

Psalm Response: Here I am Lord! I come to do your will

Scripture Readings

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

Next Sunday's readings:

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Jonah 3:1-5,10, Psalm 24, 1 Corinthians 7:29-31, Mark 1: 14-20.

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

DIOCESAN YEAR BOOK 2012 On sale in the Repository. £3.00.

TRAIN TO TEACH IN CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOLS. For more information see the noticeboard

LOURDES Diocesan Pilgrimage, 24th - 31st August. Information form Fr John Cooke, Tel: 01489 572792. Email: office@stmm.org

Offertory Collections

Last Sunday's offertory: Direct debits £590.46 (Gift Aid £147.62), gift aided envelopes £102.95, non gift aided £764.66. Thank you for your generous contributions. Your donations make the life and work of the parish possible.

Parish Liturgies for the week commencing 15 January

Sunday	2 nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
SJ (Sat)	6pm Ivy and Bert Millam RIP
SW	9am Holy Souls
SJ	11am Ann Tovey RIP
SW	6pm Holy Souls
Monday	2 nd Week in Ordinary Time
SJ	12.15pm Michael Walsh RIP
Tuesday	St Anthony of Egypt No Mass
Wednesday	2 nd Week in Ordinary Time
SJ	12.15pm Michael Walsh RIP
Thursday	2 nd Week in Ordinary Time
SJ	12.15pm Michael Walsh RIP
Friday	2 nd Week in Ordinary Time
SJ	12.15pm Michael Walsh RIP
Saturday	St Agnes
Prison	9am Laurence & Marie Crawley RIP
Next Sunday	3 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
SJ (Sat)	6pm Margaret Knox & family RIP
SW	9am Tim Joe McSweeney RIP
SJ	11am Chris Eames RIP
SW	6pm Holy Souls
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 to 2pm

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

NEWSLETTER

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
15 January 2012



CALLING YOU, YES YOU,
TO VOLUNTEER IN 2012

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.

I am asking you to prayerfully reflect on the many different ways people serve this community and to ask yourself 'Will I make some return to God this coming year, 2012, by serving others in His name?' Can I help out?

Next week you will be offered a 'sign up sheet' where you can commit yourself to serving in various different ways in the life of the community. This is an advance notice of this CALL UP FOR VOLUNTEERS coming next weekend. Please pray and reflect on this. Perhaps this is what you have been waiting for when you can offer some of your time and talent. Our objective is to share the Building of the Kingdom of God. We need you to actively engage. All of us need to work together to build up a caring and living community where we can be 'signs of hope' to all in our fast changing world.

As people of faith, we are trying in this year of 2012 to respond to the call of Jesus Christ to live faithful and good lives, to share the 'Good News' of Jesus Christ with the wider community. Look out for the sign up sheet next weekend.

WORKERS WANTED
BUILDING THE KINGDOM OF GOD
THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS NOW

TODAY: PEACE SUNDAY Pope Benedict in his message stresses the importance of educating young people in Justice and peace. His request is that the young would try and build a more just and peaceful society.

At Christmas, I wrote about ongoing conflict between Israel and Palestine. Sadly, this is only one of many conflicts in the world. A concern for all is the massive development of UK companies who sell arms across the world. Sadly, many of these arms have been sold to the wrong people and have been used in many of the current conflicts in the world. A second collection will be taken today for Pax Christi the Catholic group that attempts to create communities of peace and justice. A Prayer Card for peace will also be distributed.

SUNDAYS IN ORDINARY TIME BEFORE LENT For the next seven Sundays we will hear about particular events in Jesus' life as recorded by Mark (Year B). This is a time to learn about the message and ministry of Jesus and to explore better ways of living our life as Christians in 2012.

TODAY: CHILDRENS LITURGY OF THE WORD at 9.00am and 11.00am Masses.

TODAY: UNWANTED GIFTS SALE in aid of the Parish Project charities, MENCAP and projects in Health and Education in Zambia. Sale after 11.00am Mass.

TODAY: FIRST HOLY COMMUNION session for children on Sunday, 15th January at St Williams, 3 - 4.30pm

BAPTISMS: We welcome Asante Agor-Besseah, son of John and Gifty, Hung Chan, daughter of Hon and Pai, Thomas Ellis, son of Matthew and Flora, Dathan Goncalves, son of Derick and Eulalia, Lara Mendez-Bainbridge, daughter of Jonathan and Mary, Asher Mwanza, son of Christopher and Thandiwe and Emmanuel Raganit, son of Esteban and Judith.

TODAY: UNIVERSITY MASS returns on Sunday, 15th January in St Williams at 6pm.

STEWARDSHIP GROUP to meet on Monday 16th January in St James presbytery at 7.30pm.

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.

OCTAVE OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY begins on Wednesday, 18th January.

YOUTH MANAGEMENT GROUP to meet on Wednesday, 18th January in St James at 7.30pm.

RCIA GROUP to meet on Thursday, 19th January in St James Presbytery at 7.30pm for those on a Journey of Faith exploring the possibility of becoming Catholics.

ST JOSEPHS PREP SCHOOL Start of Year Mass to be led by Fr John on Thursday, 19th January at 10.00am.

UKRAINIAN BLESSING OF WATER on Thursday, 19th January at 10.30am in St James.

BAPTISM: We welcome Seamus O'Connor, son of Richard and Sharon to be baptised on Saturday, 21st January at 12noon.

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2013 INFORMATION EVENING Tuesday, 24th 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.

PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND FROM READING October/November 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, 27th January in St James at 7.30pm to discuss costs, dates etc.

CATHOLIC PARLIAMENTARY AND PUBLIC POLICY INTERNSHIPS

For the last nine years the Catholics Bishops Conference has organised Parliamentary and Public Policy Internships for recently graduated Catholics. This year we are looking to offer 8 internships which will run from September 2012 - July 2013 and include accommodation and subsistence allowances.

Full details and an application form can be found on our website: www.catholicnews.org.uk/interns the closing date is 5pm on 29th February 2012 and Assessment days will be 28th and 29th March 2012.

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP: Next meeting Wednesday, 25th January at 7.30pm in Dominic Barberi Room.

LARGE PRINT NEWSLETTERS are available from the back of the church.

200 CLUB A reminder that application forms for the 200 Club starting next month are available on the display stand at the back of the church. Prizes of £20, £15 and £10 will be on offer to shareholders each month for a year. The cost to take part is £12 per share and there is no limit to the number of shares you can buy. The first draw will take place on Saturday 28th January at St. James after 6pm Mass. Our thanks to the 24 people who have signed up so far buying 44 shares.

This months 200 Club winners are
£20 Margaret Fitzgerald,
£15 Jack Burton, £10 Ginika Okoye.

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

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

DAY OF PRAYER on Saturday, 4th February at St Swithun Wells School, Hillcrest Avenue, Chandlers Ford SO53 2JP, 10.30am - 4.00pm (Refreshments available, bring packed lunch). No cost. Booking is essential. Telephone Eileen Stephenson on 01329 835583 or estephenson@portsmouthdiocese.org. uk (See noticeboard).