

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES: This year the pilgrimage takes place from 22nd July for 4 nights at £859 pp sharing. Direct flight from Gatwick to Toulouse with full board accommodation. Travel insurance & single room occupancy extra. For booking & more information email lourdes@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or call 07780 221686.



ST. DOMINIC PRE-SCHOOL: Foundation Stage Practitioner required at St. Dominic's Pre-School Woodley We have a position available for a Foundation Stage Practitioner at our Pre-School. NVQ2/NVQ3 equivalent or above Term Time only (08.45 - 15.30) (some flexibility with hours) For full details please Email: manager@stdominicspreschool.co.uk with your details. Alternatively, telephone

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

Annabel Cherry. Advert attached & on outside notice board.



100 CLUB DRAW: March winners are:

- 1st prize £25 No. 19
- 2nd prize £15 No. 85
- 3rd prize £10 No. 100

ADVANCE NOTICE: No mid-week Masses w/b Mon May 13th & w/b Mon May 20th.

DIOCESAN VACANCIES:

Please follow the link for current vacancies throughout the Diocese: [Jobs - Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth](https://www.facebook.com/groups/1455918784702101), (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

Sunday 14th April 2024
3rd SUNDAY OF Easter - B



A MESSAGE FROM FR. LEO: Thank you for your Easter offerings and birthday wishes. A very special thank you to all those who did the many ministries and duties over the Triduum and Easter - readers, cleaners, sacristans, florists, choir, altar servers and any group that I may have missed! I hope you all had a wonderful Easter.

Fr. Leo.

RCIA - RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS: The name for an individual to be brought into the full Catholic faith. We will be running a programme, beginning in September 2024, for full initiation at Easter 2025. If you are interested, please inform the office. office@stjohnbosco.co.uk

SECOND COLLECTION 20/21 APRIL GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY: Obligatory collection next weekend for **Clergy Training Fund** - which supports our

seminarians for the duration of their 6 or 7 year journey to ordination. Each seminarian brings to his training his own life experience and then participates in a comprehensive programme of formation pastorally, intellectually, humanly and spiritually. To sustain a seminarian costs about £30,000. These are the men who will baptise and catechize the coming generations, and care for us on our pilgrim way: our generosity today is a legacy to the Church of tomorrow. We rely on your commitment and generosity to do this.

CONFIRMATION 2024: Next session is this coming Saturday

20th April at 5pm - the last session before they make their Sacrament at the Cathedral on Sunday 5th May. **On Sunday 12th May we ask all 16 candidates to come to 10.00am Mass** where they will receive their certificates and we will host a special celebration for them in the parish Newman Centre. **Please can we all bring a plate of food to share with them.**



Today's Psalm Response: Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord.

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

9.30am Adoration before weekday Masses

TODAY	THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER	6.30PM 10.00AM	Alphonsus + Babalola family
		11.30AM	BAPTISM Ariana Lobo
Mon 15th	Of the 3rd Week of Easter	10.00am	Anna Salinel +
Tues 16th	Of the 3rd Week of Easter	10.00am	Daniel & Francesca Abbagnale - healing
Wed 17th	Of the 3rd Week of Easter	10.00am	Bruce Bentley +
Thurs 18th	Of the 3rd Week of Easter	NO MASS	
Fri 19th	Of the 3rd Week of Easter	10.00am	Alan Lord + (and family)
Sat 20th	Of the 3rd week of Easter	No am	
SUN 21st APRIL	FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	6.30PM 10.00AM	Ian Devlin + Paul Steven Cripps +



ADORATION of the BLESSED SACRAMENT

NEXT ADORATION DAY: Monday 22nd April 10.00am - 7.00pm, evening prayers at 6.40pm. Confession available if you speak to Fr. Leo.

EMHC: May 4th - training/refresher at St. Bede's church Basingstoke for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. Part of the liturgy project. Email liturgy@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk. Poster attached.

SAFEGUARDING: There will be a safeguarding training day in Reading on Saturday 22nd June for those working with youth and vulnerable adults. Suggestion is that catechists and EMHC attend if they have not taken training for a while. More details to come.

GIFT AID FORMS: Reminder all parishioners who have signed a gift aid declaration **prior** to January 2023, **will need to fill in and sign a new version. IF YOU DO NOT SIGN A NEW GIFT AID FORM THE DIOCESE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO CLAIM GIFT AID ON YOUR BEHALF.** We are still outstanding many forms. It does affect you if you signed a gift aid form before January 2023. *giftaid it*

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2024: Our next session is Saturday 11th May at 1pm in the Newman centre. Please remember to bring your books and eat a snack beforehand.



HOLY BAPTISM: Today we welcome through Holy Baptism Ariana Francesca Lobo into the church at 11.30am. Congratulations to Ariana and her family.



PRAYER GROUP: Next group meeting will be at 10.00am on Thursday 25th April at 10.00am in the Lady Chapel.

ST.DOMINIC SAVIO SCHOOL: Two full time vacancies have arisen for teaching assistant roles to begin ASAP. The adverts are attached and displayed on our outside notice board.



AB WALKER AANUAL MEMORIAL SERVICE: Sunday 21st April at Reading Minster Church of St Mary the Virgin - St. Mary Butts in Reading town centre. Service takes place 4-5pm.

CHURCH CLEANING: We had a professional company called Absolute Brilliance Cleaning in before Easter. ABC did all the high level cleaning and much of the glass work in the church. Our volunteers cannot do this type of work - insurance, time, required specialised equipment etc. so if you think the company has done a good job please let us know.

A special thank you to our Easter clean volunteers who spent hours sweeping, cleaning all the church kneelers and steam cleaning both sanctuary floors. Many, many thanks!



If you could spare an hour every 6 weeks to join our current group then please email the office - office@stjohnbosco.co.uk.

MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK!

MAY MY DAY BY DAY: Now available to purchase in the Lady Chapel.

BENCHES REMINDER: Please remember to return the kneelers to the raised position after Mass to avoid any unwanted trips.

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, Mary Towey, Linda Guttridge, Maureen Gibbs, Margaret Muiruri, Helen Pritchard and Colin Eames. **(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: Becky Janssens, John Jerome Devlin, Kevin Jordan, Susan Joy, Maggie O'Neill, Robert Booth, Aylish Hill, Terence Manzi, Alan Booth, Ina Dias, Judith Andalis, John Knox and Harry Foster. May they rest in peace.