



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
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Confessions
Suspended

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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/)

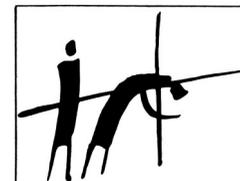


"Showing love and support to those
experiencing hardship in Berkshire."

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
FEB 28	SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR B	10.00AM	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 1st**. First Holy Communion is open to baptised children in Yr 3 and above. We look forward to hearing from you - 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

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. 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

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.

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. 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.