the well, her life is turned round, she rushes back to her community to tell them her story that she has met the 'Saviour of the world'. We too are in need of conversion and a deeper personal relationship with Jesus Christ.



## CORONA VIRUS LATEST ADVICE:

Please can all parishioners sanitise their hands before & after coming to Mass using the hand sanitised gel dispensers available at the entrances. There is also handwash available in the toilets.

- Teas and coffees after Mass are now suspended.
- Those with a persistent coughs or mild fever are asked to refrain from attending Mass.
- Anyone who has been diagnosed or self-isolating to inform the parish office asap
- Hymn books, Mass cards etc have now been removed to prevent the transmission of the virus.
- Holy Water has been removed from in the stoups.
- Holy Communion under one kind (Consecrated Host only)
- Holy Communion on the hand only (make sure the hand is 'wide open' so that physical touch cannot occur!)
- The Sign of peace to be 'non-contact' - nod, smile or bow your head.
- Collection baskets to be taken around and not passed around
- Please take your newsletter & handouts home (not for redistribution)
- To disrupt the spread of the virus:
- Catch it - sneeze into a tissue
- Bin it - bin the tissue
- Kill it - wash your hands for 30 seconds

### Events cancelled:

- First Holy Communion Retreat Sun 15th March
- 12hrs for the Lord on Saturday 21st March
- Passover meal on Thu 2nd April



### 3rd Sunday in Lent-15th March

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION RETREAT NOW CANCELLED.** Parents asked to collect their packs after Mass from the Sacristy.



**GOAN MASS** at 4.30pm

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT** in St James from 11am Mon, Wed, Thu & Fri in Lent. Fr John encourages you to try and attend.

**PARISH ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP** (formally the Laudato Si Action group) to meet on Mon 16th March at St James presbytery.



**ST PATRICKS DAY** Tue 17th March congratulation to all those with Irish heritage.



**EASTER CHOIR PRACTICE** on Tue 17th Mar at 7.30pm. All welcome.



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

**PLANNING FOR EASTER** meeting on Wed 18th March at 7.30pm in Presbytery. All those who take a lead at Sunday Masses are encouraged to attend please.

**FRIDAYS IN LENT** - days of abstinence from meat.

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

**CANCELLED: 12HRS OF PRAYER** Sat 21st Mar at St James.

**SAVE READING GAOL—MARCH TO THE GAOL** on Sat 21st March. Join the march at 12pm Queen Walk - outside the Hexagon.

**BAPTISM** we welcome into our church community Jade Andrade daughter of Dulio & Jolin to be baptised on Sat 21st March in St James at 11am.

### Next Sunday 22nd March 4th Sunday in Lent



**MOTHERING SUNDAY** all ladies are to be presented with a daffodil when leaving Mass.

**SECOND COLLECTION** Clergy Assistance Fund sick & retired priests.

**READERS WORKSHOP** today 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 are invited to attend.



**'CALLED & GIFTED'** evening on Mon 23rd March at 7-9pm in St James Church. For all who attended our 'Called & Gifted' process.

**THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD** on Wed 25th March. Mass at 12.15pm

**FIRST CONFESSIONS** on Sat 28th Mar at 2pm at St James (note change of time from 11am).



**ST WILLIAMS READERS WORKSHOP** on Sun 29th March from 3-4pm at St Williams. For those readers at St Williams only.

**RECENTLY DIED** Brian Henderson. The Funeral Mass is on Wed 2nd April at St James at 12.15am presider Fr Pat Madden. Our sympathy to Brian's family. May he rest in peace.



#### EASTER CHOIR PRACTICE

<b>Tue 17th Mar</b>	All at St James at 7.30pm
<b>Wed 25th Mar</b>	All practices for the Easter Triduum
<b>Thu 2nd Apr</b>	
<b>Tue 7th Apr</b>	

**Sat 28th Mar** 10am—1pm practice for Easter Sunday Masses.

**Join the singing for our Holy Week & Easter Services. Open to all not just choirs. An enjoyable time assured!**

**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 by Easter.

**THANK YOU** to all those who donated to the **CAFOD LENT FAMILY FAST DAY** a fantastic **£1681.02** was raised and will be sent to CAFOD shortly.



**UCM CAFOD HUNGER LUNCH** on Ash Wednesday raised a great **£151.20p**. Thank you to all who supported this event.

**READING HALF MARATHON** On Sun 5th April 2020. Sheila and Jules will be running the Half Marathon to raise funds for our Parish Project and 'The Women & Child' Charity. If you would like to join them please go to the website & register at:

[readinghalfmarathon.com](http://readinghalfmarathon.com)

Sheila will have sponsorship forms after 11am Mass—please support them.



**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.

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

**Royal Berkshire Hospital Chaplain:**

RBH: 0118 322 7105  
**Sunday Mass 4.00pm**  
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**PARKING AT ST JAMES FOR WEEKEND MASSES** is reserved for the elderly or infirm. Please do not park here otherwise & use Forbury Retail Park.

**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.

**WANTED CLEANERS AT ST WILLIAMS** to join the friendly team. If you can help please speak to Mary Butler (at back of church after 9am Mass today) or email the parish office.

**READIFOOD** Urgently needs: All tinned produce tea bags and fresh fruit and veg. Please leave donations in the collection bins provided—many thanks.

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

**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. So please get snapping and email to office: [stjames@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:stjames@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) **Please join in as we have run out of entries !!!**

**NEWSLETTER** - don't forget our weekly newsletter is available by email (send request to parish office), on our website and Facebook group. Stay up to date and connected!



Parish Newsletter

#### PARISH ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP

Tip for the week:

Monitor what you put in the bin to see what your biggest culprits are and consider how you can reduce your waste by choosing greener alternatives.



GREEN TIPS