

**MASS COUNTS:** Our annual Mass count will be starting at the end of this month. This is for the Diocesan statistics. Counting will take place at both weekend Masses on the following weekends:

- ⇒ 21/22 September
- ⇒ 28/29 September
- ⇒ 05/06 October
- ⇒ 12/13 October

We will need assistance to do this at both Masses. Thank you in advance!



**BAPTISM:** If you are looking to celebrate a baptism at SJB please email [office@stjohnbosco.co.uk](mailto:office@stjohnbosco.co.uk) for an introductory letter. A meeting will need to take place with Fr. Leo before any date is set. 🙌

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#### GOING INTO HOSPITAL

On admission, all Catholics must inform staff if they wish to receive Holy Communion or see a priest.

Catholic Chaplaincy **RBH**

0118 322 7105  
Arrangements are patient-led



**CARITAS:** Season of Creation starts on 1st September and runs until 4th October. On Saturday 14th September we are holding an Environmental Conference on Winchester, and have John Paul de Quay coming to speak on 'The fellowship of Believers, how faith should motivate us in caring for our common home.' See poster printed and displayed and attached to this newsletter for more details.

#### DIOCESAN VACANCIES:

Please follow the link for current vacancies throughout the Diocese:

[Careers - Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth. \(portsmouthdiocese.org.uk\)](http://portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

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**Adoration**  
9.30am - before weekday Mass

**Confessions**  
After weekday Masses &  
Saturday at 5.45pm

**Tea/Coffee**  
After Wed & Sun Mass

**Priest's Mass Intentions**  
Please complete a brown envelope in the foyer and arrange with the office

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**ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH OF  
ST JOHN BOSCO, WOODLEY**

**TWENTY-SECONDSUNDAY IN ORD TIME - B  
SUNDAY 1ST SEPTEMBER 2024**



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*of the*  
BLESSED  
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**NEXT ADORATION - MONDAY  
23RD SEPTEMBER.**

**THANK YOU:** To our visiting priests who have covered for us at weekend Masses during Fr. Leo's retreat and vacation - Monsignor Tom McGrath, Fr. Bernie and Fr. Benedict (who travelled up from Portsmouth).

**PRAYER GROUP** - The next prayer group meeting will be in the Lady Chapel at 10.00am on Thursday 12th September. They will be looking at Luke 6:27-38



**WELCOME FR. JUDE:** This Autumn, Fr. Jude Mbonu, formerly Parish Priest at Twyford and latterly Priest-in-charge at Tilehurst, moves to be in temporary residence here in our parish of St. John Bosco, as he takes up a post-doctoral teaching position. We will have a chance to welcome Fr. Jude to the parish formally in September.

**Today's Psalm Response:**

**Lord, who shall be admitted to your tent?**

#### PAINTING OF THE LADY CHAPEL:

Huge gratitude and thanks to the very small group of volunteers who have been re-painting the Lady Chapel over the last 3 weeks. The Chapel looks wonderful.



**CHILDREN'S LITURGY:** Returns on Sunday 7th September.

**CAFOD REP VISIT HERE:** Jo Lewry from



CAFOD Portsmouth will be holding a Harvest meeting here on Saturday 7th September, 10.30am - 12 noon. This will take place in the Newman Centre. You are all invited to join her at this meeting and listen to CAFOD's plans. Tea & coffee will be served from 10.15am.

#### OUR LADY OF PEACE CHURCH:

Are inviting you to a chess tournament On Saturday 12th October 9.00am - 4.00pm at Our Lady of Peace church. Fr Stan is organising this chess tournament in honour of Our Lady. This is also open to

**LITURGICAL CALENDAR**  
**9.30am Adoration before weekday Masses**

<b>SUN 1ST SEPT</b>	<b>TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	<b>6.30PM</b>	<b>Sr. Joseph + (1st Anniv)</b>
		<b>10.00AM</b>	<b>Tony Gray +</b>
Mon 2nd	Feria (Week 22)		
Tues 3rd	<b>ST. GREGORY THE GREAT (Feast)</b>		
Wed 4th	St. Cuthbert		
Thurs 5th	Feria (Week 22)		
Fri 6th	Feria (Week 22)		
Sat 7th	Our Lady on Saturday	No am Mass	
<b>SUN 8TH SEPT</b>	<b>TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	<b>6.30PM</b>	<b>Alphonsus +</b>
		<b>10.00AM</b>	<b>Aguiar Family thanksgiving</b>

**NO WEEKDAY MASSES AT SJB.  
PLEASE VISIT ONE OF THE OTHER READING CHURCHES.**

neighbouring parishes. If interested, please contact Dawid Slezak via e mail [dawid21878@googlemail.com](mailto:dawid21878@googlemail.com). Please include the following information: Name, Age, Experience & Parish. **Closing date of registration is 30th September.** Registration, tea and coffee are free.

**APOSTOLIC NUNCIO TO GREAT BRITAIN:** His **EXCELLENCY ARCHBISHOP MIGUEL MAURY BUENDIA** will celebrating a Mass of Thanksgiving with Bishop Philip Egan this **Friday 6th September** at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist, Portsmouth. This Mass takes place at **12.30pm** and will be livestreamed from the Cathedral. Watch if you can. The Apostolic Nuncio is the Pope's representative. Nuncio is an ecclesiastical diplomatic title.

**DIOCESAN FORMATION DAY FOR READERS:** Fr Anthony Fyk, Director of Liturgy Formation, is running a formation day for readers on Saturday 19th October from 10.30 am to 2 pm. This will take place at St Bede's Church/Hall in Basingstoke. The Liturgy team would be most grateful if parishes could advertise the training day within newsletters and noticeboards and encourage readers to attend. Sandwich lunch included. Please register to attend by emailing: [liturgy@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:liturgy@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

**SCHOOL MASS:** The first school Mass of the academic year will take place at 9.30am on Wednesday 18th September.

**EDUCATION SUNDAY:** Takes place **NEXT SUNDAY** 8th September. Education Sunday falls on the second Sunday of September just as the new academic year starts and is one of the oldest Days of Special Prayer in England and Wales, established 176 years ago in 1848. It provides an opportunity to celebrate and give thanks to all involved in making Catholic schools places of enlightenment, as well as to look forward in anticipation of the year ahead.

The Gospel reading for Education Sunday is taken from St Mark's Gospel (7:31-37): "He makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak." On Education Sunday, it is important we give thanks to Almighty God for all who govern, lead, teach, guide, and support the children and young people in our Catholic schools, colleges and universities.

We will have a second collection after both Masses which goes towards the **Catholic Education Service (CES)** to support our Catholic teaching across all Catholic primary & secondary schools in the Diocese. Please give what you can.

**CHRIST THE KING:** Christ the King parish, 408 Northumberland Rd Reading RG2 8NR, requires a **parish administrator** to cover maternity leave for 6 months. It is for 15 hours a week: Tuesday, Thursday and Friday: 9.30-3.00 (30 minute lunch break), to start ASAP. Duties include general office management and financial administration.

Please contact Fr Daniel, the parish priest, [dagber@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:dagber@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)



**GOOD LUCK:** To all those returning to school / college/ University this coming week. And a special good luck message to all those beginning school / college/ University for the first time. You'll be awesome!

**PRAYER CORNER**

Please pray for members of the parish who are sick or housebound, especially: June Bremner-Tse, Chris Fido, Mimi Peat, Madeline Faherty, Chris & Felicity Hughes, Marie Dempster, Linda Guttridge, Maureen Gibbs, Margaret Muiruri, Colin Eames, Jacob Bryning and Geraldine Worthe. **(To add a name to this list please contact the parish office)**

**Also, for all the faithful departed, especially those in our Book of Remembrance for this month (SEPTEMBER):** Peggy Murphy, Henryk Papowszek, Heather Chandler, Erlinda Vargas, Kathleen Henson, Alan Knox, Rita Jacobs, Josie Mannion, Laurence Keenan, Harold Guttridge, Adela Lukomska, Yvonne Young, and Giovannina Domenica Albanese. May they rest in peace.