

THE FIRST MARTYRS OF THE CHURCH OF ROME

We celebrate this
Memorial on Wednesday.

The Roman historian, Tacitus, wrote that in AD64 Emperor Nero had been suspected of causing a huge fire in Rome and wished to deflect the blame. He turned on the Christian community there, who were not well regarded by the populous anyway:

“Therefore, first those were seized who admitted their faith, and then, using the information they provided, a vast multitude were convicted, not so much for the crime of burning the city, but for hatred of the human race. And perishing they were additionally made into sports: they were killed by dogs by having the hides of beasts attached to them, or they were nailed

to crosses or set aflame, and, when the daylight passed away, they were used as nighttime lamps. Nero gave his own gardens for this spectacle... Even though they were clearly guilty and merited being made the most recent example of the consequences of crime, people began to pity these sufferers, because they were consumed not for the public good but on account of the fierceness of one man.” (Annals)

FR BON: Is in the UK and hopes to visit Woodley soon.

ST JOHN'S C OF E WOODLEY: Is looking to employ a children and families worker (20 hours @ £12. see www.stjohnswoodley.co.uk/vacancies for 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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Suspended

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By appointment

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After Wednesday Mass

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ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH OF ST JOHN BOSCO, WOODLEY

Sunday 27th June 2021

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME YEAR B

FOLLOWING SJB MASS ONLINE: If the link on the parish website has failed, please go to YouTube and type “[stjohnboscowoodley](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=stjohnboscowoodley)” into the YouTube search bar. The first “box” that appears should work. Thanks. Sorry about loss of sound last week: a cable came loose.

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.

FOYER STORAGE: Thanks to Barry and Tony for upcycling our book case which is now in the foyer.

MY DAY BY DAY: July edition of daily Mass texts and reflections available in the church foyer, priced just £1.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CANDIDATES:

**Please keep these young
people in your prayers**

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

They will celebrate their First Holy Communion on Saturday 10th July at 11.00am and 2.00pm, due to the continuing restrictions. The photographer will be available in the Newman Centre an hour before each Mass. Just two weeks to go, now!



Today's Psalm Response:

**I will praise you, Lord,
you have rescued me.**

**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.**

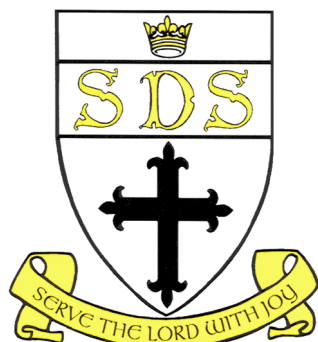
LITURGICAL CALENDAR

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

TODAY	THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B	10.00AM	Michael Mole +
Mon 28	St Irenaeus		No Mass
Tues 29	SS PETER AND PAUL	10.00am	People of the Parish
Wed 30	First Martyrs of Rome	10.00am	Marie and Gina Miragula S/I
Thurs 1	St Oliver Plunkett		In Thanksgiving (SV)
Fri 2	Feria (week 13)		Anita Murray & Family health
Sat 3	St Thomas		Alphonsus +
JULY 4	FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YB	10.00AM	Maura Cox +

FOUNDATION GOVERNOR VACANCIES. Practising, committed Catholics are invited to apply to become one of Bishop Philip's representatives on Governing Board of St Dominic Savio. The Governors of a Catholic school work as a supportive team, in close cooperation with the Headteacher and staff. No previous experience is necessary. Please contact the Chair of Governors, Clare Woodham, for further information:

cwoodham@stdominicsavio.wokingham.sch.uk



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CANDIDATES: Your last session is this coming Saturday - 3rd July. Parents, please drop your children off at 1pm and return at 2pm for a short practice where you will sit with your children. There are 2 First Holy Communion Masses on the 10th July - 11.00am and 2.00pm. To all parents, please confirm, by email, the Mass time that you would prefer, and we will do our best to accommodate. In addition, please submit by email your guest list with contact details for track and trace purposes. Don't forget, professional photographs will be taken beginning an hour before each Mass - this may have some bearing on which Mass you would prefer! Thank you to all those parishioners who are praying for our young candidates.

NICK LAMB; Just to let you know that Nick is still in hospital but in good spirits. He still has another op to face but needs to convalesce first. He is very grateful for all our prayers.

SR JOSEPH: Please pray for Sr Joseph who is being treated in hospital at the moment.

SOLEMNITY OF SS PETER AND PAUL: Falls this Tuesday, 29th June. It is normally a Holy Day of Obligation, but not this year. If you would like to come to Mass anyway, Mass is open to all at 10.00am that day. No need to book.

PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION TODAY: The Peter's Pence Collection is a significant way we all fulfill our obligation to support the ongoing activities of the Holy See and the Church's ministry of solidarity with the poor around the world. By participating in the Peter's Pence Collection, we join the Holy Father's efforts to show mercy to all in two ways: we support the ongoing activities of the Holy See, and we contribute to the charitable works of the Holy Father on behalf of those who are most in need. Our Catholic tradition (see our Second Reading for today) calls us to provide for the material needs of the Church, and the Peter's Pence Collection is one of the opportunities we have to do so. When we answer that call, we build up the Church so that it will continue to minister to all for generations to come.

OFFICIAL BLESSING AND OPENING OF NEW SCHOOL TRACK AT SDS: This Thursday, 1.00p.m. Well done to all the learners and staff at St Dominic Savio who have raised lots of money by doing sponsored laps leading up to the opening of their new race track. A selection of pupils will be running an honorary lap on the day. The money raised will go to the *Captain Tom Foundation* and *Trees for Tom* (associated with the Woodland Trust). The school is very privileged to be having the niece of Captain Sir Tom in attendance. There will be a media presence and local dignitaries so you might want to watch proceedings from Woodford Park.



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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, and Anne Evans.

Also, for all the faithful departed, especially those in our *Book of Remembrance* for this month: Patricia Andrews, Teresa Waters, Robert Joseph Castle, Fr Thomas Lane, Bernadette James, Brian Lenihan (JR), Terence Chappe, Lionel Henry Doggett, Demetria Devera, Howard James, Harry Jones, Paolo Gualtieri, Siobhan Shaw, Ronald Eric Palmer, Roy Oxley, Frank Donohoe, Bob Blagbrough, and Michael Mole.