

**Catholic
Single/Unattached
Group.**

Our numbers are growing and are drawn from several different nationalities and parishes - we're a very friendly group and are delighted to welcome new members. We have a monthly meal out plus other varied activities. Our next meal is Sunday 16th March; if you would like to join us, or would like more information, contact 0118 9475782 or readingcatholicfriends@yahoo.co.uk Hope to see you soon!

This month's 200 Club winners are: £20 Ellen Johnson, £15 Ed Boyd and £10 Rita Lonsdale (24)

LIFE Springtime Quiz: Quiz sheets £1 each are available from the Repository. Prizes include gift vouchers, books, wine.

Offertory Collections - your donations make the life and work of the parish possible. Last Sunday's offertory: £1406.73 received from Sat: 6pm, Sun: 9am, 11am, Noon (Tridentine Mass), 6pm (University Chaplaincy), Votive lights £82.44, Papers £39.67, Church upkeep £14.00. Clergy Assistance Fund 45.60, Bake Sale £256.53

| Parish Liturgies for the week commencing 9th March | | |
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| Sunday | 5th Sunday of Lent | |
| SJ (Sat) | 6pm | Mary Kennedy RIP |
| SW | 9.00am | George and Margaret Berry RIP |
| SJ | 11am | People of the parish |
| SW | 12 noon | <i>Latin Mass (Tridentine Rite)</i> |
| SW | 6pm | <i>University Chaplaincy Mass</i> |
| Monday | | |
| SJ | 12.15pm | Jenny Byrne RIP |
| Tuesday | | |
| SJ | 12.15pm | Kate Lyons RIP |
| Wednesday | | |
| SJ | 12.15pm | Dec'd members McCormack family |
| Thursday | | |
| SJ | 12.15pm | Robert Frak RIP |
| Friday | | |
| SJ | 12.15pm | John Walsh RIP |
| Saturday | St Joseph | |
| Confessions | | |
| SJ | Saturday, 5pm - 5.45pm or by prior appointment | |
| Rosary - weekdays | | |
| SJ | Monday to Thursday after 12.15pm mass | |
| Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament | | |
| SJ | Friday, 12.45pm to 2pm | |
| Mass in Ukrainian Rite | | |
| SJ | 2nd and 4th Sundays at 1pm | |

| PARISH CONTACT DETAILS | |
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The Roman Catholic Parish of
St James and St William of York
Reading
NEWSLETTER
5th Sunday of Lent
9th March 2008



Thought for the week

I have become convinced recently that most people do not love themselves enough. Christians of my generation were brought up to be wary of the opposite danger, but my experience with students has led me to believe that for every one who is conceited there are fifty who do not grasp their own potential and need encouragement not criticism. Much of what seems on the face of it arrogance is itself the product of insecurity.

So I was quite taken with a reading of the Good Samaritan story (Luke 10) that suggested going beyond the original context: instead of beginning by thinking that we should imitate the Good Samaritan we can remind ourselves how Jesus has rescued and healed us when we have been victims. I have found it fruitful in a quiet moment to remember how He has helped me in the past and to allow Him to minister to me again in the present.

We can surely reflect that the victim in the parable would have been more likely to care for others after his experience. It is only when we allow the Good Samaritan to care for us that we are likely to be able to care for others without resentment and burnout. There are plenty of generous and self-sacrificing people in the world but I think Christian self-sacrifice is primarily about getting ourselves out of the way so that God can act through us. Edward Farrell puts it beautifully in *Prayer is a Hunger*: 'the love which nourishes us enables us to nourish others; and this love continues like running water to flow into our lives, and from our lives into the lives of others'.
Tom Woodman

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 masses.



Scripture Readings

5th Sunday of Lent (The year of Matthew, Year A), Parish Mass Book page 86. This Sunday's readings 1 Samuel 16:1,6-7, 10- 13, Psalm 22, Ephesians 5:8-14, John 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

Weekly Wellsprings: Read and reflect on next Sunday's readings at Wellsprings (www.wellsprings.org.uk/weekly_wellsprings/index.htm)

Prayers

Please pray for our sick parishioners including Hilary Andrews, Tony Boulton, Christopher Browne, Clifford Browne, Lily Bryanton, Gertrude Burke, Mary Carty, David Goodman, David Gower, Joan Hobbs, Alan Jenkins, James Kennedy, Tony Mansfield, Francis Kiromo Mwaniki, Claudina Rodrigues, James Rogers, Gillian White and Patricia Wilson.



Hospital chaplaincy

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 then contact an 'on call' Catholic Priest.

Blessed Hugh Faringdon School

Mission: our local Catholic secondary school is having a mission, 10th - 14th March. A team of young people from the Sion Community will be presenting the Gospel and creating space for people to reflect and respond, whether it be for the first time or the hundredth time! Parishioners are invited to 'The Time is Now!'; exploring the Gospel through music and dance; at the school on Fawley Road on Thursday 13th March at 7.30pm. It will be a great chance to be refreshed in your faith and also to invite others to come and hear the Good News in a relaxed atmosphere. Refreshments provided.

50th Anniversary: the school celebrates its golden jubilee this year. The following events might interest past pupils: **25th April:** Mass at English Martyrs Church, 7pm followed by a drinks reception at the school. **26th April:** Grand Reunion of students 1958-1973. For more information and

tickets (£7 per person) contact Gabriele Scicluna on 07527 931803, Catherine Poole (nee Madden) on 07979 582476 or Adrian Walsh on 0118 958 2476. Alternatively email: gabrielscicluna@hotmail.co.uk

27 June: Thanksgiving mass for students, led by Bishop Crispian at 11o'clock followed by a half day holiday and a barbeque at the school.

Lent 2008

Stations of the Cross: Every Sunday throughout Lent. Starts at 4pm.

Penitential services: In our pastoral area of Central and West Reading
- Thursday, 13th March at 7.30pm - English Martyrs, Liebenrood Road,
- Monday 17th March at 7.30pm - St Joseph's, Tilehurst.

In the pastoral area of Loddon Valley
- Monday 17th March at 7.30pm - St John Bosco, Woodley
- Tuesday, 18th March at 7.30pm, - Christ the King, Whitley
- Wednesday, 19th March at 7.30pm
- Our Lady of Peace, Earley.

Parish passion play: On Good Friday evening the events of the stations of the cross will be performed at St James in acting/demonstration. Interested parishioners are asked to contact Kingsley Agyepong via the parish office so that we can discuss and plan how to make this a reality. You do not need to be an actor, you will be trained on what to do. Everyone is welcome.

Lenten Boxes: Please return them on Palm Sunday.

Pastoral Area Passover Meal: There are a very limited number of tickets left. If you would like one please contact the parish office.

Infant Baptism

Over the last few months the parish pastoral council and Fr Dominic have been exploring ways to develop our catechetical programmes. One of the fruits of this work is a baptism course now up and running. From now on any parent wishing their child baptised will be expected to attend the 2 evening preparation course. Our catechists for baptism are: Jo Hopkins, Chris Burton, Roisin Toner, Esther Kimani, Cecilia Mutongwera, Stella Kambarami, Helen Tingle, Peter and Lucy Ndungu. If you wish your child baptised in this parish please take the information leaflet 'Your child's baptism' from the back of the church and follow its instructions or download it from our website.

First Holy Communion

The children preparing for first communion made their first confession yesterday and are continuing their preparation for first Holy Communion on 25th May. Please keep them, their families and catechists in your prayers.

Parish Project

This weekend as part of our commitment to raise prayer and awareness for our two chosen charities you will be given a prayer card. Please use it to pray for the Catholic Children's Society and the Hope Community. Please remember to keep putting as much change as you can afford in the collecting box that you were given at the beginning of Lent and return it on Palm Sunday.

The **Parish Project Group** urgently need to recruit new members to help in the three areas of their work - prayer, raising awareness and fundraising for the two current

charities. If anyone feels they could spare some time to help the group in any of these three areas please contact Simon Armstrong (St James) 07884 328671 or Mary Butler (St William's) 0118 9262173.

Even if you can only spare a little time we would love to hear from you and would welcome any ideas or suggestions.

Parish Project: £7921.96

Parish Diary

for week commencing 9th March
Sunday

Children's Liturgy of the Word (for ages 3-7 and 7-11) 9am and 11am masses
Gift Aid appeal at 9am and 11am mass
Traidcraft sale after the 9am mass
Ukrainian Mass at St James, 1pm
Stations of the Cross, St James: 4pm.

Monday

Fr Dominic: Diocesan Tribunal,
Sandhurst 1pm - 5pm.
Lectio Divina Group, Barberi Room,
St James: 8pm
Parish Finance and Property Committee
mtg, presbytery, 8.15pm

Tuesday

Fr Dominic's day off
The UCM leads a service of prayers, bible readings and hymns at Abbeyfields Nursing and Care Home: 7pm

Wednesday

Choir Practice for Easter, St James,
7.30pm
Christian Aid week helpers meeting at
St Williams, 7pm - 10pm

Thursday

Fr Dominic: Diocesan Tribunal,
Sandhurst 10-5pm and Penitential
Service at English Martyrs 7.30pm.
Union of Catholic Mothers, St James,
1pm.

Friday

Fr Dominic: mass at Bl Hugh Faringdon School, 1.20pm.