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GIFT AID: To all our new contributors (and existing), donating to our church, can you please fill in a gift aid form if you are a UK tax payer. This will enable us to reclaim 25p for every £1 you donate. Gift aid forms are in the church foyer.

MARRIAGE CARE: In-person Preparing Together Day on **08th February 2025** at **Corpus Christi Catholic Church, Wokingham, Berkshire, RG40 2HE.** Please ask couples to visit our website: [Relationship counselling | Marriage preparation | Marriage Care](#)

SUPPORTING OUR CHURCH: If you would like to donate regularly you can set up a standing order donation with your bank. Our account details for the

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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.

Catholic Chaplaincy **RBH**

0118 322 7105
Arrangements are patient-led

St. John Bosco Covenant Account.
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DONA MACHINE: Alternatively you can donate using the digital plate in the foyer. You can select an option for gift aid here too.

Or click on this QR code.



Thank you for your support.

DIOCESAN VACANCIES:

Please follow the link for current vacancies

[Careers - Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth.](http://portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

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Adoration
9.30am - before weekday Mass

Holy Days of Obligation:
10am & 7.00pm

Confessions
After weekday Masses &
Saturday at 5.45pm

Tea/Coffee
After Wed & Sun Mass

Priest's Mass Intentions
Please complete a brown envelope in the foyer and arrange with the office

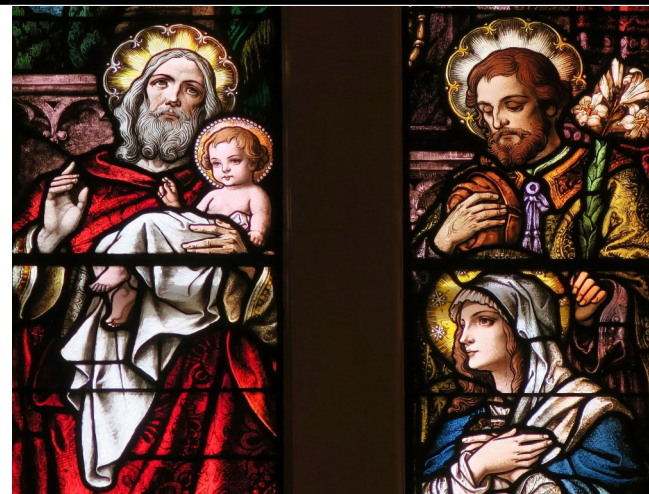
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ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH OF ST JOHN BOSCO, WOODLEY

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORD TIME - YR C
2nd February 2025



Saint Gabriel Church (Connersville, Indiana) - stained glass, The Presentation of the Lord.

TODAY IS THE FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD: Mary and Joseph take the infant son Jesus, to their holy temple. According to Jewish Law, if the firstborn child was a boy, the infant would be given, or consecrated, to God. Even though Jesus, is God made flesh, the Holy Family followed their tradition.

The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord is an ancient celebration in the Church. It is also called Candlemas because, on this day, candles are blessed in many parishes. These candles remind us that Jesus is the Light of the World. The feast is celebrated on February 2, 40 days after Christmas.

Being poor, Joseph and Mary could not afford to offer a lamb, as was custom in Jewish Law (according to Moses) so they offered two turtledoves instead.

As we celebrate the feast of the Presentation of the Lord, we are called to put aside worldly things and personal desires.

We can do this by asking Mary to pray for us, that we might come to know, love and serve Jesus as she did.

MASS BEGINS this weekend with a rite of blessing and lighting candles in the Lady Chapel. **Everyone in the church is to stand, and will remain standing, before the entrance procession.**

Today's Psalm Response: The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory!

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

9.30am Adoration before weekday Masses

SUN	2ND	THE	17.50	ROSARY
FEB		PRESENTATION OF	18.30PM	Alphonsus +
		THE LORD (FEAST)	10.00AM	Parishioners of SJB
Mon	3rd	St. Blaise	10.00AM	<i>Blessing of the throats after Mass</i>
Tues	4th	Feria Week 4	10.00AM	Xavier Mendes - wellbeing
Wed	5th	St. Agatha	10.00AM	SJB EMHC team
Thurs	6th	St. Paul Miki & friends	No Mass	
Fri	7th	Feria Week 4	10.00AM 18.30PM	SJB Readers team
Sat	8th	Our Lady on Saturday	No am Mass	
SUN	9TH	THE FIFTH	17.50	ROSARY
FEB		SUNDAY OF	18.30PM	SJB Maintenance team
		ORDINARY TIME	10.00AM	Paul Gualtieri +

Next Adoration is Monday 24th February beginning with Mass at 10.00am. The CBCEW have released a video from Archbishop John Wilson 'Finding hope in Adoration'. The you tube video is 10 minutes long. Here is the link to listen to him if you are interested. [Archbishop Wilson: you can find hope in Eucharistic adoration - Catholic Bishops' Conference](https://www.cbcew.org.uk/archbishop/wilson/you/can/find/hope) or <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/archbishop/wilson/you/can/find/hope>

WORKNEST: Our Asbestos survey was completed on Wednesday and there will be some actions to come out of the survey. We'll let you know when this work will be addressed.

FUNDRAISING: A meeting was held last week and was very well attended by approx. 20 parishioners offering to help. Thank you for your attendance! Our church roof quotes will need to

be revisited as some new legislation has been passed since they were obtained in 2023/24. When the work does take place it will take between 3 and 5 months. There is much preliminary work that needs to be done beforehand with surveyors and architects, and also providing key documentation and adherence to the policies of the Diocesan estates department. There is also a possibility of needing to obtain planning permission too. We will keep you all updated. (We will also let you know of the fundraising activities that will be taking place). Thank you for your support

ENGAGED COUPLES: The Valentine's Day Breakfast at 9.15am on Saturday 8th February 2025 - **HAS BEEN CANCELLED.**

CATHOLIC POST - Free issues in the foyer! Help yourself.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: 10.00am Sunday Mass. Register them in the foyer and enter into the church. Fr. Leo will call the children forward and they will then leave to go to the Newman Centre (just off the foyer).



SAFEGUARDING: Thank you to all those who attended the in-house safeguarding briefing. Many thanks to the organiser and presenter! The DBS group (Disclosure & Barring Service) have released a series of safeguarding live, FRE, webinars, that the Diocese are urging us to join. They are particularly relevant to those of us who require DBS checks to fulfil our ministries. They are not being recorded to cannot be accessed unless joining the webinar.

There are 3 webinars available. Click on the links to register:

- **Wed 12th Feb 9.30-11am Faith sector - DBS Eligibility Webinar** [Microsoft Virtual Events Powered by Teams](#)
- **Wed 5th March (Ash Wednesday) 12.30-2pm Faith sector - DBS Barring webinar** [Microsoft Virtual Events Powered by Teams](#)
- **Wed 28th March 11-12pm Faith sector - DBS Update Service** [Microsoft Virtual Events Powered by Teams](#)

Or, go to <https://urceastern.org.uk/disclosure-and-barring-service-dbs-webinars>



CARITAS: Historically, Jubilee Years were times when debts were cancelled, and slaves liberated. This Jubilee Year, Caritas is redoubling efforts to combat and speak out against all forms of Modern Slavery throughout the year. The National Justice and Peace Network is holding an online webinar 'Opening the doors to freedom from human trafficking' on **6 February 7-8:30pm**. You can

PRAYER CORNER

Please pray for members of the parish who are sick or housebound, especially: June Bremner-Tse, Chris Fido, Mimi Peat, Madeline Faherty, Chris & Felicity Hughes, Marie Dempster, Linda Guttridge, Colin Eames, Geraldine Worthe, Eva Berja, Hilary Andrews, Laura Mulligan and Stephanie James.

(To add a name to this list please contact the parish office)

Also, for all the faithful departed, especially those in our Book of Remembrance for this month (FEBRUARY): Jan Pritchard, Daniel Hicks, Ken Hay, Basil Gomez, Raymond Williamson, Paul Gualtieri, Tim O'Rourke, Karl Johan Pöshl, Edmund Sellens, Christina Sellens, Kenneth Tarvin, Terry Rogers, David Pritchard, Gladys Jacobs, Donald Pocock, 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.