

must take a Lateral Flow Test beforehand and ensure that the person or their family and the care facility are happy for a visit. We will look to reconstructing a rota shortly.

THE COWSHED: Over the holidays, the Cowshed - our Lenten Alms charity - is running craft sessions on numerous dates. Take your budding artists along to experience Summer Crafts Days by booking event tickets on <https://www.thecowshed.org/events/list/>

JAC; Our local young persons' Christian charity, is offering several days over the Summer when young people can interact with animals, from rabbits to horses. Please email admin@jacoutreach.org for more details.

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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.

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ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH OF ST JOHN BOSCO, WOODLEY

Sunday 1st August 2021

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B

BAPTISM BLESSINGS: To Gracie Mae Guttridge being baptized next Sunday.

ORDINATIONS: Congratulations to Fr Antony Fyk and Fr. Paul Nwune ordained priest and to Dn James Lewis ordained deacon yesterday for our diocese.



MY DAY BY DAY: July and August editions of daily Mass texts and reflections available. £1 in the church foyer.

SUNDAY PARKING: The front school playground is now available for Sunday Mass parking from 9.30am.

HOSPITAL PRAYERS: Please pray for Nick Lamb, Angela Bentley and Christen Hall who are either in hospital or convalescing at the moment. Nick is

Today's Psalm Response: The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

awaiting further surgery, Angela is recovering well, as is Christen, who is now back home.

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

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. Click here [Gift Aid forms](#) for a form (also on tab page 3 of our website). Thank you.

PARISH QUESTIONNAIRE: Thank you for your responses which were published in last week's newsletter. Most questions were answered with a clear "Yes" majority, though some with understandable reservations. Here is a little breakdown, which is not exhaustive:

Offertory baskets and Holy Water dispenser: The most obvious reservations were about handing round the collection baskets and putting out the Holy Water dispenser. **So, neither will be happening soon.**

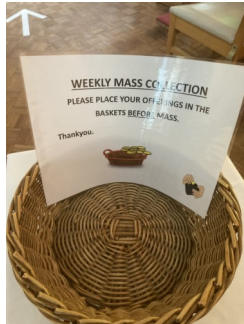
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LITURGICAL CALENDAR

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

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| TODAY | EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YB | 10.00 AM | Giuseppe Monopoli + |
| Mon 2 | St Eusebius of Vercelli | | No Mass |
| Tues 3 | Feria (week 18) | | Asoka Abayaratna + |
| Wed 4 | St John Vianney | 10.00 AM | People of the Parish |
| Thurs 5 | Ded. of St Mary Major | | No intention |
| Fri 6 | Transfiguration of the Lord | | No intention |
| Sat 7 | Pope St Sixtus II & Comp. | | Bruce + and Angela Bentley |
| AUGUST 8TH | NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YB | 10.00 AM 11.00 AM | Imelda Da Silva + Baptism—Gracie Mae Gutt'e |

HOWEVER, our offertory income has fallen off the chart, so please could you consider coming prepared to donate via the static basket just inside the church, or setting up a Standing Order mandate, please? Thanks.



Saturday Vigil Mass: There was a clear mandate for its return. **So it will recommence on Saturday 21st August at 6.30pm. HOWEVER**, for this to happen, we need people willing to disinfect the used pews afterwards. Is there anyone able to do this? Additionally, stewards would be useful. Can you help?

Stewards: Once again, we thank the stewards who have done a great job over the last year. There was a fair mandate to continue with stewards. **So, we will continue with them for Sunday Mass for now. HOWEVER**, we really

need more volunteers for the rota. Age is no longer a barrier!

Singing: After the Vigil Mass, this question had the highest "Yes". **So, as of this Sunday, the Gospel Acclamation, Holy Holy, Mystery of Faith, Great Amen and Lamb of God** (if possible) will be sung. Penitential Act, Gloria, and hymns will come later. If you want to sing, please wear a mask while doing so to prevent the spread of aerosols, the major vector for COVID-19 transmission.



Social distancing, masks, and one-way system: Most of you seem keen to continue as we are, but a fair few are worried about how to do that while increasing numbers. We've rejigged the seating by the fire exit to give a few more seats if we need them. **The whole church remains a socially distanced space.**

Holy Communion: Most of you would like it returned to its usual place. **So, as of today, that is what will happen. HOWEVER**, it will have to be carefully managed as a row-by-row, circulating procession. Since you will be returning to your seat, you won't have to bring all your belongings with you. If you require Holy Communion brought to you, please try to sit on the back row, or other agreed place so that others don't have to leap over you :)



Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Most of you were in favour of reinstating this ministry but with a notable number of "No" responses. **So, at the moment, while the Precious Blood is not being offered to the congregation, and numbers are manageable, we will hold off until the Ministry becomes necessary** (which is exactly when the Ministry is intended to be used in Mass).

Public Masses on Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday: 53 of you are in favour. However, we certainly didn't have weekly totals like that before lockdown. Perhaps the Year of the Eucharist is bearing fruits already. **We'll give it a go from October. HOWEVER**, we can't do that without volunteers willing to clean the pews after each Mass and to set-up before Mass. We'll use the main church for all Masses.

Sunday Children's Liturgy: Most of you want to see this return. **HOWEVER**, we'll need so see what the parents/carers think about this first. We can't really do that until school recommences. So, let's see.

VISITING THE HOUSEBOUND FOR HOLY COMMUNION: Ministers of Holy Communion are now permitted to visit the sick and housebound. However, they

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, Nick Lamb, Julie Hamblin, Angela Bentley, Christen Hall, and Anne Evans.

Also, for all the faithful departed, especially those in our *Book of Remembrance* for this month: Giuseppe Monopoli, Anthony John Gray, Kathleen Hodges, Tom Treacy, Reginald Halse, Jo Williams, Michael O'Gorman, Reuben Aguiar, Stella Chappe, Boleslaw Klonowicz, Anthony McCarthy, Bruce Bentley, Rita Bellinger, Averil Oxley, Marjorie Pritchard, Fred Silvester, Joyce Wise, Robert Ashe, and Noeleen Sim. May they rest in peace.