

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

Newsletter

PENTECOST SUNDAY

23rd May 2021

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Dear Parishioner,

This Weekend we are celebrating the great Feast of Pentecost. We recall the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon Our Blessed Lady and the Apostles in the Upper Room. It is the birthday of the Church! Full of the Holy Spirit, the Apostles went out, preaching the Good News in Jerusalem, then throughout Judea and Samaria and finally to the ends of the earth!



The Spirit of God has established our Diocese of Portsmouth and our own parish in union with the Church throughout the world. Let us give thanks to God for all his blessings and ask for a renewed outpouring of the Holy Spirit into our hearts, that by our worship, prayer and action we may grow in our understanding of what it means to be faithful Disciples of Our Lord in these days.

Across the Diocese this Pentecost Sunday there are Celebrations of the Sacrament of Confirmation. 27 of our young people will celebrate the Sacrament of at St James Church. Let us ask God to bless them and their families with his abiding presence and the Gifts of the Holy Spirit. Please note that due to present restrictions, attendance is limited to the families. Thank you to our Confirmation Team of Ann, Beverley, Ginika and Matias, for using their gifts to help our young people prepare to celebrate the Sacrament.

Our parish community is also blessed with 4 adults who will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation and receive Holy Communion for the First time this weekend.

For the Feast of Pentecost the Bishops of England and Wales have issued an important pastoral letter about the Environment. Please take time to read it, reflect on the message and act! You can find copies at the back of Church or read it [Catholic Bishops Conference of England and Wales \(cbcew.org.uk\)](https://www.cbcew.org.uk)

Have a great week, yours, Fr. Chris

GOAN COMMUNITY OF READING

We are all aware of the devastating second wave of COVID in Indian at the moment. Our Goan brothers and sisters are appealing for donations to provide life saving oxygen concentrators or cylinders and other medical relief to the people and state of Goa, India.

The initial aim is to provide 10 units of O2 concentrators. Each unit costs roughly around £650 (Rs 65000/-).

These units will enable Covid-19 impacted patients a fighting chance to survive.

They will be grateful for every contribution you make.

To donate please : [CLICK HERE](#)



Mass times & intentions

Sat 22nd	Vigil Mass for Sunday
6.00 p.m	Lizeth Caiado thanksgiving
Sun 23rd	PENTECOST SUNDAY
9.00am WoY	Willoughby family intention
11.00am	People of the Parish
12.30pm	Celebrants intention
3.00pm	Celebration of Confirmation
Mon 24th	THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
12.30pm	Martha Smart RIP
Tue 25th	ST BEDE THE VENERABLE
12.30pm	Adrian Merdell RIP
Wed 26th	ST PHILIP NERI
12.30pm	Anna Sabol RIP
Thu 27th	OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST
12.30pm	Lester Gonsalves thanksgiving
Fri 28th	8th Week Ordinary Time
12.30pm	Laurinda Da Costa RIP
Sat 29th	Vigil Mass of Sunday
6.00pm	Hetty Hill RIP
Sun 30th	THE MOST HOLY TRINITY
9.00am WoY	People of the parish
11.00am	Inacina Pinto RIP
12.30pm	Remedious & Pedrina Furtado RIP

Please book in advance for the 11am and 12.30pm Sunday Masses, just follow the link on the parish website.



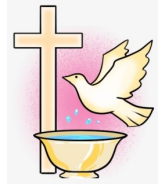
MASS INTENTIONS

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

Please include your contact details (email or 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.

INFANT BAPTISM

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



ReadiFood

Reading's Food Bank
Food Parcels for those in Need

COFFEE CONNECT

Join us on Zoom Sundays at 12pm.
Meet ID: 498 947 8585
Password: 006273



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'

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