

**POLITE NOTICE:** Once Mass has ended, please return all hymn books and Mass cards to their rightful place in the foyer.



**CHAPLAINCY CENTRE READING UNIVERSITY:** explores Artificial Intelligence and the impact upon our everyday lives. How will AI change us? Reading University are holding a presentation - **Being Human in a Time of AI.** Taking place: **18.30-20.00 THIS Wed 31st January.** Location: Van Emden Lecture Theatre, Edith Morley Building, Whiteknights Campus or join online [YOUR DETAILS \(dotdigital-pages.com\)](https://www.dotdigital-pages.com)

**Booking essential.**

#### GOING INTO HOSPITAL

On admission, all Catholics must inform staff if they wish to receive Holy Communion or see a priest.

Catholic Chaplaincy **RBH**

0118 322 7105  
Arrangements are patient-led

**RETRouvILLE:** Helping Marriages. Retrouvaille – Do you need in your marriage? Retrouvaille has helped many couples find new hope, nourishment and growth in their marriages. Retrouvaille is a Catholic programme but is open to married couples of any faith, or none. Retrouvaille is confidential and for more information about their 2024 programmes, call or text 07887 296983 or 07973 380443, email [retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com](mailto:retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com) - or visit [www.retrouvaille.org.uk](http://www.retrouvaille.org.uk)

Their next programme commences with a **Virtual weekend on 8 - 11 February 2024** or there is a Face to Face weekend in Welwyn Garden City on 14-16 June 2024.

(Poster displayed in the outside noticeboard).

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**Adoration**  
9.30am - before weekday Mass


**Confessions**  
After weekday Masses &  
Saturday at 5.45pm

**Tea/Coffee**  
After Wed & Sun Mass

**Priest's Mass Intentions**  
Please complete a brown envelope in the foyer and arrange with the office

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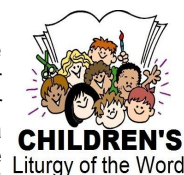


## ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH OF ST JOHN BOSCO, WOODLEY

**Sunday 28th January 2024**  
**4th SUNDAY IN ORD TIME - B**

#### CHILDREN'S LITURGY:

Please arrive early to sign your children in the register before Mass and take a seat in church before you are called forward for the procession to the Newman Centre.



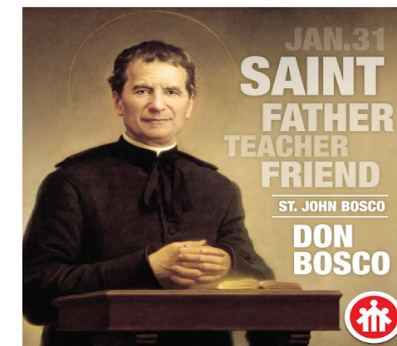
#### CONFIRMATION 2024:

Next session for our 16 candidates will be **THIS** Saturday 3rd February at 5pm in the Newman centre, followed by attendance at 6.30pm Mass. They will make their sacrament of Confirmation on 5th May (3pm) in Portsmouth Cathedral. Please keep them in your prayers.



#### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

**PROGRAMME 2024:** Our First Holy Communion programme is due to begin next month. Please ensure that all payments have been made and any outstanding baptism certificates are brought to the parish office. We have 29 candidates who are beginning the programme very soon. Their Induction Service will take place at 1pm on Saturday 24th February. Please keep them in your prayers.



**FEAST OF ST. JOHN BOSCO:** This Wednesday - 31st January, is the feast day of St. John Bosco, we will be celebrating with a cake (and perhaps a sing-song) in the Newman Centre after 10am Mass to celebrate the occasion. If you are available, please try and make it.

**OUR LADY OF PEACE CHURCH:** Are holding a special event - A Day with Mary. **Saturday 10th February 10am - 5.30pm.** A full timetable has been displayed in the foyer and printed for you to take a copy if you are interested. .

**ST. JAMES'S CHURCH:** Are holding a Praise & worship event - Come to Jesus - **THIS** Friday 2nd February at 7.30pm. Invitations printed in the foyer.

**Today's Psalm Response:** How happy are the poor in spirit; Theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

## LITURGICAL CALENDAR

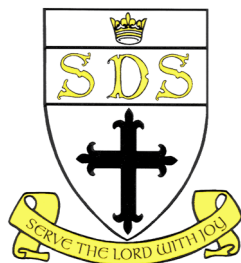
9.30am Adoration before weekday Masses

TODAY	FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORD TIME	6.30PM 10.00AM	Agustin Torrealba + Monica O'Brien (Birthday)
Mon 29	Feria - Week 4	10.00am	Holy Souls +
Tues 30	Feria - Week 4	10.00am	No intention
Wed 31	<b>St. John Bosco</b>	10.00am 10.30am	SJB Parishioners Celebration in Newman Centre
Thurs 01 February	Feria - Week 4	<b>No Mass</b>	<b>No Mass - prayer group NEXT Thursday 9th</b>
Fri 02	<b>The Presentation of the Lord</b>	10.00am	Holy Souls +
SAT 03	St. Blaise	<b>No am</b>	
<b>SUN 04 FEBRUARY</b>	<b>FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORD TIME</b>	<b>6.30PM 10.00AM</b>	<b>Alphonsus + Marie Day + (2 yr anniv)</b>

**CRIB COLLECTION:** A whopping £563.62 was raised. Thank you!!!!

**FROM HEADTEACHER ST. DOMINIC SAVIO SCHOOL:**

Dear parishioners, reading with fluency and understanding is the gateway to academic success and accessing the curriculum. Our school community have been extremely generous thus far with helping to replenish our school bookshelves, **each with a message inside the front cover from the family who have gifted the title.** Should you wish to support us in our mission to instil high standards of literacy within our pupils, please see the following link to purchase a book



for our school collection: [Amazon.co.uk](https://www.amazon.co.uk) We thank you whole heartedly in advance for your support in developing our children as readers.

**LIGHT OF TRUTH (Dominican Sisters):** Online Lenten Retreat: Transformed by Love A Lenten retreat in 6 online sessions, contemplating God's grace at work in the lives of 6 different people, using Scripture and artwork. Click here to register: [Meeting Registration - Zoom](https://www.lightoftruth.uk/join) or go to <https://www.lightoftruth.uk/join>. Suggested donation £5 for the 6 week course.

**BLESSED HUGH FARINGDON:** Are looking for exam invigilator's - £12.38p/h. Information and application form can be downloaded from Vacancies - Blessed Hugh Faringdon Catholic School. (Advert displayed on outside notice board.)

## LENT PREPARATIONS:

### ASH WEDNESDAY - 14th February.

A day of **fast and abstinence**. Mass at 10.00am and 7.00pm. If you have any palms from last year, can you bring them to church and place in a basket by the 1st pillar just inside the main church. Fr. Leo will burn these for the ashes.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** Fr. Leo will lead all Stations of the Cross during Lent. These will take place at 10.30am after Wednesday Mass and 7.00pm on Friday evenings. He will be using the Via Crucis - Road to heaven booklet. We may not have enough booklets for a copy each so Fr. Leo would like us to really listen to the words.

**MASS INTENTIONS:** Please let the office have your Mass intentions. The beginning of the week for the next 4 weeks are available - including both Masses on Ash Wednesday.

**LENTEN ALMS:** Every year during Lent we collect Lenten Alms in our

green bottle for a registered charity. If you have a particular charity in mind, please let **the office know. Thank you.**

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**GIFT AID FORMS:** Reminder all parishioners who have signed a gift aid declaration prior to January 2023, will need to fill in and sign a new version. This new updated form has the Diocese new name - Diocese of Portsmouth from Portsmouth Roman Catholic Diocesan Trustees and new charity number. The new form is attached and hard copies are available for you to complete in the foyer. Every gift aider across the Diocese has to sign this new form - quite a monumental task, but necessary for financial audit. Thank you for your help.

## PRAYER CORNER

Please pray for members of the parish who are sick or housebound, especially: June Bremner-Tse, Chris Fido, Mimi Peat, Madeline Faherty, Chris & Felicity Hughes, Marie Dempster, Mary Towey, Linda Guttridge, Maureen Gibbs, Eva Berja, Margaret Muiruri and Carol Leigh-Howarth. **(To add a name to this list please contact the parish office)**

Also, for all our parishioners in our deceased book of remembrance: The Drinal Family, Victoria Silvester,

Ella Ormiston, Gwen Siveter, Arthur Pearl, Dzidek Lukomski, Margaret Larkin, Ellen Colfer, Elvira Monopoli, Allan Gleave, Jane Whitwell, Erich Pöschl, Peggy Potter, Norma Smith, Paola Moretti, Czeslaw Lukomski, Helena Bridgeman, Paul Hicks, Marjorie Florence Bryant, Jim Worthe, Elda Bayou, Alfred Anthony Caruana and Marie Day. May they rest in peace.