

COMMUNICATIONS

CONTINUED: Our parish streaming service continues to prove a great investment. On Thursday, we had 400+ pupils following our Ascension Mass online. Relatives of our First Holy Communion and Confirmation candidates will be able to see them on their big day, as well as other celebrations in church. It has been a great help to those who do not feel able to come to Mass during the continued lockdown, to the sick, and the housebound. Many thanks again to those who contributed to the project.

THE ORATORY

SCHOOL: is looking for a Coordinator of Spiritual Life - Closing date - 28 May 2021, a lay man or woman who is in full communion with the Catholic Church and fully in sympathy with the Oratorian ethos. See its website for details.

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

THE COWSHED: Has written to thank the parish for our Lenten Alms donations. There is a link to the full letter on our parish website. Cowshed is also looking for volunteers to help sort clothing etc. Please see www.cowshed.org

ADoRE Online spiritual mini-retreat morning. May 22nd, 10.00-13.00 with Mass, Adoration, Reflection, Praise, Talk, Prayer and Discussion. Please register in advance at bit.ly/ADOREMAY2021

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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 16th May 2021

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
YEAR B



ROSARY MARATHON

Pope Francis has inaugurated a special month of praying the Rosary to plead for an end to the COVID-19 pandemic. This is something all of us can take part in at home, or while having a walk. YouTube, as always, has many options; here is a calm, meditative recitation:

<https://youtu.be/6zm3BCbaC9s>

Or join the global recitation at:

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/church/news/2021-05/shrines-around-the-world-linked-for-recitation-of-the-rosary.html>

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CANDIDATES:

**Andrea, Gloria, Kacper,
Athenea, Gabriel, Marcel,
Eliana, Eduardo, Daniel,
Abigail, Henry and Sania**

Will celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time next Saturday, and Eucharist on 10th July. Please keep them, their families, and their catechists in your prayers.

CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES:

**Emma, Kelvin,
Ksenia and Morena**

will receive the Sacrament next Sunday at 3.00pm at SJB. Please pray for them, their families, their sponsors, and their catechists.



**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.**

Today's Psalm Response: The Lord has set his sway in heaven.

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

SUNDAY AND WEDNESDAY MASSES ARE PUBLIC AND LIVE-STREAMED
BOOKING VIA PARISH WEBSITE REQUIRED FOR SUNDAYS

TODAY	SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR B	10.00AM	John + and Mary Knox (w/b)
Mon 17	Of Easter Week 7		No Mass
Tues 18	Of Easter Week 7		Bruce Bentley +
Wed 19	Dedication of St John's Cathedral, Portsmouth	10.00am	In Thanksgiving (AM) +
Thurs 20	Of Easter Week 7		People of the Parish
Fri 21	Of Easter Week 7		Rui Aguiar +
Sat 22	Of Easter Week 7		No intention
MAY 23	PENTECOST SUNDAY (readings of year A)	10.00AM	In Thanksgiving (HH)

PARISH FINANCES: Thank you to all of you who have continued to support SJB financially during the pandemic. Thanks to your donations, the parish has managed to end the financial year without being in debt. This year coming, however, we will find ourselves even more challenged as our diocesan levy, insurance, and licence fees alone have increased from £1923 per calendar month to £2942. This is a considerable increase and now, more than ever, we need regular income to cover our operating costs and to save for future capital projects. If you have not yet signed up to regular giving by Standing Order and/or GiftAid, might you think about it, please? Also, if you are already doing so, might you be able to increase your regular giving? An interactive Standing Order form can be completed and sent directly on our parish website, www.stjohnbosco.co.uk. Just click the "donations" tab and scroll down to the pdf file. Thank you for giving this your consideration.

PARISH WEBSITE DONATE BUTTON: Please consider using this method if you normally give cash at the weekly offering. Go to stjohnbosco.co.uk. If you are a UK taxpayer, then please consider signing up to our gift aid scheme. The form can be downloaded from our website - Donations page - and sent to our email address once completed. The church will then receive an extra 25p for every £1 donated. Thank you.

MASS INTENTIONS AND OFFERINGS: Please try to arrange a Mass intention by email or phone rather than using the parish website donate button. Using the button means that we have to get the Diocesan Finance people to authorize a bank transfer, which is quite complicated. Mass offerings can be put through the office door anytime, just make sure the intention is written down on the envelope. Thank you.

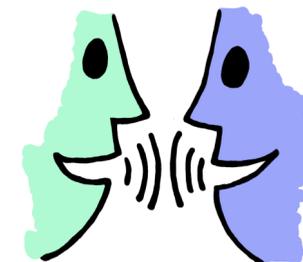
FOLLOWING SJB MASS ONLINE: If the link on the parish website has failed, please go to YouTube and type "stjohnboscowoodley" into the YouTube search bar. The first "box" that appears should work. Thanks.

CAFOD INDIA APPEAL: As coronavirus brings devastation across India, CAFOD is working with experienced local Church agency, Caritas India, to provide vital support to poor and marginalized communities. Donations to CAFOD's Coronavirus Appeal will help Caritas India distribute PPE kits to frontline health workers, promote COVID & vaccine awareness campaigns, and set up safely run isolation & quarantine centres. You can donate online here:

cafod.org.uk/give



TODAY: is World Communications Day. There is a mandatory Second Collection for the Holy See to support this area of work. In addition to the usual methods of giving, an online fundraising page has been set up to support the collection:



<https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/fundraising/second-collection-for-world-communications-day>

The theme for this year is "Come and See" (John 1:46), for further information please visit:

http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/communications/documents/papa-francesco_20210123_messaggio-comunicazioni-sociali.html

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, Mimi Peat, Mary Knox, and Anne Evans.

Also, for all the faithful departed, especially those in our *Book of Remembrance* for this month: Patricia Martin, Ronald Lawrence, Marian Lawrence, Emilio Albanese, Jenny Dowse, Gertrude Cloet, Bryan Cunningham, Lorelie Indopia, Elizabeth Ellen Zolobajluk, Patricia Williamson, and Dennis Harman. May they rest in peace.