

Scripture Readings

1st Sunday in Lent (The year of Luke, Year C), Parish Mass Book page 72. This Sunday's readings: Deuteronomy 26:4-10, Psalm 90, Romans 10:8-13, Luke 4:1-13.

Next Sunday's readings:

Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18, Psalm 26, Philippians 3:17-4.1, Luke 9:28-36.

World Youth Day

August 2011 - Madrid

World Youth Day 2011 will take place in Madrid. Young people who will be aged between 16 & 35 in August 2011 will be able to join the Portsmouth Diocese Group, led by Bishop Crispian. To find out more about this great opportunity to meet other young Catholics from around the world at a wonderful international gathering please come to an information session at St James on Sunday 28th February from 12.30 - 1pm. If you cannot attend please send your contact details to the Parish Office.

Offertory Collections - your donations make the life and work of the parish possible. Last Sunday's offertory: £1639.83 received from Sat: 6pm, Sun: 9am, 11am, 6pm (University Chaplaincy), Votive lights £96.27, Church upkeep £36.17, Papers £26.60,

Parish Liturgies for the week commencing 21 February		
Sunday	1st Sunday of Lent	
SJ (Sat)	6pm	Dec'd mbrs Derrick & Smith families
SW	9am	George & Margaret Berry RIP
SJ	11am	People of the parish
SW	6pm	<i>University Chaplaincy Mass</i>
Monday	The Chair of St Peter	
SJ	12.15pm	Ellen Johnson RIP
Tuesday	Lent week 1	
SJ	<i>No mass today</i>	
Wednesday	Lent week 1	
SJ	12.15pm	Michael Cuddihy RIP
Thursday	Lent week 1	
SJ	12.15pm	John Joseph Sullivan RIP
Friday	Lent week 1	
SJ	12.15pm	Canon Peter Wilkie's intention
Saturday	Lent week 1	
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, Tuesday, Wednesday: 11.20am, Thursday: 7.20pm, Friday: 11.20am, Sunday: 11am	

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

NEWSLETTER

1st Sunday of Lent

21st February 2010



Beginning Lent

Fr John writes:-

We have got off to a great start. On Ash Wednesday, St James church was full for both our Masses. It was very edifying to see people queue to receive the ashes, each one of us was invited to 'TURN AWAY FROM SIN AND BELIEVE IN THE GOSPEL'. It was a request to take seriously our sinfulness and to change our lives. So what should we do in Lent, this season of 40 days? We are asked to pray, to give God time. May I suggest that each week in advance of the Sunday Mass we read the Sunday Gospel. We will provide the reference in the parish newsletter. Catholics are not renowned for reading the scriptures, so may I ask that all of us make a big effort this Lent to read the Sunday Gospel during Lent.

Next Sunday's Gospel is Luke 9:28-36, the story of the Transfiguration of Jesus on the mountain.

Questions for reflection on next Sunday's Gospel:-

1. What does the word 'Transfiguration' mean to you?
2. What do you think the apostles saw when they looked at Jesus on the mountain top?
3. Think of an area of your life that may be in need of conversion or change. Take a positive step towards initiating such change, transformation is possible.

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
<i>Emergency contact numbers for ministry of a priest</i>	
Mgr John Nelson, VG, Co-ordinating Pastor	0118 957 2149
Canon John O'Shea	0118 957 4171
Fr Joseph Awoh	0118 942 8632
Fr Armand de Malleray, FSSP	0118 987 5819
Please call your own parish priest first.	

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.

Parish Diary

for week commencing 21 February

Sunday

Children's Liturgy of the Word during the 9am and 11am masses

Parish African Community meeting after 11am mass

CAFOD Lent Fast envelopes distributed at all Masses

Stations of the Cross, St James, 4pm

Wednesday

Charismatic Prayer Group, Barberi Room, St James, 7.30pm.

FHC programme, Parents session, 7.30pm, St James

Thursday

ABC Group (RCIA), Presbytery, 8pm

Friday

CAFOD Lent Fast Day

Saturday

200 club draw after 6pm mass

Lent - Stations of the Cross

During Lent we will reflect on the Stations of the Cross on Sundays at 4pm in St James Church.

Charismatic Prayer Group Lively music, praise & worship, intercessory prayer, Bible teaching and fellowship. Every 2nd and 4th Wednesday in the month in the Dominic Barberi Room, at 7.30pm. For further information please contact Liz Tanner on 0778 055 3077 or

liztanner1@hotmail.co.uk

First Holy Communion 2010

Parents' Session with Fr John is on Wednesday 24th February at 7.30 in St. James. All parents are expected to attend as the first session had to be cancelled due to the snow

CAFOD Lent Fast Day anniversary - Friday 26th February marks the 50th anniversary of Lent Fast Day. Over the last 50 years, more than £65 million has been raised by ordinary people at Lent Fast Day, which has transformed the lives of thousands of people living in extreme poverty throughout Africa, Asia and Latin America.

Fairtrade Fortnight: The Big Swap

For this year's Fairtrade Fortnight (22 February - 7 March), we are all asked to join in a national Big Swap -- swapping the brands of things we usually buy for Fairtrade products. You might be surprised at the range of Fairtrade goods now available, not just tea and coffee, but fresh fruit, cotton clothes, wine, footballs, flowers, beauty products, and lots more. And did you know you can buy them at M&S, Tesco, John Lewis, Sainsbury's and many other High Street shops? To encourage us to get swapping, the Fairtrade Foundation is logging all swaps on their website (www.thebigswap.org.uk), aiming to reach one million and one swaps. After next week's Masses (27/28 February), members of the Social Justice Group will offer you a Big Swap sheet, on which you can pledge the swap or swaps you'd like to make, and we'll log the total for the parish on the website.

There will be also Traidcraft stall after all three Masses to give you some ideas about the swaps that you could pledge.

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

All St James Eucharistic Ministers have been sent a letter asking their availability for the next rota. Please reply by the 4 March. If you have not received a copy of the letter, can you please contact the Parish Office.

Help wanted An elderly parishioner requires paid domestic help for 1 hour per week. Please contact the parish office if you can help.

Women's World Day of Prayer

As you will know, our diocese is twinned with the Diocese of Bamenda in the Cameroon and for that reason Roman Catholics of the Portsmouth Diocese are being urged especially to take part in the Women's Day of Prayer on 5th March which has been prepared by the Christian women of Cameroon. Their theme is 'Let everything that has breath praise God'. The Central Reading Service is at 10.30am on Friday, 5th March at the Minster Church of St Mary the Virgin in the Butts. Though organised by women locally and the service prepared by women of a different country every year, men are very welcome too.

'The Elect' - those called to the Easter Sacraments by Bishop Crispian Along with many others from the parishes in our Diocese the following from our parish gathered in the cathedral and heard their names publically called to enter into the final season of preparation for their entry into the church at Easter. **Catechumens:** Ian Koslicki, Mohammed Ouzaid, Yusuf Hakim, Herbert Maluwa. **Candidates:** Sean Chasi, Lynne Mabika, Aura Miranda, Nestor Sanchez, Rachael Reynolds.

Youth Club Leaders needed!

We are organising a Youth Club for age 14-18 years in St James' Church, on every 2nd and 4th Thursday in the month from 7.30 to 9.30pm. If you feel you would like to volunteer to join the leadership team, please contact the parish office asap by phone 0118 957 4171 or email parish@jameswilliam-reading.org.uk

St. Paul's Catholic School Reunion

As part of the Jubilee Celebrations to mark the 40th anniversary of the opening of the school, there will be a reunion for former pupils and their families on Saturday 27th March between 2pm and 4pm in the school. There will be a display of photographs of staff and pupils from 1969 to the present day and visitors will be able to tour the school. Light refreshments will be available.

St Patrick's Dance

Our Lady and St. Anne's in Caversham have organised a dance to celebrate the feast of St. Patrick. This will take place on Saturday 13th March, 8pm till late, in the parish hall in Washington Road. Music by Bartley Coyne, display of Irish Dancing, licensed bar. Tickets £7.50 available on the door or contact Paul Freeman on 07782 326697.