

Scripture Readings

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time
(The year of Luke, Year C),
Parish Mass Book page 63. This Sunday's readings: Jeremiah 17:5-8, Psalm 1, 1 Corinthians: 12,16-20, Luke 6:17, 20-26.



St Joseph's Convent School Open Morning

St Josephs Convent School will be holding an Open Morning for 9.15am - 1pm on Friday, 5th March. prospective parents and pupils can 'drop in' and see St Joseph's in action on a normal school day, take a tour of the school led by pupils and talk informally to the Headmistress and senior staff over refreshments. With the oncoming move to co-educational status in September 2010 we welcome visits from parents of both boys and girls.

Offertory Collections - your donations make the life and work of the parish possible. Last Sunday's offertory: £1626.35 received from Sat: 6pm, Sun: 9am, 11am, 6pm (University Chaplaincy), Votive lights £88.47, Church upkeep £12.50, Papers £7.36, Holy Souls £33.73.

Parish Liturgies for the week commencing 14 February

Sunday	6 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	
SJ (Sat)	6pm	Walter Burke RIP
SW	9am	Mark and Corine Suscens intention
SJ	11am	People of the parish
SW	6pm	<i>University Chaplaincy Mass</i>
Monday		
SJ	12.15pm	Peggy Hartnett RIP
Tuesday		
SJ	<i>No mass today</i>	
Wednesday	Ash Wednesday	
SJ	12.15pm	John O'Brien and deceased relatives
SJ	7.30pm	People of the parish
Thursday		
SJ	12.15pm	Intentions of Sr Celestine
Friday		
SJ	12.15pm	James Murphy O'Connor RIP
Saturday		
Prison	9am	Priests intention
Confessions		
SJ	Saturday, 5pm - 5.45pm or by appointment	
Rosary - weekdays		
SJ	Monday to Thursday after 12.15pm mass	
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament		
SJ	Friday, 12.45pm - 2pm	
Mass in Ukrainian Rite		
SJ	2nd Sunday of the month at 1pm	
Mass in the Extraordinary Form		
SW	Monday: 11.20am, Tuesday: 7.20am, Wednesday: 11am & 7.20pm, Thursday & Friday: 11.20am, Saturday: 11.20am, Sunday: 11am	

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

NEWSLETTER

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time
14th February 2010



Thought for the Week

To reflect on St Valentine, patron of love? Perhaps not. (His/Her origin remains a mystery; in 1969 the Church relegated St Valentine from the Calendar of Saints to local calendars because "nothing is known"). To reflect on today, Chinese New Year Day, Year of the Tiger? Perhaps not. (Although a characteristic quality for people born this year is love of the family). To reflect on Romantic Love? Perhaps not. (But not to decry the ecstasy and agony of initial love; the magical moment when I raised my eyes and you were there).

What then? Well....

In 2001, 25 year old Danny Wallace was between jobs and bored. On impulse he placed a free ad in Loot saying "Join me". Respondents only had to send a passport signed photo. To his surprise many people responded. Then they started asking him what exactly had they joined for. He hadn't thought about this and so again on impulse he sent out a command that "joiners make an old man happy". And they did! And they wrote in to say what they had done. A 'jooinee' from France asked why women were not included. So Danny amended it to commanding the "jooinees to commit a random act of kindness for somebody each Friday". And they did! And today thousands of people all over the world are jooinees, doing a random act of kindness each Friday. As Danny says, "Sometimes I get overwhelmed by it all. But not because of me. I don't think of this as something I did. It's something that happened to me"

Perhaps it is God's mysterious way of showing us, in practical action, an example of His Gospel message 'Love thy neighbour'; and giving us a challenge to make each Friday His Valentine Day. A random act of kindness, of love, on Fridays - let's go for it!

Tony Moss

Central & West Reading Pastoral Area

Sunday Mass Times

St James, Forbury Rd Saturday: 6pm, Sunday 11am	St William of York, Upper Redlands Rd Sunday: 9am, 11am, 6pm
English Martyrs, Liebenrood Rd Saturday: 6.30pm Sunday: 9.30am, 11.30am and 5pm.	St Joseph's, Tilehurst Sunday: 8.30am and 10.30am

Emergency contact numbers for ministry of a priest

Mgr John Nelson, VG, Co-ordinating Pastor	0118 957 2149
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Please call your own parish priest first.

Welcome

If you are a visitor to the parish, we want you to know how welcome you are - whether you have come from another part of the country, from across the world, or simply from another local parish. Please join us for coffee after the 9am and 11am Mass.

Prayers

Please pray for our sick parishioners including
Christopher Browne,
Clifford Browne, Lily
Bryanton, Gertrude Burke,
Doreen Campbell, Mary
Carty, Pat Goodman, David Gower,
Roy Haslam, Conchita Heywood, Faith
Kassulamemba, Francis Kiromo
Mwaniki, Mary Perino, Claudina
Rodrigues, James Rogers, Gillian
White and Patricia Wilson.



Hospital Chaplain

Parishioners are advised, when seeking help for sick relatives from a Catholic Priest at the RBH, to telephone the Chaplaincy Office on 0118 322 7105. The Chaplaincy Office will contact Fr Chris Whelan or Fr Richard Maniak the designated Catholic hospital chaplains.

Death of Fr Maurice Twomey

Recently died Fr Maurice Twomey priest of our diocese who served in many of our parishes. He was retired due to ill health for the last few years. His funeral mass on Wednesday, 10th February in Winchester was attended by many of his former parishioners, his family and a large number of priests from the diocese. Please pray for Fr Maurice.

First Holy Communion 2010

The next session for children is today at St. Joseph's Prep School on Upper Redlands Road from 3pm - 4.30pm.

Parish Diary for week commencing 14 February (Half term week)

Sunday

Children's Liturgy of the Word during the 9am and 11am masses
Rite of welcome into the catechumenate, 11am, St James
Retiring collection for the Cabrini Children's Society
Ukrainian Mass, St James, 1pm

Monday

PA Pastoral Council, Parish reps meeting
St James, 7pm

Wednesday

Ash Wednesday

Thursday

UCM mtg, St James, 1pm
ABC Group (RCIA), Presbytery, 8pm

Saturday

Rite of Election, Portsmouth Cathedral,
11am

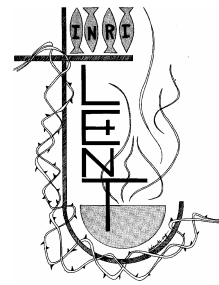
Parish website

We are looking for someone to take over the day to day running of the parish website. No technical expertise is needed, only the ability to type and to have time on your hands. Full training will be provided by the company who set it up. If you are interested or would like more information please contact the parish office.

St William of York kitchen

The alterations to the WCs and kitchen at St William of York will start on 1 March and will last four weeks. These facilities and the meeting room will be inaccessible throughout this period and the only activities in the church will be the Sunday masses. We will be asking for volunteers to help clear out the contents of the kitchen etc during the week before the works. Watch this space for more details.

LENT 2010



Ash Wednesday: A day of fasting and abstinence. Masses will be at St James at 12.15pm and 7.30pm. Blessing and distribution of ashes at all masses. We encourage as many people as possible to come to mass on this day so that together we may enter into the season of Lent which is a time of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Lent is essentially a time of preparation for baptism and a time for us who are baptised to renew our commitment to be faithful disciples.

Stations of the Cross: At St James, 4pm starting Sunday, 21st February

CAFOD Lent Fast Day: Friday, 26th Envelopes to be distributed weekend 20th/21st February

Fairtrade Fortnight: 22nd February - 7 March Fairtrade leaflets to be distributed on 27/28 February

How Fair is Fairtrade?

A producer's perspective.

On Monday 1 March Reading University welcomes Vinay Devaiah, a Fairtrade tea producer from the South of India to talk about his experience as a Fairtrade tea producer. There will be samples of Fairtrade Tea and information available, and the talk will be filmed and later available for viewing on the University website. All are welcome. To be held at the University of Reading Whiteknights Campus, Palmer Building room 109. For more information please contact Sara Johnson at 0118 378 4121 or sara.johnson@reading.ac.uk

Day Retreat

Arrangements are in hand for a one-day retreat led by Fr Joseph to be held at St Joseph's on Saturday, 24th April, commencing with Mass at 10 am. The retreat will conclude at 3 pm and anyone attending is asked to bring their own lunch. Tea and coffee will be available. The retreat is primarily for all parishioners throughout the Pastoral Area, but especially for those who carry out ministries within the Church.

Cabrini Children's Society

The Annual Collection for Cabrini Children's Society takes place today. The Society provides support and care for some of the most vulnerable children and young people in our community. Their work includes providing subsidised Breakfast & Homework Clubs and Pre-school Care; Counselling for school age children experiencing stress and exclusion; Residential Care for young people with special needs and Catechetical Programmes for children and young people with disabilities. The Society relies on the generosity and good will of the Catholic community to continue its work in our diocese. Please give what you can to help.

Visit of Pope Benedict to the UK 16th - 19th September

This visit is in response to an invitation from the Queen and the Government so will be very different in character to the visit of Pope John Paul. It's hoped also that he will declare Cardinal Henry Newman a saint during his visit. This is likely to take place in Birmingham or Coventry.