

Psalm Response

Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.

Scripture Readings
5th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

Next Sunday's readings:
6th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Leviticus 13:1-2,44-46, Psalm 31, 1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1, Mark 1:40-45.

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

CONCERT BY THE READING COMMUNITY GOSPEL CHOIR in aid of the Next Generation Christian Foundation. Our Lady of Peace Church, RG6 7DA on 18th February at 7.30pm. Tickets: £5 Adult, School Children free.

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

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

Parish Liturgies for the week commencing 5 February

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
Monday	St Paul Miki and Companions	
SJ	12.15pm	Catherine Smith RIP
Tuesday	5th Week in Ordinary Time No Mass	
Wednesday	5th Week in Ordinary Time	
SJ	12.15pm	Dan Duggan's intention
Thursday	5th Week in Ordinary Time	
SJ	12.15pm	Margaret Golding & Fr Dominic's Int
Friday	St Scholastica	
SJ	12.15pm	Peter Carolan RIP
Saturday	Our Lady of Lourdes	
Prison	9am	Joe and Nora Dennehy's intention
Next Sunday	6th Sunday in Ordinary Time	
SJ (Sat)	6pm	Romeo Feliciano RIP
SW	9am	Breda Dennehy's intention
SJ	11am	Suzanna Dias 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

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time
5th February 2012



EDUCATION SUNDAY 2012

Fr John writes:

For a very long time now, the Catholic Church has been an important partner with public authorities in the provision of Catholic education for the children and young people in this country. Schools with a religious character (which make up a third of schools) are much sought after each year by hundreds and hundreds of parent. Church and State have worked well together to provide top quality education for our children. Catholic schools welcome pupils from the wider community wherever there are places available. Almost all the Catholic Schools in Reading include children of other faiths and none.

Catholic Schooling has been, and remains, top priority in the mission of the Church. The aim of the Catholic school is to help everyone to grow in faith, to make the most of their talents in the classroom and in the sports field, to achieve academic excellence and to prepare well for adult life in a multi cultural society.

Today, I want to urge all catholic parents to send their children to the local catholic school and to be actively involved in its life. I want to thank many in our catholic community who serve as foundation governors for their time and efforts in promoting the vision of catholic education. Catholic schools have been one of the great success stories of the church in this country. Today we pray for all those involved in catholic education, may God bless pupils, staff, parents and governors who together provide the vision for catholic education.

LENT GROUPS - FINAL CALL

Today, we again offer you the opportunity of forming a small group during Lent to discuss the Sunday Gospels or to simply use the leaflets for your own personal reflection. We have many existing groups, many different national ethnic groups, may I ask you to consider getting some people together to discuss the Gospels. Lent is a time to take a fresh look at how we hear the invitation of Christ in our lives. How might we hear God's Word afresh this Lent? Please 'sign up' on the Lent leaflet at the back of the church.

TODAY: EDUCATION SUNDAY We celebrate the efforts of so many who down through the years have ensured we have Catholic Schools, Primary and Secondary, 6th Form Colleges and Third Level Catholic Education.

SECOND COLLECTION for Catholic Education Services at the end of all Masses.

TODAY: FIRST HOLY COMMUNION children to have a special part 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.

TODAY: BAKE SALE in aid of the Parish Project charities after the 11.00am Mass.

TODAY: BAPTISMS We welcome into our faith community Gabriella Papp, daughter of Tamas and Grace, Michael Nadal, son of Jean-David and Sandrine, Atene Liorancaite and Faustus Liorancas, sons of Niktoras and Migle, Mylo Green, son of Richard and Louisa who are to be baptised at St James at 1pm.

TODAY: GOAN MASS in St James at 4.30pm.

READERS TRAINING EVENING on Monday, 6th February in St James Church. All who volunteered to become Readers at Mass are asked to attend this session.

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.

STEWARDSHIP GROUP meet on Wednesday, 8th February in St James Presbytery at 7.30pm. New volunteers are invited to attend.

GOOD SHEPHERD prayer group is on Wednesday, 8th February. Lively praise and worship, intercessory prayer, healing ministry, Bible teaching and fellowship. St James Church (Dominic Barberi Room) More info from Liz Tanner on 0778 055 3077 (after 1pm)/ email liztanner1@hotmail.co.uk

RCIA GROUP to meet on Thursday, 9th February in St James Presbytery at 7.30pm for those on a 'Journey of Faith' exploring the possibility of joining the Catholic community.

YOUTH MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE to meet on Thursday, 9th February in St James Presbytery at 7.30pm.

CLERGY IN SERVICE DAY on Holy Week on Thursday, 9th February. Fr John to attend.

UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHERS meet on Thursday, 9th February after 12.15pm Mass. New members are welcome.

PASTORAL AREA PASTORAL COUNCIL Volunteers who signed up to represent our parish to meet on Friday, 10th February in St James Presbytery at 7.30pm.

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

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

200 CLUB WINNERS £20 E Rogers, £15 Angela Duffy, £10 Mary Treacy.

CONFIRMATION OF ANDREW PROCTOR on Saturday, 11th February at 6.00pm Vigil Mass. Fr John to administer the Sacrament. Andrew has been part of the RCIA Group since last September and is due to be married in April.

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.)

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.

ASH WEDNESDAY 22nd February. Masses at St James at 12.15pm and 7.30pm. (A day of fasting and abstinence).

WEBSITE GROUP to meet on Wednesday, 22nd February in St James Presbytery at 8.15pm after the evening Mass of Ash Wednesday.

RITE OF ELECTION at Cathedral, Portsmouth on Saturday, 25th February at 11.00am. From our parish RCIA Group the following are taking part: Catechumen: Rasha Noronha Candidates: Joy Carroll, Hanna Malouf, Nirubiha Mariyanayakam, Senthilvel Shanmugam.

PARKING AT FORBURY RETAIL PARK The signs have been altered and now say 3 hours free parking but with the condition that you do not leave the site. Please continue to park there as parishioners have been guaranteed the rite to park on the site while at Mass. If you have any problems please speak to Fr John.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION Parents meeting on Monday, 20th February in St James Church at 7.30pm.

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.

RECENTLY DIED: Monica Allen of Chimney Court, Shilling Close. Cremation Service was on Saturday, 4th February at Easthampstead Park. Monica and her husband were responsible for running the Catholic Club in Kings Road for many years. May she rest in peace.

PARISH YOUTH DAY Wanted volunteers to help organise a day in June to bring our young people together. There will be a meeting on Saturday, 18th February at 11am in St James Presbytery.

PASSOVER MEAL on Thursday, 29th March in St James Church. Ann Frank who organises the event looking for volunteers to help out. Names to Fr John, Ann Frank or the Parish Office.