

# St John Bosco



8th July 2018— 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle B - Issue 2027

**EMERGENCY NUMBERS FOR THE SACRAMENTAL MINISTRY OF A PRIEST:**  
**Fr Raffaele** 9693423  
**Fr Luca** 9693423  
**Fr. Pat** 9314469  
**Fr. Stan** 9663711  
**Fr. Peter** 9428632  
**Canon Michael** 9572149  
**Canon John O'Shea** 9574171  
*Please call your own priest first.*

**READING CHURCHES WEEKEND MASS TIMES:**

**CHRIST THE KING**  
 Sat 6.30pm & Sun 10am  
**ENGLISH MARTYRS**  
 Sat 6.30pm,  
 Sun 9.30am, 11.30am & 5pm  
**OUR LADY OF PEACE**  
 Sun 9am, 11am & 5pm  
**ST JAMES**  
 Sat 6pm, Sun 11am  
**ST JOHN BOSCO**  
 6.30pm  
 Sun 10am  
**ST WILLIAM OF YORK**  
 Sun 9am, 11am  
 6pm term time only  
**St JOSEPH'S**  
 Sun 8.30am & 10.30am

**GOING INTO HOSPITAL**  
 On admission, all Catholics must inform staff if they wish to receive Holy Communion or see a priest.  
**Royal Berkshire Hospital Chaplain: Fr JP Lyttle**  
 RBH: 0118 322 7105  
 Mobile: 07391 896559

**ST. DOMINIC SAVIO CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
 Western Avenue,  
 Woodley RG5 3BH  
 Tel. 0118 969 3893  
**Head Teacher:**  
 Mr. James Broadbridge  
**Website:**  
[www.stdominicsavio.co.uk](http://www.stdominicsavio.co.uk)

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CATECHISTS**

Presentation by Sr Hyacinthe of the new FHC programme is being held in the parish hall, English Martyrs.  
 Fri 13 Jul at 7.30pm

**VACANCY - FOUNDATION GOVERNOR AT BLESSED HUGH FARINGDON SCHOOL:** an opportunity to contribute to the growth and development of our local outstanding catholic secondary school. More information from parish office or school email [admin@hughfaringdon.reading.sch.uk](mailto:admin@hughfaringdon.reading.sch.uk) or 0118 957 4730.

**FLAME CATHOLIC YOUTH EVENT 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2019** at the SSE Arena, Wembley 12 noon – 5.30pm. For young people aged 14-21 years (YR10+) accompanied by parish youth leaders and priests. Tickets £20 pp. FREE coach from Reading (paid for by the parishes). Parents meeting in Feb. Booking forms available from the church porch. Closing date 30th September 18. See website [www.cymfed.org.uk/flame](http://www.cymfed.org.uk/flame).



**INVITATION**  
 to an Ecumenical Service for the reopening of the Reading Abbey Ruins at St James church on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> July at 3pm. An opportunity to celebrate our Christian heritage and to acknowledge the prayer and worship of the Benedictine monks in the Abbey over very many years. Sermon by Abbot of Douai, Geoffrey Scott. In attendance Mayor of Reading Cllr Debs Edwards. All are welcome – come and join us.

Portsmouth **DIOCESAN NEWSLETTER**  
<http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/enews/current.php>

**SHARE the JOURNEY with REFUGEES - SUNDAY 22 July - Prospect Park**  
*The SHARE the JOURNEY* global campaign inspired and launched by Pope Francis urges us all to reach out to and show solidarity with refugees who are on the move having been forced to flee their homes. CAFOD invites us to share in this campaign by walking towards a total of 24,900 miles - the distance round the world at the equator. You are invited to *SHARE THE JOURNEY* of these refugees by joining a walk around all or part of Prospect Park in Reading (total distance 2 miles approx.) on **SUNDAY 22 JULY, starting at 2.30 PM from the car park at English Martyrs Church.** CAFOD will ensure that every mile you walk is used to send a powerful message to world leaders. They too need to step up and protect the rights and dignity of Refugees. They need to act with courage and compassion when in September they agree ambitious new UN agreements on refugees and migration.

**WALK TO CHURCH WEEKEND**  
 7th/8th July  
 Please endeavour to do your bit for the planet by reducing use of fossil fuel by walking, cycling or even taking the bus to Mass on the weekend of 7/8th July

**St. John Bosco Church**  
 56 Western Avenue,  
 Woodley, Reading  
 RG5 3BH  
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**Priests:**  
 Fr Raffaele Cossa  
 Fr Luca Speziale

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**Facebook:**  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1455918784702101>



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**Church Office Hours:**  
**CLOSED: 10th –13th July**

Administrator: Karen Tarvin  
 0118 9693423

Safeguarding Rep:  
 Julie Hamblin  
 0118 9618918

**WEEKLY COLLECTION**

Envelopes £269.24  
 Loose £339.18  
 Standing orders: £450  
 Peters Pence: £135.01  
**Thank you for your kind and generous donations which go towards the maintenance & running of the parish**  
 This Weekend's Special Collection: Apostleship of the Sea

**THOUGHT OF THE WEEK**

After Jesus, when he was about 30 years old, had left Nazareth and had already been travelling about preaching and working miracles of healing elsewhere, he once returned to his birthplace and started teaching in the synagogue. His fellow citizens "were astonished" by his wisdom, and knowing him as "the son of Mary", as the carpenter who had lived in their midst, instead of welcoming him with faith were shocked and took offence (cf. Mk 6:2-3). This reaction is understandable because familiarity at the human level makes it difficult to go beyond this in order to be open to the divine dimension. That this son of a carpenter was the Son of God was hard for them to believe. Jesus actually takes as an example the experience of the prophets of Israel, who in their own homeland were an object of contempt, and identifies himself with them. Due to this spiritual closure Jesus "could do no mighty work there [Nazareth], except that he laid his hands upon a few sick people and healed them" (Mk 6:5). It would therefore seem that Jesus—as is said—is making sense of the negative welcome he received in Nazareth. Instead, at the end of the account, we find a remark that says precisely the opposite. The Evangelist writes that Jesus " marvelled because of their unbelief" (Mk 6:6). The astonishment of Jesus' fellow townspeople is matched by his own surprise. In a certain sense he too is shocked! Although he knows that no prophet is well accepted in his homeland, the closed heart of his people was nevertheless obscure and impenetrable to him: how could they fail to recognize the light of the Truth? Why did they not open themselves to the goodness of God who deigned to share in our humanity? Effectively Jesus of Nazareth the man is the transparency of God, in him God dwells fully. And while we are constantly seeking other signs, other miracles, we do not realize that he is the true Sign, God made flesh, he is the greatest miracle in the world: the whole of God's love contained in a human heart, in a man's face.

**Responsorial Psalm: 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time,**  
 "Our eyes are on the Lord till he show us his mercy"



**CONFESSIONS—Saturdays 5.30-6.30pm**

*St John Bosco Parish is a vibrant and worshipping community in the heart of Woodley. We are committed to serve, to grow, to connect and to give.*

## MASS INTENTIONS & FEAST DAYS

Date	Time	Dedication	Intention	Notes
Sat 7 July	9.30am 6.30pm	Feria <b>14th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	Alphonsus + (C Hall)	
Sun 8 July	10.00am	<b>14th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	Catherine Fappiano + (Mulligan family)	
Mon 9 July	9.30am	Feria		
Tue 10 July	9.30am 6.00pm 7.00pm	Feria Adoration Feria		
Wed 11 July	9.30am	<b>ST BENEDICT</b>		
Thur 12 July	9.30am	Feria		
Fri 13 July	9.00am 9.30am	Adoration Feria	Fr Gerald Murphy Jubilee Anniversary of Ordination (Sr Joseph)	
Sat 14 July	9.30am 6.30pm	Feria <b>15th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	Jo & Bob Blagbrough + (The family)	
Sun 15 July	10.00am	<b>15th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	Private Intentions (Evans family)	Baptism

**Tea/coffee in the Newman Centre after Mass on a Friday and Sunday - All Welcome**

**If you wish to book a Mass Intention when the office is closed please see Pia Gibbs**

### DATES FOR THE DIARY:

**Thurs, 12 Jul, 2pm—Over 60s**

Beavers: Mon 6.00 - 7.00pm, Cubs: Thurs 6.30 - 8.30pm, Scouts: Mon 7.30pm - 9.30pm

Light the Sanctuary Lamp for loved ones, either in the Main Church or Lady Chapel for the week, Sun — Sat for a suggested £10 donation



### **THE SANCTUARY LAMP FOR WEEK:**

**8th to 14th July is dedicated to**

**Main Church: Daniel Fernandes  
Lady Chapel:**

# News & Events

### CONFIRMATION 2019

Confirmation is offered for all young baptised Catholics who are in secondary school Year 8 or above in September 2018. **Enrolment now open!** Reading Pastoral Area is to celebrate confirmation at the Cathedral in Portsmouth with Bishop Philip on Saturdays & Sundays Eastertime (21st April to 9th June) 2019. Dates to be confirmed. Please complete the application form, parental consent form (available from the church porch) and return them together with a copy of your baptism certificate and when possible to the Parish office, Fr Raffaele or Fr Luca by 31st July 2018. We ask, where possible, for a £30 donation per candidate to cover the costs of the programme and the retreat. Thank you.



### THIS SUNDAY - SEA SUNDAY

will be celebrated this weekend. Please remember to pray for seafarers, their families and all who support them, including Apostleship of the Sea. Please support our second collection. All funds raised go to the Apostleship of the Sea to support their work. Apostleship of the Sea provides spiritual and practical support, information and a listening ear to seafarers. For more information go to <https://www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk/>

### YOUTH AND FAMILY MASS

Sunday 8th July at Prospect Park at 2pm. Music led by English Martyrs Youth choir. Picnic after the Mass. Come with a mat or foldable chair and food and drink to share. Children are the Responsibility of Parents/Guardians at all times. ALL WELCOME!

### THANK YOU AND FAREWELL

We will be having a thank you and farewell bbq for Frs Raffaele and Luca, 6.30pm on Fri, 20th July. There is a sign up sheet in the porch to help on the day. Tickets are complimentary and available after Mass or from the parish office. Can you please ensure you get one in order that we can have some idea of numbers. Monetary donations towards food and drink greatly appreciated, please see Pia or Karen in the parish office. Many thanks. All Welcome.

Thank you and Farewell

**BARBECUE**

6.30pm - 20th July



### MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

14th/15th July

#### Readers

**Saturday**  
Izzy Aguiar  
James Turner  
Joshua Loan  
**Sunday**  
Teresa McKendrick  
George Bundy  
Helen Wann



#### Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

**Saturday**  
A Dworzak  
J Tan Gurney  
M Abayaratna  
**Sunday**  
C Owens  
G Short  
A Dworzak  
J Jeyakumar  
J Moreira  
M Moreira  
M Babalola



A  
B + Altar  
C  
D + Altar  
Altar only  
Altar only  
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#### Welcomers

**Saturday**  
Phyl Cook  
Jo Batchelor  
**Sunday**  
Marian Edwards  
Alana Roberts



### PLEASE PRAY FOR

Members of the parish who are sick or housebound, especially our housebound Elizabeth Faulkner, Sheila Arkle, Gertrude Burke, Peter Hill, Jill O'Rourke, Alan Knox, Lucy McSharry and Bruce Bentley and for all who receive Holy Communion at home, in nursing homes or in hospital.

For all the faithful departed especially Kitty Foley, Maura Cox, William (Liam) Murphy, Ken Webb, Christopher Larkin, Jo Blagbrough, Maggie Beresford, Bernard Joy OBE, Joseph Darné, John Davis, Zofia Niedzwiedzka, Tony Jacobs, Margaret Bond, Bridget Pocock, Pauline Siveter, Eileen Murphy and all whose anniversaries fall at this time. May they all rest in peace.

