

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 bank transfer or by card via the new button on our website homepage.

'Donate Now'

STANDING ORDER SET UP: If you would like to donate to the church without accessing the church office then you can set up a donation with your bank - all can be done on-line - giving our account details for the St. John Bosco Covenant Account.

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(Woodley, SJB)
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Thank you for your support.

LOCAL GROUPS OFFERING HELP IN WOODLEY AT THIS TIME:

Woodley volunteering group is offering collections of food/medicines etc. It's very obliging and flexible. People can ask for help that they need. It doesn't matter whether you are on any government or local authority list as officially categorised as "vulnerable".

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/135082544613963/>

Woodley Foodbank: are looking for a manager for 48 hours per month, starting in June 2020. The weekly working arrangements will be flexible by agreement, but there would be a requirement for some input most weeks. The pay will be £9.30 per hour and a mileage allowance (45p per mile). Contact Sean at sean@emmanuelwoodley.org.uk, 0118 375 3718 for more details.

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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 12th April

EASTER SUNDAY

FR. BILL WRITES: At Mass today we have an extra piece of text, the *Easter Sequence*, printed out below. There used to be lots of sequences, but they are now reduced to just four in the *Lectionary* we have used since 1969. Do you know the other three? Today's *Sequence* is the oldest of them all, dating from the eleventh century, being composed by an imperial chaplain called Wipo. It has three parts: an exhortation to believers about Christ's resurrection, a dialogue with Mary Magdalene, and a short prayer. The presence of Mary is not surprising: she is the only person specifically named in all four "Empty Tomb" accounts in the Gospels as being present. Her testimony is obviously critical for the Gospel writers. Perhaps we might meditate on the *Sequence* today or during the week. There are lots of online recordings of the chant, also: just type "Easter Sequence" in to your search engine. Kindly, Fr. Bill

Victimae Paschali Laudes

Christians, to the Paschal Victim offer sacrifice and praise.
The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb; and Christ, the undefiled, hath sinners to his Father reconciled. Death with life contended: combat strangely ended!
Life's own Champion, slain, yet lives to reign.

Tell us, Mary: say what thou didst see upon the way.
The tomb the Living did enclose; I saw Christ's glory as He rose!
The angels there attesting; shroud with grave-clothes resting.
Christ, my hope, has risen: He goes before you into Galilee.

That Christ is truly risen from the dead we know.
Victorious King, Thy mercy show!
Amen. Alleluia

(Trans ICEL)

GOOD FRIDAY OFFERING: For the Holy Places has now been transferred to September. We will keep those offerings already received until then.

EASTER OFFERING: The collection on Easter Sunday forms a large percentage of a parish priest's annual income. Please do consider making a



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

Western Avenue,
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Tel. 0118 969 3893

Head Teacher:
Mr. James Broadbridge

Website:
www.stdominicsavio.co.uk

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: This day was made by the Lord: we rejoice and are glad.

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

ALL MASSES WILL BE SAID
WITHOUT A CONGREGATION

PRIEST'S INTENTIONS

TODAY EASTER SUNDAY



Mon 13 Of Easter Octave

Tues 14 Of Easter Octave

Wed 15 Of Easter Octave

Thurs 16 Of Easter Octave

Fri 17 Of Easter Octave

Sat 18 Of Easter Octave

APR 19 SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

VIGIL: Sr Joseph w/being
AM: John Frederick Meloy +

Patrick O'Conner +

Reuben Aguiar + +

Kath & Gerry Houghton w/b

Deidre Coleby +

Bruce Bentley +

John Brown +

donation through the parish account via bank transfer (labelled "Easter Offering").

BLEST PALMS: are available by the Lady grotto in the church grounds. Please collect one or two for your homes and cars and also please put some through the letterboxes of those you know would appreciate them but who cannot come out.

WATCHING MASS ON-LINE: Catholics are dispensed from attending Mass at this time. However, our bishops encourage us to watch on-line through streaming services. Try the following resources:

- www.churchservices.tv/timetable/ which gives an hourly schedule of live Masses
- www.porstmouthcatholiccathedral.org.uk which follows Bishop Philip in his chapel offering:
- 07.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

- 08.10am Morning Prayer & Benediction
- 08.30am Holy Mass

Closer to home:

- www.olop.org.uk
Fr. Stan will celebrate the Masses at **Our Lady of Peace**, Earley
- <https://youtu.be/KCx7TJkrulk>
Canon John O'Shea will celebrate Masses at **St. James' Church**, Reading. To access the service, copy the link into your browser.

Other churches;

- www.stbedesbasingstoke.org.uk/live/ Daily Mass at **St. Bede's Church**, Basingstoke.
- www.bournemouthoratory.org.uk/live-feed/ Two daily Masses at **Sacred Heart Church** (the Oratory), Bournemouth.
- www.stswithunwellsparish.org.uk Daily Mass with Fr. Luca and Fr. Raffaele.

To keep up to date with the latest news from Bishop Philip, see weekly news in the form of his e-news. To subscribe go to:
www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/enews

- * UK Catholic Diocesan newspapers on one website :
www.ChurchPaper.co.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.**

OFFICE CLOSURE: Following Diocesan instruction, the office will be closed for the rest of April and probably beyond. Please continue to email if you need to contact Fr. Bill as he will still be able to access the emails from you. Rest assured, Fr. Bill will do his utmost to keep in contact with you. Alternatively, call and leave a message on 01189 693423. The office will re-open when we have been advised to do so. Take care all and Happy Easter!



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: Becky Janssens, John Jerome Devlin, Kevin Jordan, Susan Joy, Maggie O'Neill, Robert Booth, Terence Manzi, Alan Booth, Ina Dias, Judith Andalis, John Knox and Harry Foster. May they rest in peace. May they rest in peace.