

## ROOF FUNDRAISING:

**Next Fundraising Meeting on Wed 30th April 7pm.** We now have a new **DONA** machine in the foyer solely for roof project donations. There is also now an email address dedicated to roof enquiries/communications - [roofproject@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:roofproject@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

**FHC 2025:** The Prayer Partner sign-up sheet for FHC children is on the whiteboard next to the Repository.

## WEDDING ANNIVERSARY:

Are you celebrating a 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, 60th or anniversary over 60 years? If so, Bishop Philip would like to invite you to a Mass of celebration. This will take place at St Bede's church in Basingstoke on Saturday 21st June at 11am. This will be followed by a buffet lunch.

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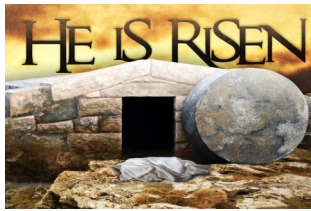
## GOING INTO HOSPITAL

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

## NEXT SUNDAY- 20th APRIL EASTER SUNDAY!!



## DIOCESAN VACANCIES:

Please follow the link for current vacancies

[Careers - Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth,  
\(portsmouthdiocese.org.uk\)](https://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/careers)

## ST. DOMINIC SAVIO CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Western Avenue,  
Woodley RG5 3BH  
Tel. 0118 969 3893

**Head Teacher:**  
Mrs. Laura Hullah

**Website:**  
[www.stdominicsavio.co.uk](http://www.stdominicsavio.co.uk)

**St. John Bosco Church**  
56 Western Avenue,  
Woodley, Reading.  
RG5 3BH

**Parish Priest**  
Fr. Leo Odomeja

**Priest (in residence)**  
Fr. Jude Mbonu

**Parish Administrator**  
Debs Gibson

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[stjohnbosco.co.uk](http://stjohnbosco.co.uk)

**Facebook**  
[https://www.facebook.com/  
groups/1455918784702101](https://www.facebook.com/groups/1455918784702101)

**Safeguarding Minister**  
Julie Hamblin  
07950 978592

**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**  
**PALM SUNDAY**  
of the Passion of the Lord - YR C  
13th April 2025

Today is **PALM  
SUNDAY** of the  
Passion of the  
Lord

*Hosanna!*



We  
join the excited crowd showering  
"Hosannas" on Jesus, who enters  
Jerusalem as our servant king.

**ALL TO GATHER INSIDE THE  
SCHOOL BY THE INNER GATES.  
PALMS TO BE DISTRIBUTED  
OUTSIDE THE CHURCH.**

**EASTER OFFERING:** The  
collection on Easter Sunday forms  
a large percentage of a parish  
priest's annual income. Click on  
this link to donate via our  
website: [Woodley St John Bosco Roman  
Catholic Church Easter Collection -  
fundraising for Woodley St John Bosco  
Roman Catholic Church | Give as you Live  
Donate](http://Woodley St John Bosco Roman Catholic Church Easter Collection - fundraising for Woodley St John Bosco Roman Catholic Church | Give as you Live Donate) Or put money in the basket  
at the Easter Vigil or Easter  
Sunday Mass.

**ALL Easter collections  
(apart from Good Friday) goes to  
the priest.**



**GOOD FRIDAY OFFERING 18TH  
April: Holy Places.** Portsmouth  
Roman Catholic Diocese is raising  
money for Christians in the Holy  
Land. The Pontifical Good Friday  
Collection supports the Christian  
community in the Middle East. **This  
last year has been particularly  
challenging for this small  
community which seeks 'to be the  
salt, light and leaven of the  
Gospel' in the region, often living  
in difficult circumstances.**

**"May this year's collection pro  
Terra Sancta be an opportunity  
for everyone not to ignore the  
difficult situation of our brothers  
and sisters of the Holy Places but  
rather to lighten their burdens." -  
Leonardo Card. Sandri**  
**Thank you for your support."**

Funds collected make up the main  
source of material support for  
Christian life in the Holy Land. For  
online giving click: [Holy Places  
Second Collection 2025 | Give as you  
Live Donate](http://Holy Places Second Collection 2025 | Give as you Live Donate)

**Baskets will be available on Good  
Friday.**

**Today's Psalm Response: My God, my God, why have you  
forsaken me?**

LITURGICAL CALENDAR  
9.30am Adoration before weekday Masses



SUN 13TH APR	<b>PALM SUNDAY</b> of the Passion of the Lord	17.50 18.30PM	<b>ROSARY</b> Thanksgiving (S & T)
Mon 14th	<b>Of HOLY WEEK</b>	06.00AM 10.00AM	Hayres Hill - B'day Altar Servers Practice
Tues 15th	<b>Of HOLY WEEK</b> <i>(No Mass here)</i>	11.00am	Join the Cathedral online at
Wed 16th	<b>Of HOLY WEEK</b>	No Mass	
<b>Easter Triduum</b>			
Thurs 17th	<b>MAUNDY THURSDAY</b> Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper 7.00pm	Remember me	<b>Watching in the Lady Chapel until closing Prayer at MIDNIGHT</b>
Fri 18th	<b>GOOD FRIDAY</b> Celebration of the Lord's Passion 3.00pm	Good Friday	11.00AM 3.00PM Stations of the Cross <b>Good Friday Service</b>
Sat 19th	<b>HOLY SATURDAY OF</b> - THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD - EASTER VIGIL 8.00pm	Easter Vigil	People to assemble outside of the church entrance at <b>7.45</b> for the solemn blessing of the Fire & Preparation of the Paschal Candle
SUN 20TH APR	<b>EASTER SUNDAY OF</b> THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD 10.00am	He IS Risen!	<b>Children's Liturgy</b> 10.00AM

**17th April - Maundy  
Thursday 7.00pm Mass**  
of the Lords Supper.

Includes washing of the feet and transfer of the Blessed Sacrament to the Altar of Repose, in the Lady Chapel, until midnight. There will be a sign-up sheet in the foyer for washing of the feet and watching (broken into half hour groups for adoration) so that Our Lord is not left un-accompanied.



**GOOD FRIDAY: Is a day of Fast & Abstinence,** where we eat less and refrain from meat.



11.00AM Stations of the Cross



3.00PM Lord's Passion

5pm (following on from Passion) - **Divine Mercy Chaplet.** (Divine Mercy begins on Good Friday and ends 9 days later on Divine Mercy Sunday)

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY:** Taking place on PALM SUNDAY (sign in after the Procession with palms from inside the school & EASTER SUNDAY at 10.00am.

**HANDOUTS FOR  
PALM SUNDAY AND  
GOOD FRIDAY**

The Gospel reading's of Luke for Palm Sunday and John for Good Friday, have been prepared for you using the new gospel translations. Both handouts show in **bold and underlined** where the congregation are expected to participate, alongside the other readers.

**LENTEN ALMS:** You can still contribute to our Lenten Alms up to Maundy Thursday. Reminder - our Lenten Alms will be for



**Berkshire Women's Aid** - providing support and accommodation for women and their children who are affected by domestic abuse and violence.

**CHOSEN episode SCREENINGS:** Last showing this side of Easter is Palm Sunday.

**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, Stephanie James and Mary Johnston.  
*(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 (APRIL): Becky Janssens, John Jerome Devlin, Kevin Jordan, Susan Joy, Maggie O'Neill, Robert Booth, Aylish Hill, Terence Manzi, Alan Booth, Ina Dias, Judith Andalis, Robert John Ashe, John Knox and Harry Foster. May they rest in peace.

**EASTER MASSES**