

to support and comfort in this environment. Being together all the time, brings even more challenges. You just can't cope, would be better apart you wonder. Retrouvaille is a programme to support couples It brings a positive focus, new hope and helps nourish and grow your marriage ....and you don't need to leave home, it comes to you! For confidential information about Retrouvaille, or to register for the next programme, a **Virtual weekend commencing on 25th- 28th February** Call or text 0788 7296983 or 0797 3380443. Email: [retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com](mailto:retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com) – or visit [www.retrouvaille.org.uk](http://www.retrouvaille.org.uk)

**(Half of the attending couples in the November 2020 course said they got the information in their Parish newsletter.)**

#### 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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**Adoration**  
Suspended

**Confessions**  
Suspended

**Tea/Coffee**  
Suspended

**Priest's Mass Intentions**  
Please complete one of the special envelopes and arrange with the office

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## ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH OF ST JOHN BOSCO, WOODLEY

Sunday 31st January

ANNIVERSARY OF DEDICATION  
OF ST JOHN BOSCO CHURCH



**TODAY:** We keep the anniversary of the day Bishop Crispian dedicated our church in 2007. The anniversary is a Solemnity for us and therefore takes precedence over Sunday Mass. Today's readings and prayers are particular to the anniversary, not those of 4th Sunday of the Year. We give thanks for all who have contributed to the building and sustaining of our church and to those who have offered prayer here. We also pray for all who have celebrated sacraments at SJB, and for those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith.

**ALSO TODAY:** Is the memorial of St. John Bosco. There is a nice montage of images of him on our website. Thanks to Debs and Gina for that and Pia for the display in our foyer. Come

and have a look. Please ask St John Bosco to intercede for us, especially for our young people, and the children and staff at St Dominic Savio school who are valiantly rising to the challenge of extended lock-down measures.

**MASSES:** There was a bit of a fortuitous mix up last week. Fr Bill had decided to extend the suspension of public Masses for another month, but didn't let Debs know. :) So, quite rightly, she restarted ticketing. Since today is our special anniversary, that was a happy coincidence. However, there will be no further public Masses at SJB until the COVID-19 situation has significantly improved. The Prime Minister's extension of home schooling suggests that things are still very

**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: We praise your glorious name, O Lord.**

## LITURGICAL CALENDAR PRIEST'S INTENTIONS

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| <b>TODAY</b> | <b>ANN. OF DEDICATION OF SJB CHURCH</b>     | <b>10.00AM</b> | Bernadette Ormiston +<br><i>Public and live streamed</i> |
| Mon 1        | Feria week 4                                |                | No Mass  |
| Tues 2       | Presentation of the Lord                    |                | No intention   |
| Wed 3        | St Blaise                                   | 10.00am        | Karen Hill wellbeing<br><i>Live streamed only</i>        |
| Thurs 4      | Feria week 4                                |                | No intention   |
| Fri 5        | St Agatha                                   |                | No intention   |
| Sat 6        | St Paul Miki and Comp                       |                | No intention   |
| <b>JAN 7</b> | <b>FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B</b> | <b>10.00am</b> | Reuben Aguiar +<br><i>Live streamed only</i>             |

precarious and Fr Bill does not want to put people at unnecessary risk or the inconvenience of having to have everyone self-isolate should an attendee later test positive. Masses will be live-streamed every Wednesday and Sunday at 10.00am.

**ST. JOHN BOSCO LIVESTREAM:** Reminder of our new link for those who want to view our sanctuary for private prayer is:

<https://youtu.be/IUtzuijlkfE>

**AS WE CONTINUE THE INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE WORD:** Please take a free booklet from Bishop Philip as you leave Mass today. Also, please take copies for those you know would like one and put it through their letterbox.

**PAOLA MORETTI:** Please pray for Paola who died recently. Paola often came to weekday Mass at SJB and read. We will miss her gentle



Italian accent and lovely smile. Paola's Funeral will take place at Our Lady of Peace, Earley, and will be live streamed. Date and time have yet to be arranged. May she rest in peace.

**BILL McMAHON:** Please pray for Bill who died recently. Bill's funeral will take place in Ireland. May he rest in peace.

**MISSIO RED BOXES:** *Missio* writes to thank our parishioners who raised £218 using their red boxes. The projects *Missio* is working on can be viewed at [missio.org.uk](http://missio.org.uk). As you know, Joseph Jeyakumar was our parish link with *Missio*. We are happy to tell you that Richard Newman has agreed to take on this rôle and we thanks him for that.

**TRAIIDCRAFT:** Invites us to consider 7 easy ways to build a greener, fairer world in 2021:

- Take action! Join a zoom & webinar meeting to demand change
- Switch to green energy
- Consume consciously - think about

where your food comes from

- Re-green your garden by planting wild grasses and bee friendly flowers
- Slow travel - consider walking or take up cycling
- Give up fast fashion:
- Reduce, reuse and recycle!

**CAFOD:** This coming Lent, CAFOD invites us to join the *Big Walk for Water* virtual event on Saturday 20th February. We are asked to walk in solidarity with those who have to walk to collect water each day. We might consider 5 miles or just around your garden to create awareness of water poverty and to raise funds for those living in poverty around the world. Keen walkers might use *Walk for Water* as a personal Lenten challenge by walking 10,000 steps a day, every day, for 40 days to raise funds for CAFOD's Lent appeal. Find out more at <https://cafod.org.uk/Fundraise/Walk-for-Water>. Please contact Jo for more information at [portsmouth@cafod.org](mailto:portsmouth@cafod.org)



**WEEKLY AND SECOND COLLECTION ENVELOPES:** Just four parishioners have expressed an interest in receiving an annual box of envelopes. This is mainly due to the fact that everyone else who used to get a box has moved to online and direct debit giving because of the pandemic. We can only order boxes in multiples of 20, which no longer makes economic sense. Instead, if you still prefer to give cash, please put it in a standard envelope with the date on the front. If you pay income tax and wish your donation to be gift-aided, please also add the reference number that Debs can issue to you. Thank you for your understanding.

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**A MESSAGE ROM RETROUVAILLE MARRIAGE CARE:** The pandemic has proven a very challenging time for many marriages. So much uncertainty around health, income, employment, vulnerable family members, children, housing.... Different ways of seeing things, coping with change, managing fears can be a source of conflict and stress. It can is difficult to talk, to listen

### 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 and Anne Evans.

Also, for all the faithful departed, especially those in our *Book of Remembrance* for this month: The Drinal Family, Victoria Silvester, Ella Ormiston, Gwen Siveter, Arthur Pearl, Dzidek Lukomski, Ellen Colfer, Elvira Monopoli, Allan Gleave, Jane Whitwell, Peggy Potter, Norma Smith, Czeslaw Lukomski, Helena Bridgeman, Paul Hicks, Marjorie Florence Bryant, Jim Worthe, Alfred Anthony Caruana and Elda Bayou. May they rest in peace.