

<p align="center">NEW EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION TRAINING DAY for Reading parishes on Sat 2nd March at 9.30am—12.30pm at St James church. Led by Fr John O'Shea and Ann Hogg.</p> <p>Please complete an Application Form (green form available at the back of the church) and return this via Fr Michael or the Parish Office by Sunday 24th February</p>		<p align="center">WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR CONSECRATED LIFE</p> <p>“Before you were born, I consecrated you.” Do you think that you may be called by the Lord to serve Him as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? To explore further, contact Fr. John Cooke. vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or call 01329 318 869</p>
<p>VOLUNTEERS WANTED To learn about and help with the new Church Lighting Training provided</p>	<p align="center">VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY</p> <p align="center">MARRIAGE CARE Evening Receptionist in Woodley See Noticeboard for more details</p>	<p align="center">EMMAUS GROUPS</p> <p>There are five Emmaus Groups here at English Martyrs to provide the opportunity for parishioners to get together in small groups to pray together and chat about the Sunday Bible readings. No expert knowledge required! Why not come along and see for yourself? This week's meetings are on Mon 4th February at 7.30pm in Room 1. Weds 6th February at 10.30am in Room 2 Sat 9th February at 5.00pm in Room 2</p> <p>If you want to know more, contact Richard Kennedy via the Parish Office</p>
<p>READING - DAY PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM, National Shrine of Our Lady on Sat 15th June. 2 coaches for 100 people. Led by Fr John O'Shea. Cost £15. Bookings via English Martyrs parish office.</p>		<p align="center">THE HIBERNIAN SOCIETY</p> <p>are hosting a TEA DANCE here in the Parish Hall 2-4.30PM on Sunday 24th February</p> <p align="center"><><><><><><><><><><><><><><><><></p> <p align="center">ST PATRICK'S SUPPER At Reading Irish Centre Food & Lively Irish Music Friday 15th March 8pm - 11pm Entrance by ticket only - £20 each from Anne Morris (T: 07888 997293)</p>
<p align="center">PORTSMOUTH DIOCESE VACANCY CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER Full details available from the Parish Office Closing Date 24th February 2019</p>		
<p align="center">MANY CONGRATULATIONS TO MARY & PATRICK TOGHER who recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary</p>		
<p align="center">HEALING SEMINARS At St Josephs, Tilehurst February 16th, March 9th & 30th and April 6th See Noticeboard for more details</p>		
<p>SCHOOL LEAGUE TABLES Congratulations to Blessed Hugh Faringdon Catholic Secondary School and our Catholic Primary Schools in Reading on being included in the top level of school results in National School League tables. Once again Church schools did very well.</p>		
<p align="center">ENGAGED COUPLES</p> <p>are invited by Bishop Philip to attend a special St Valentines Breakfast and blessing at the Cathedral, Portsmouth on Sat 16th Feb at 9.15am Please see the Noticeboard for the full version of this invitation which has more Information and RSVP details</p>	<p align="center">CONCERT AT OUR LADY OF PEACE CHURCH, EARLEY by Reading Community Gospel Choir, with support from soprano Luisa Donatella, in aid of Next Generation Christian Foundation, funding education for disadvantaged children in Nigeria. Saturday 9th February at 7.30pm Please come and enjoy a wonderful evening of spiritually uplifting music and support this worthy cause. Tickets £10 adults, under 18s free, available from OLOP Parish Office on 0118 9663711 or earley@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk.</p>	
<p align="center">BAPTISM CELEBRATION SUNDAY 17th February at 3PM</p> <p>There will be a short service followed by Refreshments If you or your children were baptised in the last year or so (or you know someone who was - then please pick up a flyer or see Noticeboard/website <i>Please let the Parish Office know if you are coming for catering purposes</i></p>	<p align="center">PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2019 Thursday 25th July - Tuesday 30th July Departing from Heathrow Airport Half board accommodation in three star hotel Close to the sanctuary Costs approximately £460 (max)</p> <p>We have now confirmed most of our arrangements and will be travelling to Lourdes at the same time as the Diocesan Youth Pilgrimage. Booking forms are available at the back of the church from this weekend or from the Parish Office. Max 30 persons. Completed Forms to be returned by Monday 11h February</p>	
<p align="center"><u>HEALTH AND SAFETY TRAINING DAY</u> <u>SATURDAY. 23rd FEBRUARY 2019</u></p> <p>This training day will include fire training, basic first aid training, including the use of defibrillators. Can Group Leaders please put this date in their diaries and also ensure a further two members of the group can attend. Please bring a packed lunch A Flyer is available at the back of the Church and on the Noticeboard If you are a First Aider / have any work experience of Health and Safety / would like to get involved? IT WOULD BE GREAT IF YOU COULD CONSIDER JOINING THIS SMALL BUT PROACTIVE TEAM</p>		

4 th Feb 2019	Café Theologique – The Hand of God? Christian Theology and Playing Football – starts 7.30pm at Zero Degrees Bar, Bridge Street RG1 2LR
9 th Feb 2019	'The Role of the Family in Building a Culture of Life' RETREAT See Noticeboard for details
9 th Feb 2019	Reading Churches Men's Group MEN'S BREAKFAST – See poster on Noticeboard for more details
12 th Feb 2019	Parish Prayer Meeting 8–9.30pm at Our Lady of Peace & Blessed Dominic Barberi RG6 7DA
16 th Feb 2019	"ON FIRE!" Prayer & Healing Service. 5-7pm at St Joseph's Tilehurst
17 th Feb 2019	CATHOLIC WOMENS ASSOCIATION OF NIGERIA (PORTSMOUTH DIOCESE) See poster on Noticeboard – Inaugural Mass Sunday 17 th February at St Joseph's Basingstoke
18 th Feb 2019	CAFOD Meeting 7.15 – 9pm at Christ the King Church in Reading RG2 8NR
1 st March 2019	2019 World Day of Prayer – Service at St Mark's Church Cranberry Road – See Poster for more info
5 th -11 th JUNE 2019	PILGRIMAGE TO POLAND. Led by Fr Stan of Our Lady of Peace & Bl Dominic Barberi. For more info please contact Nancy Johnson (0118 9262315/ nancy.johnson7@btinternet.com)

VACANCIES

Parish Administrator
at St John Bosco Woodley.
25-30 hours (per week) neg. each
weekday desirable
Closing date; 12th February 2019
See Notice board for details

FREE INFORMAL ENGLISH LESSONS FOR ADULTS

If English is not your first language, you are invited to join free informal classes to improve your understanding, speaking, reading and writing of English. The classes include conversation, and exercises in grammar etc. They take place weekly during school hours at the English Martyrs Parish Centre in Liebenrood Road. **All are welcome, regardless of religion or nationality.**

CAMINO PILGRIMAGE INFO EVENING

Have you always wanted to walk the Camino to Santiago de Compostela? Come to St James on Friday 15th February at 7.30pm to hear our plans for September 2019. Also, about following the St James Way from Reading Abbey to Southampton in easy stages this Spring and Summer.

DARMOWE NIEFORMALNE LEKCJE ANGIELSKIEGO DLA DOROSŁYCH

Jeśli angielski nie jest Twoim pierwszym językiem, możesz się dołączyć do bezpłatnego nieformalnego kursu, aby poprawić zrozumienie, mówienie, czytanie i pisanie po angielsku. Zajęcia obejmują rozmowy i ćwiczenia z gramatyki itp. Odbywają się co tydzień w czasie semestru szkolnego w sali parafialnej kościoła English Martyrs w Liebenrood Road. Wszyscy są mile widziani bez względu na religię lub narodowość.

For more details: petermacdonald@hotmail.co.uk

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL of MAUREEN PARKINS who died on 7th January.
Her funeral will take place at Henley Road Chapel at 12 midday on Friday 8th February 2019

FIRST COMMUNION 2019

ALL SESSIONS ARE IN THE CHURCH
9.15AM (PROMPT) – 10.30AM

SAT 9TH FEBRUARY SESSION 6
MASS INTO & PENITENTIAL RITES

TUES 26TH FEBRUARY 7.30 – 9PM
PARENTS MEETING

SAT 9TH MARCH SESSION 7
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Details of future sessions to follow

CONFIRMATION 2019

Preparation continues for all those already enrolled.

Session 2 SUN 3rd FEBRUARY 3.15-4.45PM - Faith in what

Session 3 SUN 10th FEBRUARY 3.15-4.45PM - Getting it Right

Session 4 SAT 2ND MARCH (ALL DAY) - FLAME CONGRESS

SESSION 5 SUN 10TH MARCH 3.15 – 4.45PM - Eucharist/Mass

then: 10/03 17/03, 24/03 More dates to follow

Contact Chris Burton EMconfirmation@outlook.com

YOUTH

GLOW 'let your light shine' Matthew: 5. 16

SENIOR YOUTH GROUP

7pm to 8.30pm in the Parish Hall

- **Fri 22nd February:** Love of God, Love of Neighbour- Exploring God's Commandments. (Half term)?
- **March 5th: Shrove Tuesday (Pancake evening) - Kicking off the Youth Lenten Campaign.**
We will be supporting MARY'S MEAL a charity that works to provide school meals, bags and writing materials to encourage children in very poor countries to get access to education.
- **31st May: Feast of the Visitation - Mary**

Plus much more to follow

ENGLISH MARTYRS YOUTH CHOIR

'Singing Together as One Voice'

Every Monday 4 – 5.15pm

at English Martyr's Church.

Age 7+ (School Years 3-13) welcome.

Choir sings: Every Sunday

ELEVATE

Parish **JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP**

"Exploring Faith Through Fun"

Next Meeting 8th February

4.30-5.30pm in the Parish Hall

ON ADMISSION TO ROYAL BERKSHIRE HOSPITAL

all Catholics should inform the hospital staff that they are Roman Catholic and if they wish to have Communion or see a Priest. All arrangements in RBH are "Patient Led". **Hospital Chaplain - Fr JP Lyttle**
Mobile: 07391 896559 / RBH: 0118 322 7105

PORTSMOUTH DIOCESE E NEWS

Keep up to date with what's happening in the diocese via our weekly E-news. It has details of forthcoming events, photos of past events and videos of interest. Sign up now! <http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/enews>

PARISH CONTACT DETAILS

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Registered Charity No. 246871

PARISH MASS TIMETABLE SAT 2ND FEBRUARY TO SUNDAY 3RD FEBRUARY 2019

<u>DAYS</u>	<u>TIMES</u>	<u>MASS INTENTIONS</u>
Vigil Mass – Saturday 2nd February THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD	6.30 pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 3rd February FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Responsorial Psalm: <i>My lips will tell of your help.</i>	9.30 am	Jim Knox RIP
	11.30 am	John Walsh RIP
	5.00 pm	Billy Delaney RIP & Carol Welch RIP
Monday 4th February	9.30am	Maria Hayes RIP
Tuesday 5th February St Agatha, Virgin, Martyr, <i>Memorial</i>	9.30am	Roy Fisher RIP
Wednesday 6th February St. Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs, <i>Memorial</i>	9.30 am	Thomas Murray RIP
Thursday 7th February	9.30 am	Holy Souls RIP
	7.30 pm	Catenian Mass : For an Increase in Vocations
Friday 8th February	9.30am	Thanksgiving: Sarah Beeston
Saturday 9th February Our Lady on Saturday	11.00am	Stephen Coleman RIP
Vigil Mass – Sunday 9th February FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	6.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 10th February FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.30 am	Michael Conneely RIP
	11.30 am	Laurence Alexander RIP
	5.00 pm	Sydney Burrett RIP
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Sat. 11.30am – 12.30pm, Sun. 8.00–9.00am, Mon-Fri. 8.25am – 9.25am, Confessions: Saturday 5.30 – 6.15pm and Sunday 4.00 – 4.45pm Rosary Saturday 10.30am		

COUNTERS

3rd Feb Lis Leddy, Sarah Finch & Norma Dick
10th Feb Anne Morris & Charlie McArthur

CHURCH CLEANING

Friday 8th February
Group 3
after morning Mass

WEEKLY COLLECTION 27th JANUARY 2019

Envelopes £356.50 / **Plate** £993.43

Special Collection – Cathedral
Envelopes £117.50 / **Plate** £198.53

BAPTISM - A WARM WELCOME to

Xavier Kolanko who will be Baptised on Sunday 3rd of February at the 11.30am Mass

CONGRATULATIONS TO SIMON & CATHERINE HARRINGTON who are celebrating their Silver Wedding Anniversary on 5th February. They will receive a Blessing at 9.30am Mass on Sunday 3rd February

BOOKSTALL

Would you be interested in a Holy Week Missal, covering all the services from Palm Sunday to Easter Day, plus the Stations of the Cross, the Rosary and Confession. If you might be interested please come to the Bookstall/Repository in Room 2 after Sunday morning Mass

WANTED**Midweek Visual Operators in Church**

Can you help?
Training will be Provided