

Psalm Response: The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

SUN 9th Sept: 23rd O Time
 1st R. Isaiah 35:4-7
 2nd R. James 2:1-5
 Gospel: Mark 7:31-37

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

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Parish Liturgies for the week commencing 2nd Sept

Sunday	22nd Sunday Ordinary Time	
SJ	6.00pm	Peter Walsh RIP
SW	9.00am	Holy Souls
SJ	11.00am	Frank McGuire RIP
Monday	ST GREGORY THE GREAT	
SJ	12.15pm	Alphonse D'Souza
Tuesday	NO MASS	
Wednesday	22nd Week of Ordinary Time	
SJ	12.15pm	Mr & Mrs Newman 50th Ann.
Thursday	22nd Week of Ordinary Time	
SJ	12.15pm	
Friday	22nd Week of Ordinary Time	
SJ	12.15pm	People of the parish
Next Sunday	23rd Sunday Ordinary Time	
SJ	6.00pm	Ana Mendez de Morillo RIP
SW	9.00am	
SJ	11.00am	Frank O'Sullivan RIP
Confessions		
SJ	Saturday 5pm - 5.45pm	
Rosary - weekdays		
SJ	Mon to Thu after 12.15pm Mass	
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament		
SJ	Friday 12.45pm to 1.45pm	

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The Roman Catholic Parish of
St James and St William of York
 Reading

2nd September 2018
22nd Week Ordinary Time



Fr John writes:

SHAME AT THE ABUSE IN THE CHURCH

It is good to be back in the parish after my summer break. Last weekend, I spent most of my time watching the visit of Pope Francis to Dublin and the shrine at Knock on the TV. Sadly, the visit was overshadowed by the scandals, crimes of the past. However, there were some great moments of joy and happiness during his visit. Pope Francis received a great applause at the Mass in Phoenix Park as he named the abuse crimes of the Church in the Penitential Rite of the Mass and prayed for God's forgiveness. He asked for forgiveness ***“for the times in the Church when we did not show survivors of whatever kind of abuse compassion. The seeking of justice needs concrete actions”***.

Many of you will have read in the media about the sexual abuse by Cardinal Theodore McCarrick, former Archbishop of Washington. This again has cast a black shadow over the Church in the USA.

This week Bishop Philip has responded to the abuse crisis by suggesting that the Pope convene an Extraordinary Synod in Rome in response to the world-wide phenomenon of clerical sex abuse.

Bishop Robert Barron of 'WORD on FIRE' has shared his response in a video. He says many USA Catholics are so outraged that they are thinking of leaving the church. He implores us Catholics not to flee, but to fight—not violently with the weapons of the world, but rather with the weapons of the Spirit of God. He says we need you to pray and to continue to actively engage with the Church in this time of crisis. You can access this video by visiting www.wordonfire.org—he says that **at the heart of the church is our belief in God and our relationship with Jesus Christ. This is primary, the institution of the Church is secondary and will change.**

We are experiencing the power of evil at a time when the Church is trying to renew itself. **I encourage all of you at this time of crisis to pray for the victims and to ask God's forgiveness for our failures.**

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 prayer

Dear Lord, use my eyes to see new friends.

Open my ears to hear my teacher.

Open my mind to learn new things.

Let my heart remember YOU are near when I'm afraid.

Help me to love others like you do.

I want to shine your light so bright in my school.

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This Sunday 2nd September
22nd Sun Ordinary Time

MESSAGE FROM BISHOP PHILIP on sexual abuse—copies from back of church.

APPEAL FOR HERITAGE OPEN DAY volunteers. Sign-up after Mass.

BAPTISMS we welcome into our parish community Daisy and Emma Murphy, daughters of Tiernan & Hannah, for baptism at 1pm at St James.



BISHOP PHILIP to visit Our Lady of Peace parish.

FRIENDS SUMMER PARTY - in the Dormitory of the Abbey Ruins at 2.00 - 5.00pm.

PARISH EST MISSION GROUP to meet Mon 3rd Sept at St James Presbytery at 7.30pm.

WEBSITE GROUP to meet Mon 3rd Sept at 7.30pm in St James Presbytery.

PARISH FIRST HOLY COMMUNION TEAM to meet Tue 4th Sept at St James Pres at 7.00pm.



READING PA FHC TEAMS & PRIESTS to meet on Wed 5th Sept at English Martyrs Hall at 7.30pm.

UCM to meet after 12.15pm Mass for welcome back & armchair exercises in the Barberi room.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CATHOLIC? First meeting of RCIA 'Journey in Faith' Group on Thu 6th Sept at 7.30pm in St James Presbytery.



INDUCTION SERVICE to welcome Fr Bill Wilson to St John Bosco, Woodley, on Fri 7th Sept at 7.30pm.

WEBSITE GROUP to meet Fri 7th Sept at 7.30pm in the Barberi Room.

EVENING OF PRAISE & WORSHIP, on Fri 7th Sept at English Martyrs church at 7.30 - 9.00pm. Also Rosary from 7pm.

RIDE & STRIDE on Sat 8th Sept—cyclists & walkers to call at St James.

Next Sunday 9th September
23rd Sun Ordinary Time

WELCOME RITE at 11am Mass.

FOLK GROUP at 9am & 11am Masses.

APPEAL FOR HERITAGE OPEN DAY volunteers. Sign-up after Mass.



DIVINE MERCY HOLY HOUR at Our Lady of Peace & Bl Dominic Barberi at 2.30pm.

TAMIL MASS at 5pm (Rosary at 4.30pm)

TALK ON EVOLUTION - 'Creation what is a Catholic to think'. To Celebrate Creation Day at Our Lady of Peace on Sat 8th at 6pm - 8:30pm. Presenters will be Hugh Owen for the USA and Greg Clovis for UK. All welcome.

READING PA EST to meet on Wed 12th Sept at St James at 7.30pm.

LUNCHEON CLUB on Thu 13th Sept at 12 noon at St Williams. £5 per person. Phone the parish office for further details.



BISHOP PHILIP to visit St Joseph's parish, Tilehurst on Sun 16th Sept.

DEBATE on the impact of the internet on social justice. Michael Kay, one of our parishioners, will be speaking at a debate at the Oxford Union on 12th Sept. For tickets see xmldebate.org

CAMINO FINAL PREPARATION meeting on Fri 14th Sept at St James church at 7.30pm. For all pilgrims who have booked their place.



INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CATHOLIC ? OR BEING CONFIRMED AS AN ADULT ?



This Thu 6th Sept we are offering an info evening to those who are considering making a deeper commitment to their faith and becoming a catholic. We offer a weekly group session to those who wish to explore their faith. Throughout the process we continue to challenge the enquirers into discovering if this is what they wish to do and if they are ready to make the commitment. The group is interactive and is initially led by the questions and issues that are raised by the group. If you know someone who is thinking of becoming a catholic please encourage them to come along on Thursday evening.

HERITAGE OPEN DAYS
14TH & 15TH SEPT

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: The church will be open to visitors as part of the national HOD event. **To make it a success we need volunteers to welcome visitors, to show them the church and to serve them tea and coffee.** If you can help please give your details to Lindsay or a member of the Heritage Group after Mass.

TALKS at 2pm both days on "MONKS AND PILGRIMS"—Illustrated talks, with music from the early days of Reading Abbey.

CONNECT GROUPS We are planning to establish small groups in the parish called "CONNECT GROUPS". This is a 'Follow Up' to the good experience of small groups during the Alpha series. Each group will have leaders for a series of 4 - 6 meetings in the autumn. **There will be an open meeting for all on CONNECT GROUPS on Mon 17th Sept at 7.30pm at St James**



LAST CHANCE TO COLLECT GIFT AID STATEMENTS -2017-2018 tax year from the back of the church. These will then be retained in the parish office until the end of 2018. Many thanks for your generous support.

FLAME CATHOLIC YOUTH EVENT 2nd March 2019 at the SSE Arena, Wembley 12 noon - 5.30pm. For young people aged 14-21 years (YR10+) accompanied by parish youth leaders and priests. Tickets £20 pp. FREE coach from Reading (paid for by the parishes). Parents meeting in Feb. Booking forms available from the back of the church. Closing date 30.09.18. Please see website www.cymfed.org.uk/flame.

OUR PRIVACY POLICY is available at www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/gdpr/

CHILDREN'S LITURGY at 11am Mass will resume next Sun 9th Sept. All children must be registered before they attend.

TEA & COFFEE Please join us for tea & coffee after 9am and 11am Sunday Mass. All are most welcome.



BLESSED HUGH FARINGDON SCHOOL

OPEN DAY for prospective YR7 pupils in Sept 2019 in on Thu 20th Sept from 9am-12non & 5pm- 7.45pm. Parents please complete the **Supplementary Form (SIF)** along with the Reading council form.

DR SIMON UTTLEY Headmaster at Blessed High Faringdon, to speak at the end of Masses on Sunday 23rd Sept.

FREE HUGH FARINGDON SCHOOL UNIFORM (second hand, boys age 12-13) size 34" blazer, trousers, shirts, tie, jumper and PE kit available to collect from the parish office.

We wish to ask all parents to consider selecting Blessed Hugh Faringdon as their first choice for Secondary school.