

Psalm Response: May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

SUN 15th Mar: 3rd Lent

1st R. Exodus 17:3-7
2nd R. Romans 5:1-2;5-8
Gospel: John 4:5-15,19-26,39-42

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

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(£340.30 Gift Aid)
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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



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 8th March

| Saturday | 2nd Sunday in Lent |
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| SJ (Vigil Mass) | 6.00pm Lourdes Curayag RIP |
| Sunday | 2nd Sunday in Lent |
| SW | 9.00am People of the parish |
| SJ | 11.00am Deceased members of Frank & Eames families RIP |
| Monday | of 2nd week of Lent |
| SJ | 12.15pm Frances Maria Reed RIP |
| Tuesday | SW |
| Wednesday | of 2nd week of Lent |
| SJ | 12.15pm Private Intention |
| Thursday | of 2nd week of Lent |
| SJ | 12.15pm People of the parish |
| Friday | of 2nd week of Lent |
| SJ | 12.15pm Mr & Mrs Horgan RIP |
| 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 |
| 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
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The Roman Catholic Parish of St James and St William of York Reading

8th March 2020
2nd Sunday in Lent



Fr John writes:-

THE TRANSFIGURATION OF JESUS

Today we hear of Jesus taking Peter, James & John up to a high mountain. There they had a profound experience and were invited to see Jesus as he really is. Whilst in prayer Jesus was transfigured and changed in the company of Moses & Elijah from the Old Testament. They heard the voice from heaven saying "This is my Son, the Beloved: he enjoys my favour. Listen to him." The voice frightens the three but Jesus reassures them that God is our help and shield, we put our trust in him. It would be sometime after Christ's Passion, Death and Resurrection that they would fully understand their amazing experience of the Transfigured Christ on top of the Mountain.

In a sense our Christian lives should be an attempt to scale the mountain. In many ways, we look forward to being transfigured and changed. We long to be an icon of God, to be the voice of change and transformation in this world.



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. All welcome.



CORONAVIRUS



Wash your
hands please

Please can all parishioners wash their hands before and after coming to Mass. Hand sanitiser is available in the porch - more will follow when available. There is also handwash available in the toilets.



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In addition to this:


- No Holy Water in the stoops.
- Communion is of one kind only and only in the hand (not mouth)
- Sign of peace to be 'non-contact' - nod, smile or bow your head.
- Collection baskets to be taken around and not passed around
- To disrupt the spread of the virus:
Catch it - sneeze into a tissue
Bin it - bin the tissue
Kill it - wash your hands



2nd Sunday in Lent-8th March

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.

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

WELCOME to Fr David Sillince who will be celebrating our 12.15pm Masses on Monday and Thursday.

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

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


SHARE OUR FAITH Connect Group on Wed 11th Mar at 1pm in Barberi Room.

GOOD SHEPHERD CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP to meet on Wed 11th Mar at 7.00pm-Barbari room. Contact Arlene 07713 892407 for further details.

EASTER CHOIR PRACTICE on Wed 11th Mar at 7.30pm. All welcome.


PARISH LIFE AND WORSHIP IN MEDIEVAL READING Wed 11th Mar 7.30pm. An illustrated talk by a leading local historian, Joan Dils at Our Lady of Peace Church. Everyone welcome.

FRIDAYS IN LENT - days of abstinence from meat.

ALPHA Fri 13th Mar at St James at 7pm. 

MASS WITH ANOINTING OF THE SICK on Sat 14th March at 11am at St James.

"ON FIRE!" Prayer & Healing at St Joseph's, Tilehurst, on Sat 14th March 5 - 7 pm. All are welcome!

WEDDING BELLS Congratulations to Jonathan Austin & Kerrie Walsh due to be married on Sat 14th March at St James at 1.00pm. We wish them every blessing in the future. 

Next Sunday 15th March
3rd Sunday in Lent

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION RETREAT at St Joseph's College Prep school 12 noon-4pm for parents and children.

GOAN MASS at 4.30pm

LAUDATO SI ACTION GROUP to meet on Mon 16th March at St James presbytery.

ST PATRICKS DAY Wed 17th March.

PLANNING FOR EASTER meeting on Wed 18th March at 7.30pm in Presbytery.

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.


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.

EASTER CHOIR PRACTICE

Wed 11th Mar All at St James at 7.30pm
Tue 17th Mar All practices for the
Wed 25th Mar Easter Triduum (Maundy
Thu 2nd Apr Thu, Good Fri & Easter
Tue 7th Apr Vigil Sat.

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!

HELPER NEEDED FOR THE PASSEOVER MEAL on Thu 2nd April at St James 7pm. We need help with taking bookings, shopping, cooking and serving on the night - jobs for all! All offers of help to Ann Frank or the parish office. Bookings open on Sat 21/Sun 22 March. 

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.

SAVE READING GAOL-MARCH TO THE GAOL on Sat 21st March. Join the march at 12pm Queen Walk - outside the Hexagon. Show the Ministry of Justice how important the future of Reading Gaol is to the people of Reading.

GOVERNORS WANTED The Federation of St Anne's & St Martin's Primary Schools are looking for Foundation Governors. If you would be interested in finding out more about the role then contact: CoG@stmartins.reading.sch.uk

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 office:stjames@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk 

MARRIAGE CARE require volunteers for the following roles: Marriage Preparation facilitators (training provided); treasurer; admin; counsellors; receptionist (Monday evenings Woodley). Contact Sue Cooper: reading.admin@marriagecare.org or phone 07939495774. For info on Marriage Care visit www.marriagecare.org.uk

Royal Berkshire Hospital
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Sunday Mass 4.00pm
Patients, staff & visitors
welcome

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.

12 HOURS FOR THE LORD-WATCHING & WAITING

Sat 21st Mar from 6am -6pm. Mass at 6am and 6pm. We will have Eucharistic Adoration for 12hrs at St James Church. The focus is quiet prayerful reflection and Adoration of Eucharistic presence of Christ. We have prepared a booklet with prayers, reflection, reading and time for silent prayer.

A sign up sheet is now available at the back of the church, please consider doing an hour and making a Lent commitment to pray on this special day.

12 HOURS PRAYER 

WALKING THE ST JAMES WAY-FULLY BOOKED 50 people

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

LAUDATO SI ACTION GROUP
Check whether the packaging can be recycled before you buy something and if not, look for a greener alternative.