

PHOTINIA/ Red Robin Plants: This is a plea for some photinia (Red Robin) plants for our church boundary.



You may have noticed that the wooden fence around the church lawns are gradually eroding. We are slowly replacing the wooden post's with photinia bushes. We would like to continue this process during Spring and would appreciate donations of Photinia bushes to be able to do this. Many thanks, the maintenance team.

NEXT SECOND COLLECTION - SUNDAY 15/16 MARCH - CLERGY ASSISTANCE FUND. This is a mandatory collection. The Clergy Assistance Fund contributes to the work of the Department for Clergy Team. The team exists to provide care and support for the ordained in our Diocese.

GOING INTO HOSPITAL

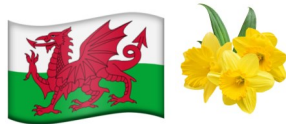
On admission, all Catholics must inform staff if they wish to receive Holy Communion or see a priest.

Catholic Chaplaincy **RBH**

0118 322 7105
Arrangements are patient-led

The Diocese of Portsmouth is responsible for supporting the diocesan clergy in active ministry, and our retired priests, who with dedication and care, serve our parishes, chaplaincies, schools, outreach and mission. The Clergy Support Team is responsible for looking after the welfare, ongoing formation and personal support of our clergy. Thank you for your support.

TODAY 1st MARCH - HAPPY ST. DAVID'S DAY!



'Dydd Gŵyl Dewi Sant Hapus'

DIOCESAN VACANCIES:

Please follow the link for current vacancies :
[Careers - Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth.](https://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/careers)
[\[portsmouthdiocese.org.uk\]](https://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

ST. DOMINIC SAVIO CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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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 1st March 2026
2nd Sunday of Lent Year A



The six-week period is dedicated to prayer, fasting, and almsgiving in preparation for this great celebration of Christ's Paschal Mystery in the Easter Triduum. Lent is a time for prayer, self-denial (fasting) and practical generosity (almsgiving). Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of a period of 40 days (Sundays excluded) in which Catholics prepare for Eastertide. This period also represents the 40 days that Jesus spent in the desert as well as the 40 years that the Israelites spent in exile. *We might encounter slips, bumps & glitches along the way but don't let that stop you from continuing.*

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.



FRI 6.30PM MASS: Still going ahead but without evening prayers.

MY DAY BY DAY LENT: In the Lady Chapel. £1.20 per copy.

EASTER BASKET - Pray for your family at Easter.

Buy an 'egg' for **£5.00 (CASH)**. All monies raised will go to the [SJB roof fund](#)



CAFOD: Family Fast Day THIS FRIDAY 7th February. By fasting & donating your money to CAFOD,

you will be helping your neighbour and living out the gospel values. *"Love your neighbour as yourself"* **Mark 12:31.** CAFOD collection w/end 28 Feb / 1st March.

Envelopes will be available this weekend and can be posted directly back to CAFOD which is Freepost. Or click on this link: [Give by virtual envelope](#) or scan QR code above.





BIBLE GROUP: Mon 2nd March 7.15pm

Today's Psalm Response: May your merciful love be upon us, as we hope in you, O Lord.

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

9.30am Adoration before weekday Masses

TODAY 1st March	SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT (St. David's Day!) POSH COFFEES!	5.50PM 6.30PM 10.00AM	ROSARY Ian Hillier + Michael Francis O'Dowd + 3.30pm Lent Film!	
Mon 2nd	Of the 2nd week of Lent	6.00AM 10.00am		
Tues 3rd	Of the 2nd week of Lent	10.00am	Desmy Casey +	
Wed 4th	Of the 2nd week of Lent	10.00am 10.30am	Anne + & George + Dalloz Stations of the Cross	
Thurs 5th	Of the 2nd week of Lent	No Mass	7pm St. Monica's Prayer Grp	
Fri 6th	Of the 2nd week of Lent	10.00am 18.30pm 19.00pm	Krystyna Binks + (B'day) Danielle Gibson - Peace/comfort Stations of the Cross; 8pm RCIA	
Sat 7th	Of the 2nd week of Lent	No am Mass	FHC session 1pm - 2pm Confirmation 5 - 6.15pm	
8th MARCH	THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT	5.50PM 6.30PM 10.00AM	ROSARY Alphonsus + Andy Dearing + 3.30pm Lent Film!	

LENTEN ALMS: We see the return of the



SEXUAL ABUSE SUPPORT CENTRE

Lenten Green Bottle. Our Lenten Alms will be for Trust House - a charity that supports local victims of sexual abuse. Visit [Trust House](http://www.trusthouse.org.uk) to find out more (www.trusthouse.org.uk)

RCIA SESSION: *This Friday straight after Stations of the Cross.*

FHC SESSION: 1-2pm **THIS** Saturday 7th March.

CONFIRMATION SESSION: 5-6.15pm **THIS** Saturday 7th March. Followed by the 6.30pm vigil Mass.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER: Friday 6th March at St. John's Church, Church Rd, Woodley, 10.30am. All welcome. Tea & coffee available after the service. This year, the service has been compiled by the women of Nigeria.



OBS STUDIO & YOU - CONSENT FORMS FOR LIVESTREAMING: We *everybody who is seen on livestream - readers, altar servers, EMHC - must sign a consent form to say that they agree to their image being livestreamed during Mass.*



Our Masses are NEVER RECORDED and can only be watched live. Consent forms for adults - readers & EMHC - are on the small table next to the Newman Centre door. Consent forms for parent's of an altar server (Parents sign the form on behalf of the server if under 18) are in the flower room (where the servers get ready). The signed consent form will only be kept during active

POSH COFFEE'S: Today after Mass in the Newman Centre.

LENT SCREENINGS: **EVERY SUNDAY DURING LENT. At 3.30pm** in the Newman Centre. The 1st session today - 1st March - is the story of Sr. Clare Crockett - All or Nothing. Born 14.11.1982 died 16.04.2016. The Vatican has declared her 'Servant of God' which is step 1 to being officially recognised as a Saint. All monies raised will go to SJB roof fund.



ST. MONICA'S PRAYER GROUP: This Thursday 5th March 7.00pm-9.00pm. 7pm Holy Mass; 7.30pm Adoration and Rosary. 8pm-9pm Newman Centre gathering for refreshments.



Stained Glass window of St Monica (By Alfgar)

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, Colin Eames, Geraldine Worthe, Hilary Andrews, Laura Mulligan, Stephanie James, Henry Lee, Helen Mole, Dave Gilbert, Manny Maia Moreira and Vijay Martin. *(If you would like to add a name to this list, then please contact the parish office.)*

Also, for all the faithful departed, especially those in our *Book of Remembrance* for this month: **(MARCH):** Peter O'Rourke, Louis Martin, Stefan Niedzwiedzki, Charles Hayes, Elizabeth Jones, Charlie Nelson, Nic Morganti, Mike O'Rourke, Teresa Niedzwiedzka, George Young, Carol Soden, Lesley Wapshott, John Keen, Frank Dodd, Gerry Whelan, Lucy Collaco, Patsy Gill, Anne Burke, Marian Wojtaszek, Halina Papowszek, Alan Michael Fitzgerald and John Bond. May they rest in peace.