

Psalm Response: Lord, make me know your ways.

Scripture Readings

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

Next Sunday's readings:

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Deuteronomy 18: 15-20, Psalm 94, 1 Corinthians 7:32-35, Mark 1: 21-28.

Please read these readings at home and listen to them at Sunday Mass.

**LOURDES** Diocesan Pilgrimage, 24<sup>th</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup> August. Information from Fr John Cooke, Tel: 01489 572792. Email: office@stmm.org.

**ENGLISH MARTYRS SCHOOL ASSOCIATION** is hosting a Charity Ball on Saturday, 5th May to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the opening of the school. All parishioners over age *Tickets to go on sale very soon from the school.*

*Offertory Collections*  
Last Sunday's offertory: Direct debits £629.31 (Gift Aid £157.33), gift aided envelopes £71.00, non gift aided £653.08. Thank you for your generous contributions. Your donations make the life and work of the parish possible.

Parish Liturgies for the week commencing 22 January

<b>Sunday</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	
SJ (Sat)	6pm	Margaret Knox and family RIP
SW	9am	Tim Joe McSweeney RIP
SJ	11am	Chris Eames RIP
SW	6pm	Holy Souls
<b>Monday</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Week in Ordinary Time	
SJ	12.15pm	Funeral Mass: Michele Nijro
<b>Tuesday</b>	St Francis de Sales No Mass	
<b>Wednesday</b>	The Conversion of St Paul	
SJ	12.15pm	Thelma B DeJelo's intention
<b>Thursday</b>	Ss Timothy and Titus	
SJ	12.15pm	Sean Ford RIP
<b>Friday</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Week in Ordinary Time	
SJ	12.15pm	Tom & Pat Leonard's intention
<b>Saturday</b>	St Thomas Aquinas	
Prison	9am	Timothy Jenks RIP
<b>Next Sunday</b>	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	
SJ (Sat)	6pm	Andrew Petz RIP
SW	9am	Irène Garwood RIP
SJ	11am	Leonard Jones RIP
SW	6pm	Holy Souls
<b>Confessions</b>		
SJ	Saturday, 5pm - 5.45pm or by appointment	
<b>Rosary - weekdays</b>		
SJ	Monday to Thursday after 12.15pm Mass	
<b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</b>		
SJ	Friday, 12.45pm to 2pm	

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

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
22 January 2012



**A CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS**

**OUR 'SIGN UP' WEEKEND**

**CAN YOU HELP?**

*Fr John writes:*

Today I want to invite you to consider offering some of your God-given gifts of time and talent in service of the parish community.

Please look carefully at the 'SIGN UP' sheet distributed today at all three Masses, there are several opportunities for your consideration. For many of these ministries, training is offered before you begin. In many of these tasks you would be on a Rota, you will have the telephone numbers of others and so can 'swap' dates when it is not convenient. Most of the time you are part of a team of volunteers so you will receive a lot of support and advice. Don't be shy, surprise yourself! Is God calling you to serve, to minister in this community? Can you help?

**PETER, ANDREW, JAMES AND JOHN 'SIGN UP'**

Today we hear how Jesus when walking by the sea sees a group of fishermen and decides it is time to gather more support and help for the work of building the Kingdom of God. There's no time for dilly dallying. 'The time has come'. He proceeds to call Simon and his brother Andrew, James and John - all of whom are fishermen. Jesus says 'Follow me' and at once they leave their nets. These four individuals will be the first four of the future team of twelve. Something about Jesus drew them away from the comfortable and familiar to answer his challenge.

Today the call is being offered to you to sign up to be of service. All of us because of our Baptism have been entrusted with the same mission as Peter, Andrews, James and John, that is the mission of Jesus to his followers. In the past we thought the priest did everything. Thank God that has changed - all of us, because of our Baptism, are called to serve, to minister in the community. How about it? The call is for you.

**TODAY: RITE OF BECOMING A CATECHUMEN** at 11.00 Mass for Rasha Noronha.

**RECENTLY DIED:** Michele Nigro, St Saviours Road, Reading. Funeral Mass on Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> January at 12.15pm, St James. Cremation to follow. Our sympathy to his wife, daughter and family. May he rest in peace.

**SYMPATHY** We offer our sympathy and prayers to the Woller family on the sudden death of their 12 year old daughter Ciara. The Funeral Mass was at St Josephs, Tilehurst on Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> January. (Fr John concelebrated at the Mass). Please pray for Ciara and the Woller family.

**OCTAVE OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY** ends on the Feast of Conversion of St Paul on Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> January.

**CHRISTIAN MEDITATION GROUP** (Silent prayer) Mondays, 7.00-8.00pm, in the Barberi Room, St James.

**ADORATION AND ROSARY** Mondays at St William of York, 5.30pm - 6.30pm. Led by Sabine Schwartz, University Chaplain.

**WORLD YOUTH DAY 2013 INFORMATION EVENING** Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> January, 7.30 - 9 pm at St. Williams of York Church. Come and find out what the Diocese is planning for World Youth Day in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil in July 2013.

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES** Diocesan Mass for those celebrating significant anniversaries, 25<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 60<sup>th</sup> on Saturday, 16<sup>th</sup> June 2012 at St Bedes Church, Popley Way, Basingstoke RG24 9DX. Names to Parish Office.

**8-DAY PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND FROM READING** October 2012.

The trip of a lifetime. Follow the steps of Jesus and visit Bethlehem, Nazareth, Jerusalem, Dead Sea, Masada, Lake of Galilee. 50 people. Led by Fr John O'Shea. Information meeting on Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> January in St James at 7.30pm to discuss costs, dates etc.

**CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP:** Next meeting Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30pm in Dominic Barberi Room. For more info contact Liz Tanner on 0778 055 3077 (after 1pm) or email liztanner1@hotmail.co.uk.

**RCIA GROUP** to meet on Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> January in St James Presbytery at 7.30pm for those on a 'Journey of Faith' exploring the possibility of joining the Catholic community.

**200 CLUB** Hurry! The closing date for applications is 26 January. Application forms are still available on the display unit at the back of the church. The cost to take part is £12 per share and there is no limit to the number of shares you can buy. 84 shares have now been sold. The first draw will take place on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> January at St James after 6pm Mass.

**HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY** Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> January, A day to remember and pray for those who lost their lives in the Holocaust and in more recent genocides.

**ARCHIVES/HISTORY GROUP** to meet on Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> February in St James Presbytery at 10.30am.

**PRESENTATION OF THE LORD** (Candlemas) Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> February.

**CATHOLIC SCHOOLS** Head Teachers, Clergy and Chairs of Governors to meet on Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> February at St Finian's School, Thatcham at 1.00pm.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION** children to have a special part at Mass on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> February at 11.00am Mass, The children are to do the Readings, Prayers of the Faithful, help with the collection and bring up the gifts of bread and wine.

**BAKE SALE** aid of the Parish Project charities on Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> February after the 11.00am Mass.

**UNWANTED GIFTS SALE** A big thank you to all who supported the sale last Sunday. £54.43 was raised.

**LENT** The Stewardship Group are offering lots of choices in Lent, to join a Small Discussion Group on the Sunday Gospel (4-6 sessions) or to email you the weekly discussion leaflet on the Sunday Gospel for you to use privately or with your family and friends.

**WANT TO MEET OTHER CATHOLICS IN THEIR 20's and 30's?** Living Stones is a Catholic group of adults in their 20's and 30's that meet weekly for either prayer and reflection or socials such as film nights and pub quizzes to name a few and aims to build community between the group. The group is open to all, in the age group of 18 to 39 and we are looking for more members. To get a monthly email of events email: catholiclivingstones@hotmail.co.uk or join the facebook group Living Stones Catholic Group Reading.

**PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE** meeting on Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> February at 7.30pm in St James Presbytery.

**EDUCATION SUNDAY** 5<sup>th</sup> February. Second collection at all Masses.

**NEW MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION 2012** There will be training for new Ministers of Holy Communion on Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> February, from 11am - 3pm in English Martyrs Parish Hall to include all parishes in Reading. This training will be led by Canon John O'Shea. Parishioners are asked to give serious thought to training for this ministry. Please contact Fr John or the Parish Office, 0118 957 4171.

**THE FLAME CONGRESS** is inspired by Pope Benedict's visit to the UK in September 2010 and by the London Olympics in August 2012.

Thousands of young Catholics will participate in this event at Wembley Arena on **Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> March, from 10 am to 5.20 pm.** Archbishop Vincent Nichols will preside at the closing prayers and adoration. There will be prayer, dance, drama and testimonies from young people, including Paschal Uche, who spoke to the Pope on the steps of Westminster Cathedral in front of 2,500 young Catholics. This event is aimed at year 10s (age 14) and above.

A coach has been booked from Reading and will leave around 8 am and return around 7.30 pm. 16 people, including 3 adult helpers, from English Martyrs have signed up to go. If you would like to come contact Fr John or the Parish Office. The trip costs £20.