



**St James & St William  
of York, Reading**

# Newsletter

## 4th Sunday of Easter

### 25th April 2021

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Dear Parishioners,

I hope this finds you and your families safe and well. I would like to thank everyone for your cards, gifts and Easter donations, which I really appreciate. Thank you all!

Our Holy Week and Easter Services went very well. Online booking enabled nearly 400 people to attend the Good Friday Services and over 500 people celebrated Easter Sunday Mass. Social distancing was maintained and everyone was safe.

A big thank you to everyone who helped out in any way with the Services, our readers, singers, music group, servers and especially to our stewards; who welcomed everyone then cleaned and sanitised the church after each celebration and without whom it would not have been possible to offer the various Services.

Looking ahead, we are keeping the online booking for the 11 a.m. Sunday Mass for the time being.

Please be seated in Church 5 minutes before Mass starts, this will help everyone, especially the Stewards.

If you don't have a ticket for 11 a.m. Mass, please come to the Vigil Mass or to the 9 a.m. Mass on Sunday morning, at St. William of York Church; both have some spare places and there is no need to book ahead for these at the moment.

Yours,  
Fr Chris.

#### Mass times & intentions

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| <b>Sat 24th</b>   | <b>Vigil Mass for Sunday</b>                              |
| <b>6.00 p.m.</b>  | <b>Sheila &amp; Philip Conroy int</b>                     |
| <b>Sun 25th</b>   | <b>4th Easter of Sunday</b>                               |
| <b>9.00am WoY</b> | <b>Mr &amp; Mrs Johnny Soares<br/>40th wedding anniv.</b> |
| <b>11.00am</b>    | <b>People of the Parish</b>                               |
| <b>Mon 26th</b>   | <b>4th Week of Easter</b>                                 |
| <b>12.30pm</b>    | <b>Margaret Fitzgerald int</b>                            |
| <b>Tue 27th</b>   | <b>4th Week of Easter</b>                                 |
| <b>12.30pm</b>    | <b>Tom McGuinness RIP</b>                                 |
| <b>Wed 28th</b>   | <b>4th Week of Easter</b>                                 |
| <b>12.30pm</b>    | <b>People of the parish</b>                               |
| <b>Thu 29th</b>   | <b>4th Week of Easter</b>                                 |
| <b>12.30pm</b>    | <b>Deceased parishioners of<br/>St James</b>              |
| <b>Fri 30th</b>   | <b>4th Week of Easter</b>                                 |
| <b>12.30pm</b>    | <b>Thomas Power RIP</b>                                   |
| <b>Sat 1st</b>    | <b>Vigil Mass of Sunday</b>                               |
| <b>6.00pm</b>     | <b>Anthony (Tony) Walsh RIP</b>                           |
| <b>Sun 2nd</b>    | <b>5th Sunday of Easter</b>                               |
| <b>9.00am WoY</b> | <b>Rosemary Atieno RIP</b>                                |
| <b>11.00am</b>    | <b>Aaron Rodrigues 21st B/D</b>                           |

#### Baptism of Infants

Baptisms are being celebrated on Saturdays at 12 noon or Sundays at 3pm by arrangement through the parish office.

To book places in advance for the 11am Sunday Mass, follow the link on our parish website.

Mass at St. James is live streamed via the link on the website.

## CLERGY TRAINING FUND

The annual collection for the Clergy Training Fund is today, Sunday 25th April 2021.

The Clergy Training Fund supports our seminarians through their training for the priesthood. Our Diocese is blessed with 12 seminarians currently in training, two of whom are due to be ordained later this year.

This is a mandatory collection and an important one for our Diocese. An online page has been set up to support the collection, to donate please:

[CLICK HERE](#)

**THANK  
YOU!**

## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Any parents who would like their child to prepare for first Confession and first Holy Communion are invited to please email the parish office to discuss arrangements.

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**ReadiFood**  
Reading's Food Bank  
Food Parcels for those in Need

## Environment and Climate Change

World leaders joined by CEOs, activists and Pope Francis met online at this week's Leaders Summit on Climate. The talks were aimed at driving ambition ahead of the United Nations climate summit, the COP 26, in Glasgow this November.

Pope Francis addressed the Leaders Summit on Climate, in a video message saying: 'our concern is to see that the environment is cleaner, purer and preserved. And to take care of nature so that it takes care of us. I wish you success in this very good decision to meet, to continue on your way, and I accompany you. Thank you!'

## MASS INTENTIONS

To book an intention please email the parish office or drop an envelope at the church with the details.

**Please include your contact details (email and phone number) so we can get back to you if we need to.** If you wish to make your donation online via the website, please make a booking by email first.

Join us on Zoom Sundays at 12pm



*coffee connect*

a place to gather, connect  
and belong

Meet ID: 498 947 8585

**Please register with the parish.** It's easy, simply go to the parish website, scroll down the front page and complete the form.

To make your regular Offertory donation please set up a Standing Order with your Bank.

**Parish Bank details are:**

**"PRCDTR READING STJAMES  
& WILLIAM OF YORK"**

Sort Code 30-93-04 Acc No. 00885887

Ref: STJ&W: 'Your name'

## ST JAMES & ST WILLIAM OF YORK

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