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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 7th February

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY  
TIME YEAR B

**MASSES:** Although the church remains closed, Masses are live streamed on Wednesdays and Sundays at 10.00am.

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

<https://youtu.be/IUtzuijKfE>

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2021:** We are hoping to celebrate FHC after Easter. Please email the parish office to register interest in your child being part of the preparation. We are just gauging demand at the minute. More info next week. Candidates must be in year 3 or above and baptised. We will hold a Zoom meeting for parents/carers shortly.

**CONFIRMATION 2021:** Because of the uncertainty around travel and other restrictions at this time, Bishop Philip has asked that all parishes celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation at 3.00pm on Pentecost Sunday, 23rd May. He gives all priests the faculty to confer the Sacrament that day. If your child is in year 8 or above please register your interest via the parish email. Again, we are just assessing demand at this time.

**PAOLA MORETTI:** Please pray for Paola who died recently. Paola's Funeral will take place at Our Lady of Peace, Earley, and will be live streamed on Thursday 11 February at 10.45am via OLOP website. May she rest in peace.

**MORE SAD NEWS:** Please pray for Pia's brother, Graham; for Barry's brother, Tony; for Margaret's sister, Brenda, and for Michelle's brother, Sam, who have all died recently. May they 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 thank him for that.

### 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. DOMINIC SAVIO CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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***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: Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.**

## LITURGICAL CALENDAR

NO PUBLIC MASSES BUT THERE IS LIVE STREAMING ON WEDNESDAYS AND SUNDAYS

<b>TODAY</b>	<b>FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B</b>	<b>10.00AM</b>	Reuben Aguiar +
Mon 8	St Josephine Bakhita		No Mass
Tues 9	Feria week 5		Paul Gualtieri +
Wed 10	St Scholastica	10.00am	Tim O'Rourke + (3rd ann)
Thurs 11	Our Lady of Lourdes		People of the Parish
Fri 12	Feria week 5		Terry Rogers +
Sat 13	Feria week 5		No intention
<b>FEB 14</b>	<b>SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B</b>	<b>10.00AM</b>	Brenda Crosier +

**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.

**PARISH WEBSITE DONATE BUTTON:** Please consider using this method if you normally give cash at the weekly offering. Go to [stjohnbosco.co.uk](http://stjohnbosco.co.uk)

**ST JOSEPHINE BAKHITA:** Was born around 1869 in Darfur in Sudan. At the age of nine, she was kidnapped by slave-traders, beaten till she bled, and sold five times in the slave-markets of Sudan. Eventually she found herself working as a slave for the mother and the wife of a general, and there she was flogged every day till she bled; as a result of this she bore 144 scars throughout her life. Finally, in 1882, she was bought for the Italian consul, who returned to Italy.



Here, Bakhita came to know a totally different kind of "master" or "paron", the living God, the God of Jesus Christ. Up to that time she had known only masters who despised and maltreated

her, or at best considered her a useful slave. Now, however, she heard that there is a "paron" above all masters, the Lord of all lords, and that this Lord is good, goodness in person. She came to know that this Lord even knew her, that he had created her—that he actually loved her. She too was loved, and by none other than the supreme "Paron". She was known and loved and she was awaited: "I am definitively loved and whatever happens to me—I am awaited by this Love. And so my life is good." Through the knowledge of this hope she was "redeemed", no longer a slave, but a free child of God. (Pope Benedict XVI, *Spe salvi*, para. 3, reduced). St Josephine became a religious sister and died in 1947. St Josephine was canonised in 2000 and has been adopted as the patron saint of North and South Sudan and of people who are being trafficked. Her memorial day is tomorrow. (image, public domain).

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR CONSECRATED LIFE:** Today. "Woe to me if I do not preach the Gospel," writes St Paul in today's second reading. Could God be calling you to spread the Word and his love as a priest, deacon, or consecrated religious? Contact Fr John at [vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

### 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: Jan Pritchard, Ken Hay, Basil Gomez, Raymond Williamson, Paul Gualtieri, Tim O'Rourke, Edmund Sellens, Christina Sellens, Kenneth Tarvin, Terry Rogers, David Pritchard, Gladys Jacobs, Donald Pcock, Rosmary Sim Cardoso Florence Grenneau, Genowefa Klonowicz, Elsie Elizabeth Ivers, Daphne O'Dowd-Booth, Colin Dempster and Jane (Jean) Bartington. May they rest in peace.