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**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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#### 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

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*St John Bosco Parish is a vibrant  
worshipping community in the heart of Woodley.  
We are committed to serve, to grow, to connect  
and to give.*



## ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH OF ST JOHN BOSCO, WOODLEY

Sunday 14th February 2021

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY  
TIME YEAR B

**MASSES:** Although the church  
remains closed, Masses are live  
streamed on Wednesdays and  
Sundays at 10.00am.

**ST. JOHN BOSCO LIVESTREAM:**  
Unfortunately, our live link was  
severed, possibly due to cold weather.  
Debs has reset it. The new link is  
<https://youtu.be/-mTJ93BQazQ>



**ASH WEDNESDAY:** Lent begins this  
Wednesday. Mass will be live streamed  
(if the connection holds!) at 10.00am  
with imposition of ashes outside at  
**11.00am** for those who wish. Please  
be aware that, because of COVID-19,  
the Holy See has decreed that ashes  
must not be placed on the forehead  
but, rather, must be sprinkled on the  
crown of the head. If you are coming,  
please remember mask and sanitiser

and keep well distanced from one  
another's bubbles both before and  
after. Since only Fr. Bill will be  
imposing ashes, it might take a while:  
please come well wrapped up.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2021:** We  
are hoping to begin this year's  
programme of First Holy Communion  
shortly after Easter. The lessons may  
initially be on zoom, but as soon as  
practicable, we will be teaching in  
church. The Bishop is keen that our  
sacramental programmes continue this  
year. We will be using the study guide  
'I Belong' by Redemptorist  
Publications - a big hit with 2020's  
children. In order for us to order the  
right amount of supplies can you  
**please email your interest by March  
1<sup>st</sup>**. First Holy Communion is open to  
baptised children in Yr 3 and above.  
We look forward to hearing from you -  
[stjohnbosco@portsmouthdiocese.org.  
uk](mailto:stjohnbosco@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

**CONFIRMATION 2021:** Because of  
the uncertainty around travel and other  
restrictions at this time, Bishop Philip  
has asked that all parishes celebrate  
the Sacrament of Confirmation at  
3.00pm on Pentecost Sunday, 23rd  
May. He gives all priests the faculty to  
confer the Sacrament that day. If your

**Today's Psalm Response:**

**You are my refuge, O Lord;  
you fill me with the joy of salvation.**

## LITURGICAL CALENDAR

NO PUBLIC MASSES BUT THERE IS LIVE STREAMING ON WEDNESDAYS AND SUNDAYS

<b>TODAY</b>	<b>SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B</b>	<b>10.00AM</b>	Reuben Aguiar +
Mon 15	Feria week 6		No Mass
Tues 16	Feria week 6		In thanksgiving (MA)
<b>Wed 17</b>	<b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>10.00am</b> <b>11.00am</b>	Tony Ford + Imposition of Ashes
Thurs 18	After Ash Wednesday		Bruce Bentley +
Fri 19	After Ash Wednesday		People of the Parish
Sat 20	After Ash Wednesday		Maura Crawshaw +
<b>FEB 21</b>	<b>FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR B</b>	<b>10.00AM</b>	Alphonsus +

child is in year 8 or above please register your interest via the parish email. Again, we are just assessing demand at this time.

**CAFOD:** This coming Lent, CAFOD invites us to join the *Big Walk for Water* virtual event on Saturday 20th February. We are asked to walk in solidarity with those who have to walk to collect water each day. We might consider 5 miles or just around your garden to create awareness of water poverty and to raise funds for those living in poverty around the world. Keen walkers might use *Walk for Water* as a personal Lenten challenge by walking 10,000 steps a day, every day, for 40 days to raise funds for CAFOD's Lent appeal. Find out more at <https://cafod.org.uk/Fundraise/Walk-for-Water>. Please contact Jo for more information at [portsmouth@cafod.org](mailto:portsmouth@cafod.org)

**PARISH WEBSITE DONATE BUTTON:** Please consider using this method if you normally give cash at the weekly offering. Go to [stjohnbosco.co.uk](http://stjohnbosco.co.uk)

**FROM ADORE:** Thank you for whatever publicity you have kindly been able to give to Alton Day of Renewal in the past. In January we had a record number of people registering and participating in the online session, including many newcomers from all parts of the country and even abroad! We are continuing our 2021 Programme: **"ALIVE IN THE SPIRIT"** which is in response to the invitation from Pope Francis "I ask all of you that you organise seminars to share Baptism in the Spirit." Our programme this year explores how the Holy Spirit inspires and empowers us to be missionary disciples. More details on the ADORE website [www.altonrenewal.com](http://www.altonrenewal.com) The next session is on **February 27th, 10.00-13.00: "Salvation"** God sent his Son Jesus to give you new life through his death and resurrection. Jesus is your Lord and Saviour. Please register in advance at [bit.ly/ADOREFEB2021](http://bit.ly/ADOREFEB2021)



### TODAY'S GOSPEL

**The man pleaded with Jesus on his knees: "If you want to, you can cure me."**

**The man shows great faith but also great humility.**

**He does not demand or presume that he will be cured.**

**He only asks Jesus if he would like to heal him.**

**How might the action of the man inform our understanding of prayer?**

**FROM JAC:** Just Around the Corner is currently looking for more Sessional Workers. If you think you have an area of skill where you could mentor a young person through the challenges they are facing, and if you would like to work with a team of enthusiastic, passionate, Christ-focused workers, we would love to have you join the team. Please visit this link to our website for more information and an application form: <https://www.jacoutreach.org/jobs>. Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions regarding our roles: email: [admin@jacoutreach.org](mailto:admin@jacoutreach.org).

**"DO EVERYTHING FOR THE GLORY OF GOD":** Our vocation is to give glory to God through our very being. Is he choosing you to be a priest or consecrated religious? Contact Fr John Cooke:

[vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

### 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, Chris Fido, Thelma McCarthy, and Anne Evans.

Also, for all the faithful departed, especially those in our *Book of Remembrance* for this month: Jan Pritchard, Ken Hay, Basil Gomez, Raymond Williamson, Paul Gualtieri, Tim O'Rourke, Edmund Sellens, Christina Sellens, Kenneth Tarvin, Terry Rogers, David Pritchard, Gladys Jacobs, Donald Pocock, Rosmary Sim Cardoso Florence Grenneau, Genowefa Klonowicz, Elsie Elizabeth Ivers, Daphne O'Dowd-Booth, Colin Dempster and Jane (Jean) Bartington. May they rest in peace.