

many other parishes/groups/individuals around the diocese and sent on to the Bishops Conference of England and Wales who will collate them with responses from all around both nations and then a report will be sent on to the Vatican. The Vatican will collate that report with all of the other Bishops Conferences around the world.

More responses from our parish group will appear in our newsletter shortly.

THANK YOU TO YEAR 5 FOR LEADING US IN OUR Epiphany Mass last Thursday morning.



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

MARIE DAY WRITES: I want to thank all of my parish family for their prayers and all their wonderful kindness to us in this time. I have been praying for you all too. With love from Marie and her family.

CATHIE OWENS: Asks for our prayers as she prepares for hip surgery.

PRAYERS PLEASE: One of our families has had a baby "born sleeping". Please keep the family in your prayers at this distressing time.

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After Wed & Sun Mass

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ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH OF ST JOHN BOSCO, WOODLEY

Sunday 9th January 2022

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD,
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ChurchArt Online | www.churchart.com

CRIB OFFERINGS: Any donations at the crib will be sent to projects in the Holy Land.

FOLLOWING SJB MASS ONLINE: If the link on the parish website has failed, please go to YouTube and type "stjohnboscochurchwoodley" into the YouTube search bar. The first "box" that appears should work. Thanks.

PARISH WEBSITE DONATE BUTTON: Please consider using this method if you normally give cash at the weekly offering. Go to stjohnbosco.co.uk. If you are a UK taxpayer, then please consider signing up to our gift aid scheme. Click here [Gift Aid forms](#) for a form (also on tab page 3 of our website). Thank you.

CAFOD/DEC AFGHANISTAN CRISIS APPEAL: CAFOD is combining efforts with the DEC to launch the Afghanistan Crisis Appeal. In Afghanistan, 8 million people are on the brink of famine because of drought, collapsing economy, food shortages, conflict, and COVID. CAFOD is supporting sister Caritas agencies to reach communities most in need with food, clean water, and fuel. During Advent, when we open ourselves to the needs of others, let's do all that we can to save lives. You can donate on the CAFOD website: cafod.org.uk/ AfghanistanAppeal and please pray for the people of Afghanistan.

Today's Psalm Response:

**Bless the Lord, my soul!
Lord God, how great you are!**

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.

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

ALL MASSES OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: BOOKING NOT REQUIRED

SUNDAY MORNING AND WEDNESDAY ARE LIVE-STREAMED

TODAY	THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD YEAR C	NO VIGIL 10.00AM	Cox Family intentions Elvira Monopoli +
Mon 10	Feria (Cycle 2, week 1)		
Tues 11	feria		
Wed 12	St Aelred		Sorry, no weekday
Thurs 13	St Hilary		Masses this week
Fri 14	Feria		
Sat 15	Feria		
SUNDAY 16TH	SECOND SUNDAY OF YEAR C: PEACE SUNDAY	6.30PM (SAT) 10.00AM	Alphonsus + Anoja Patrick + (anniv)

MY DAY BY DAY: JANUARY EDITION
giving Mass readings and reflections for every day available now. £1. Great stocking filler!

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2022:
Thanks for your applications. We have 24 candidates. The cut-off date for applications was extended to 15 Dec last year, so our application process is now closed. Any further candidates will now have to wait until next year. The preliminary parents'/carers' meeting will be on Tuesday 1st February at 7.30pm by Zoom. An invitation will be sent to registered families beforehand.

MASSSES: Sorry, there are no weekday Masses now until Thursday 20th January. Please welcome Fr David Sillince who will offer Mass next Saturday evening and Sunday morning. We will need two EMHC for both Masses, as Fr. David has a back problem at the minute and finds standing too long rather painful. We'll also need to ensure the church is open in good time, heated, and locked up afterwards.

UNIVERSITY OF READING CHAPLAINCY LECTURE Monday, 17th January, 7pm: 'Spirituality and Mental Health' - the 2022 Online interview with Professor John Swinton, Professor in Practical Theology and Pastoral Care and Chair in Divinity and Religious Studies at the University of Aberdeen. Book for free here: <https://www.reading.ac.uk/15/about/newsandevents/Events/Event862486.aspx>

OPPORTUNITIES FOR ONLINE FORMATION IN JANUARY-FEBRUARY Specific areas are:

For Catechists: Essential training

For those who care for children with additional/special needs

For adults who wish to know their faith better

All initiatives are listed on this website: <https://www.pffm.org.uk/>

MARGARET LARKIN: Please pray for Helen Mole's mother, Margaret, who died this week. We send our love and prayers to Helen and all her family. May Margaret rest in peace.

SYNOD RESPONSES: You may remember that Fr. Bill gathered a group of people from various backgrounds representing the make-up of our parish in order to formulate responses to the global synod taking place over the next couple of years. Over the next few weeks, we will be publishing the main points in the newsletter. This week, we have responses to three of the ten questions Bishop Philip asked us to consider.

1. How can we be more welcoming as a Christian community?
2. To whom do we listen?
3. How can we be more honest in our dealings with each other?

Question 1

- A. get to know other people's names: take the initiative to speak to newcomers.
- B. On parish level: more people to get involved; re-establish choir/music, welcomers group: involve young people in everything, not just altar

serving: more parish events like films, talks, quizzes.

- C. Diocese: every small action at a local level will have a wider effect: Be more accepting of all people — gay people, divorced people. Do not judge people—Jesus didn't judge

Question 2

- A. listen to the Scriptures more
- B. As a parish: listen to each other, listen to young people: There are people waiting to be asked to join in with groups. Hold an event showcasing our different groups.
- C. Diocese; only listens to similar people: old and white: educate Catholics that is their duty to "serve" in their communities. What is the role of the priest and what is the role of the laity?

Question 3

- A. Listen and respect other's opinions
- B. Parish: develop a culture of "no repercussions": have a concern for the wider community
- C. Diocese: educate the laity in what they can speak out about and when to raise issues. Involve the laity in some decision making.

Our responses will be collated with the

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, Mimi Peat, Nick Lamb, Julie Hamblin, Angela Bentley, Christen Hall, Marie Day, and Anne Evans.

(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: The Drinal Family, Victoria Silvester, Ella Ormiston, Gwen Siveter, Arthur Pearl, Dzidek Lukomski, Margaret Larkin, Ellen Colfer, Elvira Monopoli, Allan Gleave, Jane Whitwell, Peggy Potter, Norma Smith, Paola Moretti, Czeslaw Lukomski, Helena Bridgeman, Paul Hicks, Marjorie Florence Bryant, Jim Worthe, Alfred Anthony Caruana and Elda Bayou. May they rest in peace.