

CANON MURTAGH; Please pray for Canon Cyril who died on Wednesday. He was one of our most senior priests and served the diocese in various capacities throughout his long ministry. May he rest in peace.

SJB 100 CLUB RESTART: All members who have paid for the year February 2020 to January 2021 will now be entered into the new draw, starting from August 2021 through to June 2022. New members are very welcome. This month's winners:

1st prize: £25—no 72
2nd prize: £15—no 83
3rd prize: £10—no 16

Next draw, 22 September.
Good luck to all!

SJB REPOSITORY: We will re-open the repository next week, beginning this Wednesday after Mass as a first instance. Here we stock:

- all types of cards including prayer cards/ Mass cards/ sacramental cards
- sacramental gifts
- seasonal gifts - Christmas/ Easter
- Candles - memorial and devotional
- statues, rosaries and much more!

This will be on a 1 customer at a time basis as space is so limited. If this goes well, we will open after Mass on a Sunday morning beginning in September.

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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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After Wednesday Mass

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ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH OF ST JOHN BOSCO, WOODLEY

Sunday 21st August 2021

21ST SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME YEAR B

VIGIL MASS RETURNS THIS WEEKEND: SATURDAY 6.30PM

No need to book. Please follow the guidance of our stewards.

TRACK AND TRACE: Recent changes mean that we no longer need to record your presence in church. So, no QR (unless you want to) and no more slips to complete. Also, we can leave the main doors open during Mass. Don't let that be a temptation to come late, though :)

SUNDAY MORNING MASS: Please continue to book. We were at max safe capacity last Sunday for the first time. Also, we continue to have a significant number of "no shows". If you book but can't come, please email the office or unbook using Eventbrite.

PARISH OFFICE: Is now closed until Tuesday 7th September. We hope Debs has a good break. Fr. Bill will keep things going as best he can.

MAUREEN BYFIELD: Please pray for Maureen who died recently. Maureen's funeral service will take place this Wednesday at 10.00am at SJB.

CAFOD: Please see the attached letter from CAFOD, outlining how it is responding to a world in crisis.

BAPTISM BLESSINGS: To Noala and Lowen being baptized today, and to Eythvi being baptized next Sunday.



WEDNESDAY MASS AND COFFEE MORNING: Apologies, but they will not take place this week because of the funeral.

PARKING: Sorry, because of essential water works, there is very little parking available down the side of the church and none at the school. Please be considerate of our neighbours when choosing where to park on the street and please arrive in good time because you may have to walk further than usual.

MY DAY BY DAY: August and September editions of daily Mass texts and reflections available. £1 in the church foyer. Would make a nice present.

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: Taste and see that the Lord is good.

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

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

TODAY	TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B	SAT 6.30PM 10.00 AM 11.00AM	Alphonsus + Francis Coelho + Baptism of Noala and Lowen
Mon 23	St Rose of Lima		No Mass
Tues 24	St Bartholomew		People of the Parish
Wed 25	St Louis IX of France	10.00 AM	Funeral Service for Maureen Byfield
Thurs 26	Bl Dominic Barberi		Vernon Winterbourne +
Fri 27	St Monica		John Parr +
Sat 28	St Augustine of Hippo		No AM Mass
AUGUST 29TH	TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B	SAT 6.30PM 10.00 AM 11.30AM	Reuben Aguiar + All school starters & returnees Baptism of Eythvi TK

FOLLOWING SJB MASS

ONLINE: If the link on the parish website has failed, please go to YouTube and type "[stjohnboscochurchwoodley](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCstjohnboscochurchwoodley)" 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](https://www.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.

APPEAL FOR MORE STEWARDS: Our coordinator is looking for more volunteers, especially now that we have two weekend Masses. We really need more volunteers for the rota. **Age is no longer a barrier!** Please contact office to enroll. Thanks.

SOCIAL DISTANCING, MASKS, AND ONE-WAY SYSTEM:

The whole church remains a socially distanced space. Please respect other people's boundaries, comfort, and safety. Masks strongly recommended for everyone over 11 unless exempt. One-way system still in force.

ALTAR SERVERS: With Debs away it is essential that two carers of altar servers act as chaperones in the flower room before and after Mass. Please arrive by 9.40am. Thanks.



BLESSED DOMINIC BARBERI: Was an 18th/19th Century Italian Passionist priest who felt called to reinvigorate the Catholic faith in England. He met with huge resistance when he arrived in England, especially from, the then Anglican, **John Henry Newman**. Dominic made friends with **Fr. Ignatius Spencer**, who was a convert and fellow Passionist. Ignatius was the son of the Earl Spencer, a direct ancestor of Princess Diana. Bl Dominic also inspired **Elizabeth Prout**, an Anglican, to convert to Catholicism and become a religious sister. She worked tirelessly with the poor in the slums of Manchester. Meanwhile, **Newman's** scholarly study of Early Church manuscripts led him to acknowledge Catholicism as the rightful expression of authentic Christianity. He approached Dominic at Littlemore, Oxford, who heard his confession and received him into the Catholic Church. **JH Newman** was later created **Cardinal**, and was eventually declared a **Saint** by Pope Benedict XVI on his visit to Birmingham in 2019. **Fr Ignatius Spencer** was declared **Venerable** in February 2021: **Mother Elizabeth Prout** the month before. Dominic eventually suffered a heart attack at Pangbourne and was brought to Reading for care at a hotel near St. James' Catholic

Church. He died there in 1849. There is a stained glassed window in his honour in the church. The earthly remains of **Blessed Fr Dominic, Venerable Mother Elizabeth, and Venerable Fr Ignatius** are enshrined in the Catholic church in Sutton, Merseyside, where Dominic had established a mission. The cause for the canonization of all three continues. The importance of Bl Dominic's influence in reinvigorating Catholicism in England cannot be over-estimated.



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, Bolestaw 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.

Dear Father,

As you have seen in the news, a number of countries are facing significant crises at the moment. The people of **Haiti** are coping with yet another catastrophic earthquake and tropical storm; the people of **Afghanistan** are dealing with the shock of the rapid Taliban take-over of most of the country; and millions of people in **Ethiopia, South Sudan and Nigeria** are facing extreme hunger. At the conclusion of the Angelus on the Solemnity of the Assumption on 15 August, Pope Francis prayed for dialogue and peace in Afghanistan and the victims in Haiti's earthquake.

At this grave time for our sisters and brothers in these countries, we would like to reassure you that CAFOD is responding to these multiple crises, with further detail on our response provided below. We would be grateful for your help in letting parishioners know and invite them to pray and express solidarity with all those affected.

If you could place the following item (bracketed below) in your parish newsletter this weekend or on the parish Facebook or other social media pages in the next few days, we would really appreciate it. [CAFOD responding to multiple emergencies across the world

CAFOD is responding to significant crises across the world this week. We are working with local Church organisations in Haiti to deliver emergency aid to people affected by the catastrophic earthquake and tropical storm. In the tragic situation in Afghanistan, we are working to ensure the safety of our local partners and their communities. We are supporting local aid workers to deliver urgent food

and water supplies to hundreds of thousands of people facing extreme hunger in Tigray in Ethiopia, South Sudan and north-east Nigeria. You can read more about how we can all express solidarity with our sisters and brothers affected by these emergencies on the CAFOD website: <https://cafod.org.uk/News/Emergencies-news>. Your compassion, generosity and prayers have helped us to stand together and enable us to continue to support communities in these difficult times. Thank you.]

More detail about CAFOD's response:

On Saturday 14 August, a devastating 7.2 magnitude earthquake struck Haiti. More than 1900 people have been killed and at least one million more people are affected. Tropical storm Grace has now hit Haiti, exacerbating the already serious emergency. CAFOD is working through the local Church organisations, Caritas Haiti, the Jesuit Migrants and Refugees Service, the religious congregations and sister agency Catholic Relief Services to provide urgent humanitarian aid - food, water, tents, hygiene kits and first aid for families affected.

In Afghanistan, we are shocked and gravely concerned by the Taliban take-over of the vast majority of the country. The generosity and compassion of our Catholic community have allowed us to stand together with communities in Afghanistan since the 1980s, supporting local organisations committed to improving the lives of vulnerable and marginalised people. As you will appreciate, the situation in Afghanistan is uncertain and changing rapidly. Our Emergency Response Team are assessing how best to respond. We are doing everything possible to ensure the immediate well-being of local partners and the communities they serve. Please keep the people of Afghanistan in your prayers.

We are also responding to serious food shortages in Africa – in Ethiopia's Tigray region, South Sudan and north-east Nigeria. Families across these three countries face extreme hunger because of a deadly combination of Covid, climate change and protracted conflict. A recent UN report identifies hunger in Tigray in Ethiopia, South Sudan, and north-east Nigeria as "catastrophic". We have committed £500,000 already to get food and clean water to hundreds of thousands of people. With further support local aid workers will be able to scale up their response to reach more women, children, men, the elderly and people with disabilities with the food they urgently need.

Thank you for your solidarity, your prayers and your support for CAFOD's work across the world. We share this prayer with you in this time of crisis.

**Loving Lord,
For those who have died, give them eternal rest. For those who are bereaved, comfort and console them. For those who are hurt, heal and strengthen them.
Lord God, enable us to help our suffering brothers and sisters in whatever way we can.
Heavenly Father, be with us now and always.
Amen.**