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Adoration
Suspended

Confessions
Suspended

Tea/Coffee
Suspended

Priest's Mass Intentions
Please arrange with
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ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH OF ST JOHN BOSCO, WOODLEY

Sunday 25th October 2020

30TH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

CHURCH OPENING TIMES

WEDNESDAY: MASS 10.00AM
(no booking required: just turn up)

SUNDAY: MASS 10.00AM
(booking required via
stjohnbosco.co.uk)

BAPTISM: Please pray for Dylan Francis Crane being baptised today

LIVE STREAMING OF MASS AT SJB: Our internet connection is now installed in the church: just the electrics and installation of equipment left. Thanks you very much for your donations: we think we have enough now to cover the project. We are looking for someone to operate our computer controller during Masses. Any takers?

PARISH WEBSITE DONATE BUTTON: Please consider using this if you usually give cash for our weekly Offertory. Many thanks.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2020: Only the rehearsals to go now, before celebration Masses on 14th and 21st November. Please keep our candidates, their catechists, and families in your prayers.

MASS FOR ALL SOULS: Sadly, we are not able to offer Mass for the Dead as we would like to do with a full church, reading of names, and lighting

of candles. However, if you would like a name placed in a basket that will be left near the altar for the whole of November, please email the office. Fr Bill will offer Mass for the Dead on 2nd November at 3.00pm in private. Perhaps you might like to light a candle in your home at that time.

UNIVERSITY STUDENTS' MASS: 5pm every Sunday in term time at Our Lady of Peace Catholic church, Earley. Please book a place here: www.olop.org.uk

SCHOOL HALF TERM: We wish everyone at St. Dominic Savio a happy well-earned rest this week after a very challenging term.

FOUNDATION GOVERNOR VACANCIES. Practising, committed Catholics are invited to apply to become one of Bishop Philip's representatives on the Governing Board of St Dominic Savio. The Governors of a Catholic school work as a supportive team, in close cooperation with the Head Teacher and staff. No previous experience is necessary. Please contact the Chair of Governors, Clare Woodham for further information. cwoodham@st-dominicsavio.wokingham.sch.uk

HEATHER HAUSCHILD: Is Chief Operating Officer for our diocese. We are pleased to tell you that Heather will be visiting our parish this Thursday to

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

Interim Head Teacher:
Mrs Juanita Dunlop
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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.*

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

MASS IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC PRIEST'S INTENTIONS
WEDNESDAY AND SUNDAY

TODAY	30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A	10.00AM	Francis + and Maria + Coelho (online booking required)
Mon 26	Ss Chad and Cedd		
Tues 27	Feria week 30		Genevieve Chan +
Wed 28	Ss Simon and Jude	10.00am	Karen Hill wellbeing
Thurs 29	Feria week 30		Ivy Boyer wellbeing
Fri 30	Feria week 30		Monica O'Brien wellbeing
Sat 31	Feria week 30		People of the Parish
NOV 1ST	SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS	10.00am	Karen Hill wellbeing (online booking required)

get an overview of how we are coping with our property situation and what help the diocese might be able to offer.

MISSIO WRITES: Thank you very much for your donations to World Mission Sunday last week. Your prayers and contributions will help missionaries work alongside communities throughout the world that are poor or in need, regardless of their background or belief. Please pray for the work of Missio and all those working to offer the love of Jesus, that we may remain strong in our witness to Christ's love for all peoples. To continue supporting mission throughout the year, please go to missio.org.uk or call 020 7821 9755 (office hours).

BACK 2 BASICS – SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: The diocesan formation team has created an online group input that will help all adults wanting to know more about their

faith, especially parents whose children are preparing for First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. Back 2 Basics offers 6 sessions that aim explore the beautiful meaning of the sacrament of Reconciliation, the sacrament of God's infinite mercy. It will be looking at this sacrament using artworks, group activities and discussion, and offer an introduction to Catholic morality, looking at topics such as the dignity of the human person, grace, sin, freedom, conscience, human happiness, and the call to holiness. This online course is open to everyone: all adults, parents, grandparents and catechists. Back2Basics Reconciliation will be presented this November, every Monday from 7pm to 9pm. To register for this course go to: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8122222222>

THE POOR'S LAND CHARITY: Has a vacant self-contained ground floor flat for a couple or single person in need aged 55 years or over resident in the Civil Parish of Woodley, Sandford, or Charvil. The flat is part of Cedar Place Almshouses on Loddon Bridge Road. Flat comprises double bedroom, lounge, bathroom and kitchen. Large communal garden, laundry, day room, and guest room. Application form available from Mrs E. Fidler, Clerk to the Trustees, 0118 969 0136. Closing date, 9th November.

BAMENDA SUNDAY: Falls next week. Donations can be made securely online via the Bamenda and Portsmouth website: <https://www.Bamendaandportsmouth.com/donate.php> or at Mass on Wednesday and Sunday as we exit.

TODAY'S GOSPEL: LOVE OF GOD AND LOVE OF NEIGHBOUR. In his encyclical "Deus caritas est", Pope Benedict wrote this: Having reflected on the nature of love and its meaning in biblical faith, we are left with two questions concerning our own attitude: can we love God without seeing him? And can love be commanded? Against the double commandment of love these questions raise a double objection. No one has ever seen God, so how could we love him? Moreover, love cannot be commanded; it is ultimately a feeling that is either there or not, nor can it be produced by the will. Scripture seems to reinforce the first objection when it

states: "If anyone says, 'I love God,' and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen, cannot love God whom he has not seen" (1 Jn 4:20). But this text hardly excludes the love of God as something impossible. On the contrary, the whole context of the passage quoted from the First Letter of John shows that such love is explicitly demanded. The unbreakable bond between love of God and love of neighbour is emphasized. One is so closely connected to the other that to say that we love God becomes a lie if we are closed to our neighbour or hate him altogether. Saint John's words should rather be interpreted to mean that love of neighbour is a path that leads to the encounter with God, and that closing our eyes to our neighbour also blinds us to God.

LOCAL GROUPS OFFERING HELP IN WOODLEY AT THIS TIME:

Woodley volunteering group is offering collections of food/medicines etc. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/135082544613963/>

Woodley Foodbank: Woodley Baptist Church, food or donations weekdays 10.00am till noon. Online donation site: www.give.net/20181094.

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, and Anne Evans.

Also, for all the faithful departed, especially those in our *Book of Remembrance* for this month: Sidney Crawford, Jim Foley, Michal Zolobajluk, Nigel Keel, Jean White, Richard Gillespie, Irene Gillespie, Jill O'Rourke, Phyllis Crawford, Sean Jordan, Maurice Bayou, Keith Jukes, Joe Darne, Pamela Grace Evans, James Crowther. May they rest in peace.