

### Scripture Readings

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent (The year of Luke, Year C), Parish Mass Book page 77. This Sunday's readings: Exodus 3: 1-8, 13-15, Psalm 102, Corinthians 10, 1-6, 10-12, John 4:5-42 (Year A).

### Next Sunday's readings:

Joshua 5:9-12, Psalm 33, 2 Corinthians 5:17-21, John 9:1,6-9,13-17,34-38 (Year A).

### Thank you

Lindsay Mullaney would like to thank all those who sold or bought copies of her charity quiz in aid of Age Concern Reading. The winner, David Arnott, of Purley, actually bought his copy of the quiz from one of the St James' sellers. As a result of all the hard work by sellers, and the generosity of competitors, £1840 was raised, which will be used to provide outings for elderly people in Reading this year.

Offertory Collections - your donations make the life and work of the parish possible. Last Sunday's offertory: £1321.95 received from Sat: 6pm, Sun: 9am, 11am, 6pm (University Chaplaincy), Votive lights £134.03, Church upkeep £18.64, Papers £32.30, Holy Souls £55.00, CAFOD £504.22.

### Parish Liturgies for the week commencing 7 March

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent</b>	
SJ (Sat)	6pm	John McDonnell RIP
SW	9am	John Sydenham RIP
SJ	11am	People of the parish
SW	6pm	<i>University Chaplaincy Mass</i>

### Monday

SJ 12.15pm John Hummel RIP

### Tuesday Lent week 3

SJ *No mass today*

### Wednesday Lent week 3

SJ 12.15pm Bridie Hegarty RIP

### Thursday Lent week 3

SJ 12.15pm Michael Cuddihy RIP

### Friday Lent week 3

SJ 12.15pm John & Doreen Furey RIP

### Saturday Lent week 3

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

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St James and St William of York, Reading

### NEWSLETTER

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent

7<sup>th</sup> March 2010



### The Woman at the Well (Year A)

#### Fr John writes

Today we listen to the Gospel story of the meeting of the Samaritan woman with Jesus at Jacobs Well. She goes to collect water from the well when everyone is indoors because of the intense heat. Jesus asks her for a drink of water. She mocks Jesus - you have no bucket. He promises her Living Water. She is pleased as it may spare her going to the well again, she is so ashamed of her past life. Slowly she begins to recognise Jesus as the promised Saviour of the world. She rushes into the village and to tell the people of her discovery. It is an amazing story of change and conversion in the woman.

### NEXT SUNDAY - 'LAETARE' - JOYFUL SUNDAY

#### Jesus and the Man Born Blind (Year A) John 9: 1-41

The church celebrates the half way mark in Lent. It is also the day given to mothers when we express our love and appreciation. Blindness is a terrible affliction. The man in the story had been blind from birth, Jesus cured him. He sees and recognises Jesus as the Son of God. Note what is not said in the story.

Questions for reflection on next Sunday's Gospel:-

- 1 a) What kind of blindness has the Pharisee?  
b) Can you name obstacles in the way of faith which Christians face today?
- 2 a) When the man is healed, he speaks out and tells the truth about Jesus. How do you see the response of the man born blind when he is cured?  
b) Can you name a situation in your own life when you were called to speak out for the truth?

## Prayers

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

## Lent - Stations of the Cross

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

## Altar Servers and the Easter Liturgies

All servers should receive a letter this week about serving at the Easter liturgies. These need to be returned to the Parish Office by Sunday 21 March. It is particularly important that servers are able to attend the rehearsal as well as the liturgy. Rotas will be available in the sacristies on Palm Sunday weekend. If you have not received a letter, please contact the parish Office for a copy.

## 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 7.30pm 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.

A meeting for leaders and helpers has been arranged for Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm in the presbytery led by Dave Hill, Diocesan Youth Advisor.

This month's **200 Club winners** are £20 Juliana Beecroft, £15 Teresa Parkinson, £10 Eddie Boyd.

## First Communion Programme

Session 3 for FHC Communion children will be held on Sun 7 March from 3pm-4.30pm in St. Joseph's Prep School.

The Celebration of Sacrament of Reconciliation on Saturday 27 March has been **changed to 2.30pm**

## Parish Diary for week commencing 7 March

### Sunday

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

Celebration of the Scrutiny for the Elect and Candidates, 11am, St James

Mtg after 11am Mass re dramatisation of the Stations of the Cross. Wanted volunteers to take part in this to take place on Good Friday at 11am.

First Communion programme children's session, St Williams, 3pm - 4.30pm

Stations of the Cross, St James, 4pm  
Goan Community: 3.30pm confessions, 4.30pm Talk on Lent, 5pm Mass

### Wednesday

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

### Thursday

Choir practice, St James, 7.30pm  
ABC Group (RCIA), Presbytery, 8pm

### Saturday

Presider, 6pm Mass, Mgr John Nelson

### Sunday

Mothers Day  
Ukrainian Mass, St James, 1pm  
Retiring Collection: Clergy Assistance Fund

## Choir Practices

Would you like to sing with the choir at Easter? There will be practices at St James at 7.30pm on: Thursday 11th March, Tuesday 16th March, Wednesday 24th March (after the Oscar Romero mass), Wednesday 31st March. All are welcome.

## Advanced notice - Dates for your diary

- \* Passover Meal at 7.30pm on Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> March in St James church. Open invitation to all parishioners. Tickets go on sale shortly.
- \* Lent Penitential Service at 7.30pm on Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> March in St James Church. Five priests to help us so hopefully all of our community will avail of this special Service of Reconciliation.
- \* Lent Penitential Service at 11am on Saturday, 27<sup>th</sup> March in English Martyrs church.
- \* First Holy Communion children's 'First Confessions' 2.30pm on Saturday, 27<sup>th</sup> March, St James church. (Note change of time from 11am)
- \* Lent Penitential Service at 7.30pm on Monday, 29<sup>th</sup> March in St Joseph's church, Tilehurst.
- \* Easter Triduum: Holy Thursday 8pm, Good Friday 3pm, Easter Vigil, 9pm
- \* Dramatised Stations of the Cross at 11am on Good Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> April in St James church.
- \* International Mass at 11am on Pentecost Sunday, 23<sup>rd</sup> May in St James church followed by 'Foods of the World'. All the different communities will be invited to participate in the Mass.
- \* Patrons Day on Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> July in St Joseph's Convent School.

## From the Safeguarding Team

There will be a short meeting after the 9am Mass at St Williams on Sunday 21st March and also after the 11am Mass on Sunday 18th April for all those volunteers involved with any of our children's or youth activities or sacrament preparation, and all Eucharistic Ministers. This is to update you all on training requirements, the new law and the parish pack. Please try to attend.

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Early warning to all those who need to attend a Child Protection or Vulnerable Adult Training session. There will be both sessions available in Theale on the 15th May. Further details of time and place will be advertised nearer the time in the newsletter.

## Charismatic Prayer Group

Every 2nd and 4th Wednesday in the month in the Dominic Barberi Room, St James Church at 7.30pm. For further information please contact

Liz Tanner on 0778 055 3077 or liztanner1@hotmail.co.uk

**Day for Cantors** led by Paul Inwood, Diocesan Director of Music at English Martyrs, 64 Liebenrood Road, Saturday 24 April, 10:30 coffee, 11:00 start, 4:00pm end. A day for those who want to start out as leaders of song in their parishes, and a refresher for those who are already carrying out this ministry of music. There will be a nominal £5 charge, payable on the day, to cover cost of materials, etc. Please bring your own lunch, and any music you would like help with. To book: either use a Liturgical Music Event electronic sign-up form at:

www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/liturgy (put Cantors April 2010 in the first box) or e-mail Paul Inwood at pinwood@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or phone 01329 830945.

**The Knights of St Columba** are seeking new members in this parish. For more information please call Tony Berkeley on 01344 883363 or email: province23@hotmail.com.