

NEWSLETTER

2nd Sunday in Lent

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of York, Reading**

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Dear Parishioner,

This Sunday there is a collection in support of CAFOD's Lenten Fast Day appeal: Walk for Water. St. James Church will be CLOSED on Wednesday this week. Have a look at our parish 'LENT SPACE' reflection on the website. Email the parish office to let us know what you think.

The number of people coming to 11 a.m. Sunday Mass is increasing week by week at the moment. Please be aware that the doors of the Church will be closed when we reach the safe distance limit of 120 people. There is plenty of space at the 6 p.m. Vigil Mass at St. James and at the 9 a.m. Mass at St. William of York.

How should we manage the increasing numbers safely?
Please let me know what you think.

Yours, Fr. Christopher

LENT 2021

'Saying Yes to Life'

Read 'SAYING YES TO GOD', by Ruth Valerio or [CLICK HERE FOR A VIDEO TALK](#)

Drop in at 7p.m. on the Wednesday's of Lent to chat about Ruth Valerio's book 'Saying Yes to Life'. We are talking about one chapter each week. This week: Water. Please email for the

Zoom link: stjames@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk



Throughout Lent, the Global Catholic Climate Movement is holding a series of online evenings with inspiring speakers, films, prayer and discussion, challenging people to respond to Pope Francis' call to Care for Our Common Home in Laudato Si'. The events take place on Thursdays from 18th February - 25th March, 7.30pm - 8.30pm.

To register please [CLICK HERE](#)

CAFOD LENT FAST DAY



*Friday 26th
February 2021*

Abdella lives in an extremely remote part of Ethiopia. It takes him ten hours a day to collect water. He says his life is being wasted as he has no time for anything else. Give today to reach vulnerable communities around the world with water and to provide other vital support. Thank you! [GIVE HERE](#)

CONFIRMATION 2021



Any young person who would like to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation on 23rd May 2021, should please ask their parents to send an email to the parish office to ask for further information.

LENT SPACE 2021

Follow the link Lent Space on the parish website, it will take you to a reflection and invitation to a time to BE with God in prayer. Each week of Lent, there is a reflection on the Sunday Gospel.

MASS INTENTIONS



To book an intention email the parish office or drop an envelope at the church with the details. Please include your contact details so we can get

back to you if we need to. If you send a message through the parish website or use the donate option to send your offering, please include your own email or phone number so we can get back to you if we need to. Thanks!



COFFEE CONNECT

Join us on Zoom, Sundays at 12pm

Meet ID : 498 947 8585

Password : 006273

A place to gather, connect and belong.



MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Marriage Encounter have dates coming up for their on-line experiences. Find out more: [CLICK HERE](#)



Register now with our parish. It's easy, simply go to the parish website, scroll down the front page and complete the form.

REGISTER NOW

ReadiFood

Reading's Food Bank

Food Parcels for those in Need

ENVIRONMENT GROUP

How are we getting on with kerbside food waste collections?

According to RBC up to 41% of household rubbish is food waste. It used to go to landfill where it rots and releases methane, a harmful greenhouse gas. Now that its recycled, food waste can be turned into fertiliser for farming and energy. We're collectively making a difference



MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

SAT 27TH VIGIL MASS FOR SUNDAY

6.00 p.m. Miguel Alvarez Perales R.I.P.

SUN 28TH 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

9.00 a.m WoY People of the Parish

11.00 a.m Anthony Pereira R.I.P.

MON 1ST ST. DAVID

12.30 p.m. Frances Maria Reed R.I.P.

TUES 2ND 2ND WEEK OF LENT

12.30 p.m. Carmina Falcao int.

WED 3RD ST. JAMES CHURCH CLOSED

THURS 4TH 2ND WEEK OF LENT

12.30 p.m. Alice Francisca Dias Sapeco R.I.P.
1st Anniversary

FRI 5TH 2ND WEEK OF LENT

12.30 p.m Brian Lynch R.I.P.

SAT 6TH VIGIL MASS FOR SUNDAY

6.00 p.m. Pat Colbeck R.I.P.

SUN 7TH 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

9.00 a.m WoY Sydenham Family R.I.P.

11.00 a.m People of the Parish

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To make your regular Offertory donation please consider setting up a Standing Order.

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