

CAFOD INDIA APPEAL:

As coronavirus brings devastation across India, CAFOD is working with experienced local Church agency, Caritas India, to provide vital support to poor and marginalized communities. Donations to CAFOD's Coronavirus Appeal will help Caritas India distribute PPE kits to frontline health workers, promote COVID & vaccine awareness campaigns, and set up safely run isolation & quarantine centres. You can donate online here:

cafod.org.uk/give



ROSARY MARATHON

(2): There is a daily schedule of events available from the Vatican linking shrines around the world at certain times of the day. For full information, please go to

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/church/news/2021-05/shrines-around-the-world-linked-for-recitation-of-the-rosary.html>

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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

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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 9th May 2021

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
YEAR B



MAY, THE MONTH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Well done to the pupils and staff at St Dominic Savio who all brought in flowers last week, placed them around the statue of Our Lady, and then distributed them all around the school in her honour.

ROSARY MARATHON

Pope Francis has inaugurated a special month of praying the Rosary to plead for an end to the COVID-19 pandemic. This

is something all of us can take part in at home, or while having a walk. YouTube, as always, has many options; here is a calm, meditative recitation:

<https://youtu.be/6zm3BCbaC9s>

OUR LADY'S STATUE

If you are passing SJB church, why not stop for a short prayer in front of our lovely outdoor statue? It is lit-up at night, too.

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:

The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations.

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

SUNDAY AND WEDNESDAY MASSES ARE PUBLIC AND LIVE-STREAMED
BOOKING VIA PARISH WEBSITE REQUIRED FOR SUNDAYS

TODAY	SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR B	10.00AM	Peter Hill +
Mon 10	Of Easter Week 6		No Mass
Tues 11	Of Easter Week 6		Doreen Riley +
Wed 12	Of Easter Week 6	10.00am	Joan O'Neill +
Thurs 13	ASCENSION DAY	10.00AM	Mary McCarthy +
Fri 14	St Mathias		People of the Parish
Sat 15	Of Easter Week 6		No intention
MAY 16	SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR B	10.00AM	John + and Mary Knox (w/b)

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CANDIDATES:

Andrea, Gloria, Kacper, Nairim, Gabriel, Marcel, Eliana, Eduardo, Daniel, Abigail, Henry and Sania

Will celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time on Saturday 22nd May, and Eucharist on 10th July. Please keep them, their families, and their catechists in your prayers.

CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES:

Emma, Kelvin, Ksenia and Morena.

Will receive the Sacrament on Sunday 23rd May. Please pray for them, their families, and their catechists.

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD: Falls this Thursday. Usually it would be a Holy Day of Obligation but not under present circumstances. However, there will be a public Mass at 10.00am that day, if anyone would like to come. No booking necessary.



GOD GOES UP WITH SHOUTS OF JOY. THE LORD GOES UP WITH TRUMPET BLAST.

PARISH FINANCES: Thank you to all of you who have continued to support SJB financially during the pandemic. Thanks to your donations, the parish has managed to end the financial year without being in debt. This year coming, however, we will find ourselves even more challenged as our diocesan levy, insurance, and licence fees alone have increased from £1923 per calendar month to £2942. This is a considerable increase and now, more than ever, we need regular income to cover our operating costs and to save for future capital projects. If you have not yet signed up to regular giving by Standing Order and/or GiftAid, might you think about it, please? Also, if you are already doing so, might you be able to increase your regular giving? An interactive Standing Order form can be completed and sent directly on our parish website, www.stjohnbosco.co.uk Just click the "donations" tab and scroll down to the pdf file. Thank you for giving this your consideration.

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. The form can be downloaded from our website - Donations page - and sent to our email address once completed. The church will then receive an extra 25p for every £1 donated. Thank you.

MASS INTENTIONS AND OFFERINGS: Please try to arrange a Mass intention by email or phone rather than using the parish website donate button. Using the button means that we have to get the Diocesan Finance people to authorize a bank transfer, which is quite complicated. Mass offerings can be put through the office door anytime, just make sure the intention is written down on the envelope. Thank you.

PLANTS WANTED: Donations of any bedding plants suitable for baskets and tubs to brighten up the church grounds would be gratefully received. If you are able to help, please leave your plants by the office front door. Thanks.

FOLLOWING SJB MASS ONLINE: If the link on the parish website has failed, please go to YouTube and type "[stjohnboscowoodley](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCstjohnboscowoodley)" into the YouTube search bar. The first "box" that appears should work. Thanks.

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, Thelma McCarthy, Mimi Peat, Mary Knox, Anne Evans, and Ken Murphy.

Also, for all the faithful departed, especially those in our *Book of Remembrance* for this month: Patricia Martin, Ronald Lawrence, Marian Lawrence, Emilio Albanese, Jenny Dowse, Gertrude Cloet, Bryan Cunningham, Lorelie Indopia, Elizabeth Ellen Zolobajluk, Patricia Williamson, and Dennis Harman. May they rest in peace.