



### To Keep a True Lent

Is this a fast, to keep  
The larder lean?  
And clean  
From fat of veals and  
sheep ?

Is it to quit the dish  
Of flesh, yet still  
To fill  
The platter high with fish?

Is it to fast an hour,  
Or ragg'd to go,  
Or show  
A downcast look and  
sour ?

No ; 'tis a fast to dole  
Thy sheaf of wheat,  
And meat,  
Unto the hungry soul.

It is to fast from strife,  
From old debate  
And hate ;  
To circumcise thy life.

To show a heart grief-rent ;  
To starve thy sin,  
Not bin ;  
And that's to keep thy Lent.  
**Robert Herrick 1648**

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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

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

**Interim Head Teacher:**  
Mrs. Juanita Dunlop  
**Website:**

[www.stdominicsavio.co.uk](http://www.stdominicsavio.co.uk)

**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.**

**St. John Bosco Church**  
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**Parish Administrator**  
Debs Gibson

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groups/1455918784702101](https://www.facebook.com/groups/1455918784702101)

**Safeguarding Minister**  
Julie Hamblin  
0118 9618918

**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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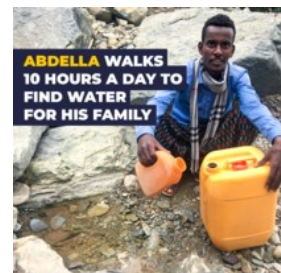


## ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH OF ST JOHN BOSCO, WOODLEY

Sunday 21st February 2021

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT  
YEAR B

### OPPORTUNITIES FOR OBSERVING LENT 2021



To help people like Abdella  
**Text LENT to  
70460**  
to donate £10 to  
CAFOD's Lent Appeal  
**Or visit  
cafod.org.uk/give**



**FINDING HOPE IN SCRIPTURE**  
An online retreat for the Monday  
evenings of Lent  
led by Dominican Sisters of Sway.  
7.30pm each Monday.  
Talk, adoration and night prayer.  
Please register at  
<https://www.pffm.org.uk>

**PARISH LENTEN  
ALMS APPEAL**  
This year we are  
supporting  
**THE COWSHED:**  
[https://  
www.thecowshed.org/](https://www.thecowshed.org/)

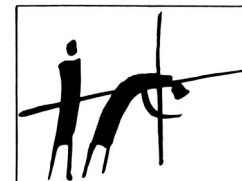


"Showing love and support to those  
experiencing hardship in Berkshire."

The Cowshed, run entirely by  
volunteers, provides cleaned and  
ironed clothes and other essentials  
free to anyone in need. These are  
donated by the public as well as  
retailers and manufacturers. Their  
referrals include Health Visitors, Social  
Services, Foodbanks, Schools,  
Refuges, Churches, Doctors and a  
number of local charities  
Shortly we will have a donate button  
on our website as our Lenten Alms to  
advocate this charity.

#### STATIONS OF THE CROSS ONLINE

There are  
hundreds of  
videos on  
YouTube: search  
for one you relate  
to. Here is a very  
good example:



<https://youtu.be/Zo4ZxbpDiEc>

#### TEN MINUTES-A- DAY RETREAT

A new picture, music video, short  
prayer and scripture passage daily  
throughout Lent.

[https://www.onlineprayer.net/  
knowing-jesus-2/](https://www.onlineprayer.net/knowing-jesus-2/)

**Today's Psalm Response:**

**Your ways, O Lord, are faithfulness and love  
for those who keep your covenant**

## LITURGICAL CALENDAR

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

TODAY	FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR B	10.00AM	Alphonsus +
Mon 22	Chair of St Peter		No Mass
Tues 23	Of 1st Week of Lent		Brenda Crosier +
Wed 24	Of 1st Week of Lent	10.00am	Sam Ratnatunga +
Thurs 25	Of 1st Week of Lent		No intention
Fri 26	Of 1st Week of Lent		People of the Parish
Sat 27	Of 1st Week of Lent		No intention
<b>FEB 28</b>	<b>SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR B</b>	<b>10.00AM</b>	Tony Ford +

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

**ST. JOHN BOSCO LIVESTREAM:** Our live link software had to have an update, resulting in a new link address. The new link is

<https://youtu.be/Psd1Vle59os>

**CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY:** Falls this Friday. Please consider giving up a meal and giving the proceeds to CAFOD (see front page for how to do this).



**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 child is in year 8 or above please register your interest via the parish email. Again, we

are just assessing demand at this time.

**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 SEE [www.altonrenewal.com](http://www.altonrenewal.com). The next session is on **February 27th, 10.00-11.30:** "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)

**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).

**CHURCHES TOGETHER IN WOODLEY:** Is organizing an Easter egg hunt with a difference. The idea is to decorate and display an A3 paper egg in several houses, each with a letter of the alphabet on it. Completing the hunt/trail will reveal a special word/words related to Easter. If you would like to help, please email Linda Galpin at [linda.galpin@stjameswoodley.org](mailto:linda.galpin@stjameswoodley.org). SJB is also looking for a CTW rep. Please email/telephone our office if interested.

### 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.