

**LOCAL GROUPS  
OFFERING HELP IN  
WOODLEY AT THIS  
TIME:**

Woodley volunteering group is offering collections of food/medicines etc.  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/135082544613963/>

Woodley Foodbank: Woodley Baptist Church, food or donations weekdays 10.00am till noon. Online donation site:  
[www.give.net/20181094](http://www.give.net/20181094).

**GOING INTO HOSPITAL**

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

**Royal Berkshire Hospital  
Switchboard:**

0118 3225111

**ST. DOMINIC SAVIO  
CATHOLIC PRIMARY  
SCHOOL**

Western Avenue,  
Woodley RG5 3BH  
Tel. 0118 969 3893

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Mrs Juanita Dunlop  
**Website:**  
[www.stdominicsavio.co.uk](http://www.stdominicsavio.co.uk)

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**Parish Priest**  
Fr Bill Wilson

**Parish Administrator**  
Debs Gibson

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**Office Hours**  
**Tuesday—Friday**  
**10am-2.00pm**

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**Website**  
stjohnbosco.co.uk

**Facebook**  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1455918784702101>

**Safeguarding Minister**  
Julie Hamblin  
07950 978592

**Adoration**  
Suspended

**Confessions**  
Suspended

**Tea/Coffee**  
Suspended

**Priest's Mass Intentions**  
Please complete one of the special envelopes and arrange with the office

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

Sunday 13th September 2020

24TH SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

**CHURCH OPENING TIMES**

**WEDNESDAY: MASS 10.00AM**  
**(no booking required: just turn up)**

**SUNDAY: MASS 10.00AM**  
**(booking required via**  
**stjohnbosco.co.uk)**

**VISITOR NUMBERS:** Sun 6th: 33,  
Wed 9th: 19.

**FR BILL WRITES:** Thanks to those of you who booked online for Sunday Mass last week. Just a clarification: I made a mistake when saying "one ticket per household". I should have said "one application per household" with the applicant giving the number of tickets required. Sorry for any confusion. Anyway, I think those who came had worked that out for themselves :). I and the stewards were very happy with how things went: we think we have the right protocols in place to keep everyone safe. In the light of Boris' announcement last week, the diocese has reassured us that all churches can continue as they are provided we stick to our COVID-19 protocols. Thank you for your understanding: without that we would not be open at all. Kindly, Fr. Bill

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2020:**  
Lockdown was declared the very day our candidates were due to celebrate their First Confessions: It was very

disappointing for them. All parents of our candidates have been emailed to ask how they would like to proceed. Some are happy to get on with the catechesis in a reduced form and some would rather wait until next year. For those who would like to recommence this year, with a view to recommence this year, with a view to First Holy Communion Masses before Advent, it is essential that candidates attend a refresher session on Saturday 26th September at 1.00pm in SJB church. First Confessions will follow immediately at 2.30pm. Parents are not expected to be present for the refresher session. Due to COVID-19 protocols, only one parent/carer may be present for First Confessions.

**WEBSITE DONATE BUTTON:**  
Please consider using this if you usually give cash. Many thanks.

**CHEQUES:** We can now accept cheques via the office. If you wish to donate this way, please make cheque payable to "St. John Bosco, Woodley".

**READERS' ZOOM WORKSHOPS:**  
Saturdays 17th October (workshop 1) and 24th October (workshop 2) at 10 am on Saturdays 14th November (workshop 1) and 21st November (workshop 2) at 10 am  
Registration is via <https://www.godwhospeaks.org/readers>  
As part of the training, one-to-one online meetings will be offered to each participant to give them a chance to

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worshipping community in the heart of Woodley.  
We are committed to serve, to grow, to connect  
and to give.**

## LITURGICAL CALENDAR

**MASS IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC  
WEDNESDAY AND SUNDAY**

**PRIEST'S INTENTIONS**

<b>TODAY</b>	<b>24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A</b>	<b>10.00AM</b>	No intention (online booking required)
Mon 14	Exaltation of the Cross		
Tues 15	Our Lady of Sorrows		Reuben Aguiar +
Wed 16	St Cornellius and Cyprian	10.00am	Kath Houlton +
Thurs 17	St Hildegard of Bingen		Harold Guttridge +
Fri 18	Feria week 24		Bruce + and Angela Bentley
Sat 19	St Januarius		People of the Parish
<b>SEPT 20TH</b>	<b>25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	Sr Joseph's Birthday (Friday) (online booking required)

practice their reading. This will be organized separately, once they have attended the workshops.

### ALTON DAY OF RENEWAL

(ADoRE): Saturday 19 September 10.00-12.45 mini conference for spiritual renewal with Mass, Adoration, praise, prophecy, and an inspiring talk "Here is your mother" from Fr John Seddon, Please register in advance for Zoom by following this link: [bit.ly/adore0920](https://bit.ly/adore0920)

For more information go to the ADoRE website

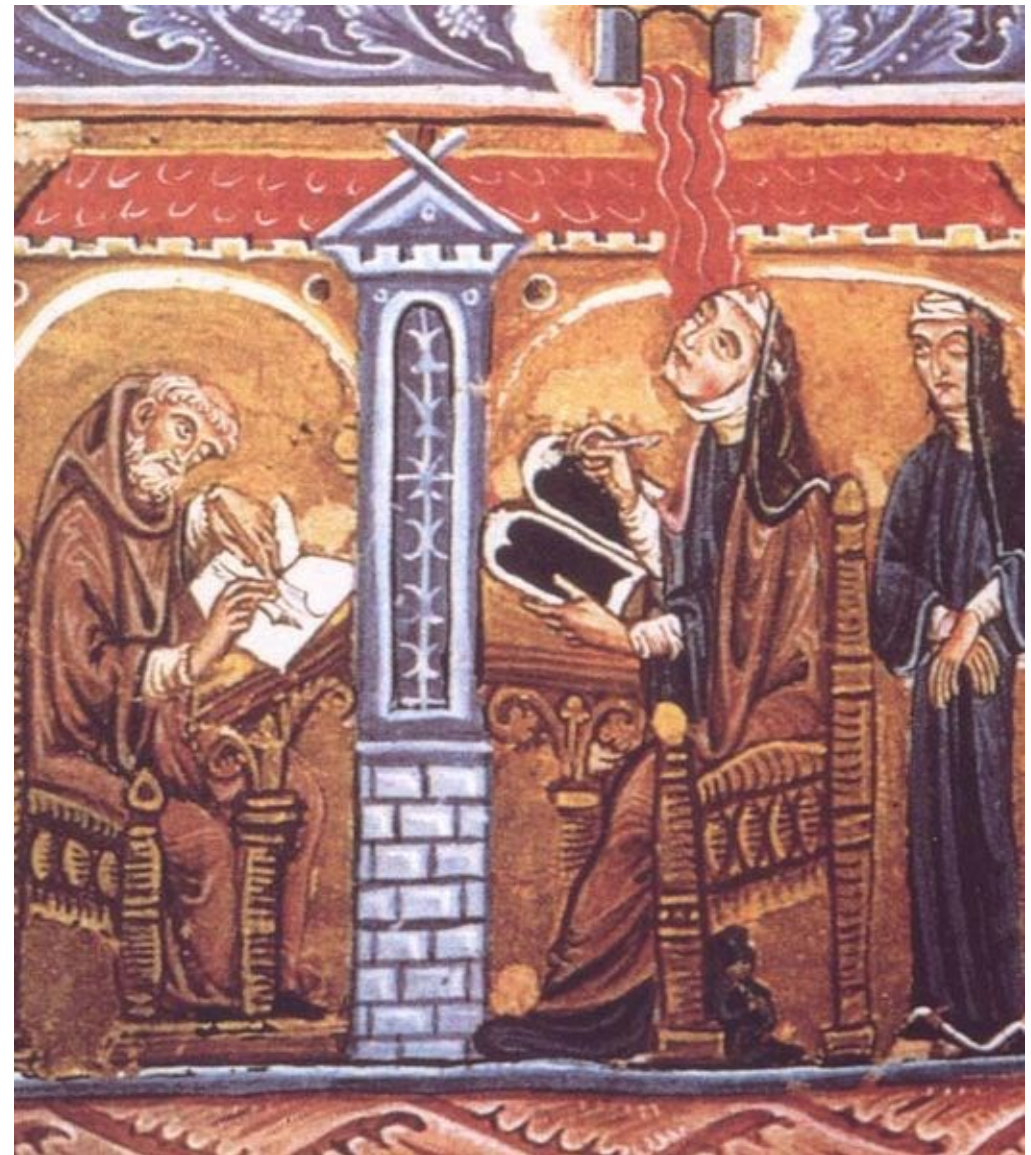
[www.altonrenewal.com](http://www.altonrenewal.com)  
ADoRE is also offering prayer for healing by telephone Monday to Friday 10am to 4pm Ring 07579 824523 and leave a message.

### ST HILDEGARD OF BINGEN (1098-1179):

A giant figure of the Middle Ages in the fields of music, science, poetry, and theology. Hildegard was a Benedictine nun who experienced astonishing visions which she wrote

down in her text "Scivias". She wrote treatises on human and animal biology, botany, the elements, and commentaries on the Gospels. There are many modern reconstructions of her music on disk and online (try a search). Not many saints can claim a discography!

The image, opposite, shows Hildegard receiving knowledge from God. It dates to the 12th Century and the image is public domain: <https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Hildegard-reading-and-writing.jpg>



### PRAYER CORNER

Please pray for members of the parish who are sick or housebound, especially: Ellen Morganti, June Bremner-Tse, Gerry Houlton, Sr. Joseph, Patsy Gill, and Anne Evans.

Also, for all the faithful departed, especially those in our *Book of Remembrance* for this month: Peggy Murphy, 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.