

**Psalm Response: O that today you would listen to his voice!
Harden not your hearts.**

Scripture Readings

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

Next Sunday's readings:

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time Job 7:1-4,6-7, Psalm 146, 1 Corinthians 9: 16-19, 22-23, Mark 1:29-39.

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

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.*

MARIST PREPARATORY

SCHOOL is seeking a new Deputy Head for September 2012. Tel: 01344 624291.

Offertory Collections

Last Sunday's offertory: Direct debits £629.31 (Gift Aid £157.33), gift aided envelopes £62.00, non gift aided £745.65, Pax Christi £193.82 Thank you for your generous contributions. Your donations make the life and work of the parish possible.

Parish Liturgies for the week commencing 29 January

Sunday	4th Sunday in Ordinary Time	
SJ (Sat)	6pm	Andrew Petz RIP
SW	9am	Irène Garwood RIP
SJ	11am	Leonard Jones RIP
SW	6pm	Holy Souls
Monday	4th Week in Ordinary Time	
SJ	12.15pm	Richard Cahill RIP
Tuesday	St John Bosco	
	No Mass	
Wednesday	4th Week in Ordinary Time	
SJ	12.15pm	Ivy and Bert Millam RIP
Thursday	Presentation of the Lord in the Temple	
SJ	12.15pm	Kathleen Cooke RIP
Friday	4th Week in Ordinary Time	
SJ	12.15pm	William Edwards RIP
Saturday	Our Lady on Saturday	
Prison	9am	Carmel Howard RIP
Next Sunday	5th Sunday in Ordinary Time	
SJ (Sat)	6pm	Michael McCabe RIP
SW	9am	Connie Cremin's intention
SJ	11am	Fordan Family, living and dead
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	

PARISH CONTACT DETAILS

Parish Priest	Canon John O'Shea	
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The Roman Catholic Parish of
St James and St William of York, Reading

NEWSLETTER

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time
29th January 2012



PLANNING FOR LENT A 'SIGN UP CALL'

Fr John writes:

This Sunday I want you to consider what kind of penance you will undertake in the season of Lent. Traditionally, Lent is a time to 'give up' chocolate, sugar, alcohol etc. How about 'Doing Something Extra' this year that is related to the Sunday Gospels during Lent. This may involve a greater sacrifice because it may mean giving up some of your free time and rearranging your life. This 'Something Extra' could be joining a 'Small Faith Sharing Group' reflecting on the Sunday Gospel. The Stewardship Group of the Diocese has prepared a series of leaflets with specific questions for discussion on the Sunday Gospel. The group would meet once a week or simply 3,4 or 5 times in Lent.

Secondly, there so is another option - to use the leaflets with your family or to use these for private personal reflection. Ash Wednesday is on 22nd February, so today we are trying to plan ahead and be ready for Lent.

A NEW BEGINNING FOR OUR VOLUNTEERS

Our thanks to the many people who responded to our appeal last Sunday to offer their time and talent in service of our parish community. We have arranged meetings and training for many of the new volunteers. Today is the final call for you to sign up and become a volunteer in the parish. The SIGN UP sheets are available at the back of the church from the Welcomers.

Readers 6pm: 2, 9am: 9, 11am: 20. *Children's Liturgy* 6pm: 1, 9am: 1, 11am: 3. *Min Holy Com* 6pm: 2, 9am: 2, 11am: 6. *Welcomers* 6pm: 4, 9am: 9, 11am: 9. *Altar Servers* 6pm: 3, 9am :2, 11am: 3. *Choir/Folk Group* 6pm: 1, 9am: 1, 11am: 6. *Hospitality* 9am: 4, 11am: 6. *Cleaning* 9am: 4, 11am: 12. *Collection Counters* 6pm: 1, 9am: 1, 11am: 5. *Baptism Prep* 11am: 1. *First Holy Com* 11am: 1. *Confirmation* 11am: 2. *Sponsors* 11am: 1. *Pastoral Area PC* 9am: 2, 11am: 2. *Stewardship* 11am: 1. *Repairs* 6pm: 1, 9am: 4, 11am: 2. *Patrons Day* 11am: 3, *Parish Project* 9am: 3, 11am: 1. *Website* 9am: 1, 11am: 7.

Readers Training for all Masses, Mon, 6th Feb 7.30pm, St James Church.
Ministers of Holy Communion Training, Saturday, 25th February, English Martyrs Church Hall, 11am-3pm.

Parish Project Group to meet Thursday, 2nd February in St James Presbytery at 7.30pm. New volunteers are invited to attend.

Stewardship Group to meet on Wednesday, 8th February in St James Presbytery. New volunteers are invited to attend.

Pastoral Area PC are invited to meet with Fr John and the current parish representatives on Friday, 10th February at 7.30pm in St James Presbytery.

200 CLUB The first draw takes place after the Vigil Mass at 6.00pm. 109 shares have been sold. Out thanks to all who have taken a share in this.

WELCOME RITE at 9.00 and 11.00am Masses.

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.

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

PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE meeting on Wednesday, 1st February at 7.30pm in St James Presbytery

FEAST DAY: PRESENTATION OF THE LORD (Candlemas) Thursday, 2nd February. Mass at 12.15pm, St James.

RCIA GROUP to meet on Thursday, 2nd February in St James Presbytery at 7.30pm for those on a 'Journey of Faith' exploring the possibility of joining the Catholic community.

PARISH PROJECT GROUP to meet on Thursday, 2nd February in St James Presbytery at 7.30pm.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS Head Teachers and Priests to meet on Friday, 3rd February.

EDUCATION SUNDAY 5th February. Second collection at all Masses.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION children to have a special part at Mass on Sunday 5th 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, 5th February after the 11.00am Mass.

GOAN MASS on Sunday, 5th February in St James at 4.30pm.

STEWARDSHIP GROUP meet on Wednesday, 8th February in St James Presbytery at 7.30pm.

FRANCOIS LONGUET the French priest buried under the altar in St James Church. 195th Anniversary of his death on 12th February 1817. (Murdered on the Oxford Road.)

UKRAINIAN MASS on Sunday, 12th February in St James at 1.00pm.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER for the sick, Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, Saturday, 11th February.

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.

NEW MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION 2012 There will be training for new Ministers of Holy Communion on Saturday, 25th February, from 11am - 3pm in English Martyrs Parish Hall to include all parishes in Reading. This training will be led by Fr John O'Shea. All those who have volunteered to be Ministers of Holy Communion in the parish are expected to attend.

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, 24th 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.

WOODLEY JUMBULANCE GROUP. Leaving from Woodley on Sunday 19th August for Holland, return on Sunday 26th. Vacancies for helpers male and female, nurses, and unable. More information from John Gill 969 4769, Marie O'Gorman 969 1927 or Anne MacDonald 958 5841

LOURDES DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE, 24th - 31st August. Information from Fr John Cooke, Tel: 01489 572792. Email: office@stmm.org.uk.

LITURGY AND MUSIC FOR HOLY WEEK on Saturday, 11th February at St Edmund the Confessor, 191 Winchester Road, Chandlers Ford, SO53 2DU, 10.30am - 4.00pm. This year Holy Week will have a different feel because of the new translation of the Missal, some changes to the Rites. Come and explore the liturgy and music through information, inspiration and sharing good practice. Fr John would like a small group from the parish to attend. Names to Fr John or Parish Office.

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

GIFT AID IT Please consider signing up to gift aid your Sunday contribution to the church. If you pay income tax and the amount of tax you pay in a year is equal or more than the amount of money that the parish will reclaim on your contribution, then you can gift aid. The parish will receive 25 pence on every £1 donated. Contact Alan Reed, Fr John or the Parish Office

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 estephenon@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk (See noticeboard).