

process can be found at: www.gov.uk/eusetledstatus. Please bring this to the attention of friends, family members and fellow parishioners who may need to apply. Information on assistance for those who may have difficulty applying is available at www.gov.uk/help-eu-settlement-scheme. The Catholic Church in England and Wales stands in solidarity with all European citizens who have made their homes here. They are a values=d part of our parishes, schools and communities.

LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTION: £384 plus £525 in Standing Orders. Thank you for your generosity. Candles £71 and My Day by Day £67. Many thanks. Our next special collection will be today **Clergy Assistance Fund (for sick and retired priests.)**

GOING INTO HOSPITAL

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

Royal Berkshire Hospital Switchboard:

0118 3225111

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.

SUPPORT OF THE CHURCH: The faithful are urged to continue generously in supporting their parishes, which otherwise will lose vital income. Donations can be made by cheque, gift aid envelopes, and posted through 56 Western Avenue. If you do not already do so, please consider setting up a standing order or direct debit. Contact the parish office and forms can be sent to you. Thank you for supporting your church.

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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 22nd March

4th Sunday in LENT- Year A

FR. BILL WRITES: As you probably know, all public acts of worship in Catholic Churches in the country have now been suspended indefinitely.

Funerals will be confined to crematorium and grave-side services. Baptisms and wedding should be postponed if possible.

At SJB the doors of the church will remain open until 6pm each day allowing access to the main church Chapel for those who wish to pray or light a candle.

We ask you please during this time not to physically enter the office but to use the glass screen and to come into the office space via the front door, not the Newman Centre.

Additionally, the bishop has asked that all priests in "at risk" groups, should withdraw from face-to-face ministry for three months. As one of those priests, I am being asked to self-isolate for the next 12 weeks. I will still be working via email and telephone and Debs has my every confidence that she will hold the fort admirably.

The bishop asks that priests continue to say the usual parish Masses, but in private. I will do this

in the Lady Chapel each day except Monday, but not at the usual times. If you are happy for your intention to be offered by me in this way, that would be great. However, if you would rather postpone your Mass intention for whatever reason, I quite understand. In that case, please contact Debs who will be happy to rearrange the date of the Mass, though it will not be for some time.

Please pray for one another and look out for one another. If there is someone alone and struggling, please call the office and we'll see how we can help.

Always Kindly,

Fr. Bill.

[Full details of the decree will be available to collect from the church foyer at any time as the doors of the church will now remain open 24hrs a day.]

FRANK DODD: It is with great sadness that we inform you that Frank Dodd has died this week. Because of the present situation there is only the option of a graveside service. This will take place this Thursday at 2.30pm at St. Andrew's Graveyard, Sonning. Our thoughts and prayers go to Mary, his wife, and their family. Please pray for them at this very difficult time.

Today's Psalm Response:

The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

ALL MASSES WILL BE SAID
WITHOUT A CONGREGATION

PRIEST'S INTENTIONS

TODAY	THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR A	Giovannina Albanese + Mary Stallone (Get well)
Mon 23	Of the 4th Week of Lent	
Tues 24	Of the 4th Week of Lent	Margery Malumphy +
Wed 25	THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD	A special intention
Thurs 26	Of the 4th Week of Lent	People of the Parish
Fri 27	Of the 4th Week of Lent	In thanksgiving
Sat 28	Of the 4th Week of Lent	
MAR 29	THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR A	Fr. Emile Belletty + Paul Gualtieri +

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2020: Sacrament of Reconciliation postponed.



Classes will resume at a later date. We will keep you informed. At the moment, guidance from the Diocese insists that First Holy Communion programmes should be deferred until a time when people can gather again in numbers.

COVID-19 SELF ISOLATION: With regard to the most recent advice, if you are going to self-isolate please ring the parish office on 01189 693423 or email stjohnbosco@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk to keep you informed so that we as a parish are aware of each others safety. If you do need help during self-isolation then please let us know - we have some volunteers on hand to give assistance.

CLEANING: Whilst continual practice of good hygiene is taking place still within the church i.e. chairs,

rails, door handles etc. please help us by good hand hygiene when coming into church. Thank you.

PPC: No meeting on Tuesday - postponed until further notice.

REMINDER: British Summer Time begins next weekend - the clocks go forward 1 hour. !!



CALLED & GIFTED: The final meeting was due to take place on Tuesday is postponed until September.

TRADCRAFT: Due to the current situation all sales of Tradcraft will be postponed until further notice.



REMINDER: Bible course postponed until late Summer.

LENTEN PENITENTIAL SERVICES: All cancelled.

BISHOP PHILIP WRITES: During this national emergency, it is the Church's task to do what she always does: to call on the prayers of Our Lady and our Patron Saints and to pray earnestly and trustingly to God our Father.

Here is a prayer you can say from the Manual of Catholic Prayer:

Lord Jesus Christ, true physician and heavenly medicine, be merciful to us and bring us aid. Heal all our sickness, Lord. Heal every malady that afflicts Thy people. Banish our infirmities of soul and body. Rid us of all disease and pestilence. And in Thy pity, deal also with the causes of our evil plight, so that, in curing our perverseness, Thou mayest also remedy our bodily ills. Amen.

This comes from the Bishop's e-news. To subscribe go to: www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/enews

Catholics are dispensed from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass for the duration of these measures. However, the bishops encourage them to watch live-streaming of Mass and make a **spiritual communion**.

Live streaming at www.portsmouthcatholiccathedral.org.uk

An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen.

EU CITIZENS IN OUR DIOCESE: All EU, EEA and Swiss citizens living in the UK are required by the

government to apply through its Settlement Scheme to continue living, working and accessing services here. The deadline for applications is 30 June 2021. Details and links to the application

PRAYER CORNER

Please pray for members of the parish who are sick or housebound, especially: Ellen Morganti, June Bremner-Tse, Zofia Wiktorczyk, Kath & Gerry Houlton, Sr. Joseph and for all who receive Holy Communion at home, in nursing homes or in hospital.

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