Psalm Response: I love you, Lord, my strength.

SCRIPTURE READINGS
SUN 11th Nov: 3rd O Time
1st R. 1 Kings 17:10-16
2nd R. Hebrews 9:24-28
Gospel: Mark 12:38-44

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

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Thank you for your generous contributions. Your donations make the life and work of the parish possible.

A NOVEMBER PRAYER FOR ALL OUR DEARLY DEPARTED
God our Father,
Our power brings us to birth,
Your providence guides our lives,
and Your command we return to dust.

Lord, those who die still live in Your presence,
their lives change but do not end.
I pray in
unite us together again in one family,
where all our tears are wiped away.

Your presence,
Your providence guides our lives,
Your power brings us to birth,
Your providence guides our lives,
and Your command we return to dust.

God our Father,

I love you, Lord, my strength.

Fr John writes:

BAMENDA SUNDAY

Forty four years ago, the diocese of Bamenda and Portsmouth were twinned. Sadly, over the last few years there has been a steady deterioration in the socio/political situation between the English speaking region of Cameroon (within which Bamenda sits), & the French speaking government. This has lead to an escalating cycle of violence, resulting in deaths, villages being destroyed and schools being closed. In this crisis, the Catholic Church has been forthright in condemning the violence and killings. Please pray and be generous in your donations. See www.bamendaandportsmouth.com.

“HOW CAN WE COMBAT POVERTY?”

Today we launch our 2nd leaflet as part of our Parish ‘Laudato Si’ Campaign. This is a follow-up to last month’s leaflet. Did you reduce your plastic waste ? Today we ask you to consider helping out for the ‘Bed for the Night’ scheme run by the Churches Together in Reading in the cold months after Christmas, the New Beginnings – Sunday lunch project, ReadiFood food bank, CIRDIC - drop in centre for the homeless or working with the refugees in Reading. Please read the leaflet carefully and see where you can help. Volunteers urgently needed.

ANNUAL MASS FOR THE BEREAVED

On Sat 10th Nov at 11am at St James. The families of those who have died in the past year have been invited. All are welcome especially those who have suffered a bereavement. Please encourage anyone who has suffered a recent loss to attend, we shall pray for all our dearly departed. Refreshments available afterwards in Barberi room.

PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND 15TH-22ND MAY 2019

Cost: £1360pp. 50 places. Deposit: £250 pp. Flights from Heathrow. Led by Frs John & Michael. Applications to be in ASAP. Info evening Fri 16th Nov at 7.30pm at St James. Contact the parish office or pick up brochure & form from the back of the church, or please email: stjames@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk.

Fr John writes:

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

The Roman Catholic Parish of
St James and St William of York
Reading
4th November 2018
31st Week Ordinary Time
MAGNIFICAT GOSPEL CONNECT GROUP to meet after 6pm Mass on Sat 10th Nov in the Barberi room.

TAMIL ADVENT RETREAT & HOLY MASS on Sun 11th Nov at 1:30pm - 6pm lead by Bro. Rajkumar, Divine Retreat Centre, Ramsgate & Rev Fr Joseph Soosaimarian. Contact: Arun 07440570034 or visit facebook.com/ReadingTamilCatholics=

Next Sunday 11th November 32nd Sun Ordinary Time REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

ANNIVERSARY OF THE END OF WW1 REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY MASSES at 9am & 11am. We will have symbols, the ‘empty chair’ candles, a special booklet with the names of the WW1 Catholicfallen from Reading. Before the 11am Mass we will stand in silence and play a recording of The Last Post and Reveille—please arrive early & be seated before 11am. The 11am Mass will be celebrated as a Mass for the Dead with Readings and Hymns chosen appropriately.

FOLK GROUP at 9am & 11am Masses. BLESSING OF GRAVES 3.00pm Henley Road Cemetery.

SCORES DEARLY DEPARTED

Please remember to pray for all those called to the Lord from our parish in the last 12 months.

Alice Mary D’Cruz
Marina Ciminelli
Elvio Fappiano
Florita Finch
Audrey Rogers
John Roche
John Hall
Maurice O’Keeffe
William O’Neill
Tony Corley
Elizabeth East
Susan Stevens
Doreen Wasylik
Alfredo Buggiero

CATHOLIC LEGACY WEEK 1-7 Nov.
Will you celebrate your faith with a gift in your Will to your favourite Catholic cause? The Catholic Legacy is a group of 27 Catholic causes working together to inspire and encourage you to leave a gift in your Will to a Catholic Charity. Visit www.yourcatholiclegacy.org.uk

ONLINE REGISTRATION FOR OUR PARISHIONER DATABASE. To register please go to our website: www.jameswilliam-reading.org.uk press the register now button, log in, & fill in your details, which are for parish use only & confidential Don’t delay - so please register now!

THE BOOK OF THE NAMES OF THE DECEASED please inscribe the names of your family & friends, who you wish to be remembered. This will be displayed at the front of the church.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CATHOLIC? or Confirmed as an adult or for those baptised as Christians of other denominations, who would like to be received into the Catholic Church? At our weekly sessions we will try to explore all aspects of the Catholic faith. We will also explore common misconception of the Catholic church.

No commitment is required. You are welcome to attend the sessions and see if this is for you. Please speak to Fr John or phone the parish office.

SPOTLIGHT IN INTERCESSORY PRAYER CHARISM: If you have prayer requests and wish to plug into the united charisms of the Diocesan group of intercessors, please simply email: intercessors@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

SERVICE OF GOODBYE Special baby loss event on 25th Nov at 3.30pm in St James Church, for the Goan community in Reading. All members of the Goan community are asked to make a special effort to share in this Mass.

REMEMBRANCE FESTIVAL CHORUS concert of Remembrance on 17 Nov in Greylfriars Church at 7.30pm.

VOLUNTEER VACANCIES at Communicare a Christian Advice Centre offering information and advice to those in need. 2 volunteer adviser positions available. Full details for the role are available on the CommuniCare website, www.communicare.org.uk/volunteering or contact Francesca 0118 9263941

READIFOOD thank you for the plastic carrier bag donations. Please continue to do so - it is also a great way to recycle.

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE 2019 information evening on Fri 16th Nov at 7.30pm in the Barberi Room. Please come along to find out more!