

SIGNIFICANT

WEDDING:

Are you celebrating a 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, 60th or anniversary over 60 years? If so, Bishop Philip would like to invite you to a Mass of celebration. This will take place at St Bede's church in Basingstoke on **Saturday 7th September at 2pm**. Please send an email to anniversaries@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk to request a form for you to complete and return. Please note this address is not monitored daily and you may have to wait for a reply, so please be patient. If you do not have access to the internet, please contact your own Parish office, who will have the form you need to complete. To help celebrate the occasion please could you provide a COPY of your Wedding photograph, you can upload it when you return the form.

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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.

Catholic Chaplaincy **RBH**

0118 322 7105
Arrangements are patient-led

PARISH PARKING: You will be aware of the constant problem car parking has caused. The church car park is for our mobility challenged, blue badge holders only. An A5 note has been attached to this newsletter and printed in hard copy on the foyer.

VOCATIONS: "I implore you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called." Are you being called to help feed the people of God as priest or religious brother or sister? Talk to your priest or contact Cn. John Cooke. vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or call 01329 318 869

DIOCESAN VACANCIES:

Please follow the link for current vacancies throughout the Diocese:

[Careers - Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth.](http://portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)
(portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

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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

**SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORD TIME - B
SUNDAY 28th JULY 2024**



TODAY IS WORLD GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY DAY: Pope Francis has themed this year "**Don't cast me off in my old age**". The day, established by Pope Francis in 2021, is near the liturgical memorial of Saints Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of Jesus & parents of Our Lady (July 26). **Full message available in the foyer and attached to this newsletter.**

At the weekend Masses we will be saying the Prayer for Grandparents and the Elderly. The prayer is available in hard copy in the foyer and attached to this newsletter.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Returns on Sunday 7th September. You can take them into the Lady Chapel

Today's Psalm Response: You open wide your hand, O Lord, and grant our desires.



ADORATION of the BLESSED SACRAMENT

TOMORROW MONDAY 29th JULY MONTHLY ADORATION: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament follows Mass at 10.00am. This continues all day in the Lady Chapel and concludes with evening prayers at 6.40pm. All are very welcome. Reconciliation available - just as Fr. Leo. Next Adoration will take place on Monday 23rd September.

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED: Jerry Lohan has written to us: *'On behalf of everyone at Aid to the Church in need and our suffering brothers and sisters, we want to offer our heartfelt thanks to the parishioners of St. John Bosco. I am delighted to tell you that your*

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LITURGICAL CALENDAR

SUN 28th JULY	SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	6.30PM 10.00AM	Debs & Fr. Bill Birthday Teresa Gillespie +
Mon 29th	Ss. Martha, Mary and Lazarus	10.00am	Jacob Bryning - Get well soon with a strong recovery
Tues 30th	St. Peter Chrysologus	10.00am	Crescentia Hadfield +
Wed 31st	St. Ignatius of Loyola	10.00am	Special Intention (A&T Dw)
Thurs 1st AUGUST	St. Alphonsus Liguori	No Mass	
Fri 2nd	Feria (Week 17)	10.00am	Kenny Nice - Significant B'day
Sat 3rd	Our Lady on Saturday	No am Mass	
SUN 4th AUGUST	EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	6.30PM 10.00AM	Alphonsus + Giuseppe Monopoli +
Mon 5th	Feria (Week 18)	10.00am	Dworzak & Dalloz families
Tues 6th	THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD	10.00am	Giovanna Sciaraffa + (12 yr)
Wed 7th	St. Sixtus II, & Companions	10.00am	Angela & Bruce + Bentley
Thurs 8th	St. Domininc	No Mass	
Fri 9th	ST. TERESA BENEDICTA OF THE CROSS	10.00am	SR. Mary Thomas - B'day
Sat 10th	St. Laurence	No am Mass	
SUN 11th AUGUST	NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	6.30PM 10.00AM	Reuben Aguiar + (5 yr ann) Mick O'Gorman

parish raised £226.50 for items bought and £574.25 in charitable donations, which brings the total to **£800.75**. The kindness of benefactors enables the us to support the faithful wherever they are persecuted or in need'. Money raised goes directly to bishops, priests and religious sisters and brothers providing food, water, shelter, medical aid and spiritual support to those desperately in need.

Again, many thanks to SJB parishioners.
Yours sincerely, Jerry Lohan'.

OFFICE CLOSURE: The office will be closed next week - Mon 29th July - Fri 2nd August, re-opening on Tues 6th August (feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord). Please only contact the office if it is of vital importance to speak with Fr. Leo, otherwise emails will suffice.

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FR. LEO VISA APPLICATION - Message from SJB Finance Committee: The Diocese issued a new policy on 15 February 2024 regarding Visa Applications that has a serious effect on Father Leo. The consequence is that Father Leo must find the funds of just under £3,000 to renew his Leave to Remain Visa in September 2024 and remain as our Parish Priest. We have challenged this with the Diocese Admin offices but they have reaffirmed that the Diocese will not offer any financial assistance for this visa to priests who are not Portsmouth Diocesan priests. We, your Finance Committee, believe this is shortsighted and not exactly showing enough value for Father Leo as we believe the Diocese should. We have taken the decision to fund the full amount of Father Leo's Application from Parish Funds. I hope you support this decision as, we believe, Father Leo has been an excellent Parish Priest since his appointment in September 2022. Should you wish to make a specific contribution towards Father Leo's Application then please make your donation in your usual method

but email the Office (office@stjohnbosco.uk) to advise that you have contributed." Thank you.

FR. LEO RETREAT & ANNUAL LEAVE: Fr. Leo will be going on his annual retreat and taking some time out following the retreat for a well earned rest. There will be **no mid-week Masses** for the following **3 week's beginning:**

- Mon 12th Aug - Fri 16th Aug; *(NO Mass on the 14th for the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary)* ;
- Mon 19th Aug - Fri 23rd Aug;
- Mon 26th Aug - Fri 29th Aug

WEEKEND MASSES WILL BE COVERED BY:

- * 17/18 Aug Mnsgr. Tom McGrath;
- * 24/25 August: Fr. Bernie MHM
- * 31 Aug/01 Sept: Deacon Stephen Opoku - Anoyke *(this will be a Service of the Word & Holy Communion since a Deacon cannot celebrate Mass but he can bless the congregation at the end of the service)*

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, Linda Guttridge, Maureen Gibbs, Margaret Muiruri, Colin Eames and Jacob Bryning.
(To add a name to this list please contact the parish office)

Also, for all the faithful departed, especially those in our Book of Remembrance for this month (JULY): Kitty Foley, Maura Cox, William (Liam) Murphy, Ken Webb, Christopher Larkin, Jo Blagbrough, Maggie Beresford, Bernard Joy OBE, Joseph Darné, Rita Belletty, John Davis, Zofia Niedzwiedzka, Tony Jacobs, Margaret Bond, Mary Hiscox, Bridget Pocock, Pauline Siveter and Eileen Murphy. May they rest in peace.

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