St. Dominic Savio Primary School -
Western Avenue,
Woodley RG5 3BH
Tel. 0118 969 3893
Head Teacher:
Mr. James Broadbridge

Emergency numbers for the Sacramental Ministry of a priest:

Fr Bon 969 3423
Fr. Pat 931 4469
Fr. Stan 966 3711
Canon Michael 957 2149
Canon John O'Shea 957 4171
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
Sat 6.30pm & Sun 10am

ST WILLIAM OF YORK
Sun 9am, 11am & 6pm

Volunteers Required: Caritas Diocese of Portsmouth and English Martyrs Primary School in Reading are planning to offer adult literacy lessons from November 2016 for the parents of children in the school who have English as a second language. The lessons will take place at the school between 3.30pm and 5.30pm (to make use of after school child care facilities) for two session a week if possible. Training for volunteers will be provided as will graded materials and supervision. There is an initial meeting on Thursday 6th October 3.30-5.30 at the primary school followed by two training sessions (3.30pm-5.30pm on Thursdays 13th and 20th October). There are already identified parents who would like this support so please consider volunteering. **Further details from Caroline Virgo – cvirgo@portsmouthdiocese.org**

The Catenians

The Reading Catenians will be at Mass on 1st and 2nd Oct, to talk about membership and social activities. Their next event is a wine-tasting and quiz night at Our Lady of Peace social club on Sat 29th October, to which all are welcome. Full details at the talk, or contact Sean Walsh 07850 933647
sean.walsh@btconnect.com
http://www.thecatenians.com/

NEXT MEETING DATES:
19th Sept NO Prayer Group
3rd Woodley St John Bosco Scout Group: Term Time Only
Beavers: Mon 6.00 - 7.00 pm
Cubs: Thu 6.30 - 8.30pm
Scouts Mon 7.30 - 9.30pm

Attention all Nigerians in St. John Bosco and beyond!
Are invited to a Mass of thanksgiving for Nigeria's independence, to be celebrated by Bishop Philip
2.00pm, Sun. 2 Oct 16, Cathedral of St John the Evangelist, Portsmouth.
All people of African descent and friends are welcome
Contact **Nkem Ezekwe on 07788666137** for further details.

Faith and Fantasy: Christianity in the works of Tolkien and Lewis
Alex Gushurst-More.
Mon 24th Oct. 7.30pm, Zero Degrees Bar, Bridge Street, Reading.
Alex's Masters dissertation at the University of Edinburgh explored the link between Tolkien's Catholicism and the Lord of the Rings.

We are revamping our parish newsletter and would like to hear any suggestions/comments you may have. Anyone wishing to receive a newsletter in larger print please contact the parish office

ST JOHN BOSCO BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE
Please keep in your prayers all those with Anniversaries in September
Peggy Murphy + Heather Chandler + Kathleen Henson + Rita Jacobs + Josie Mannion + Laurence Keenan + Harold Guttridge+
Adela Lukomska + Yvonne Young +

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St John Bosco

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Church Office is open next week:
Tues-Fri: 8.30am - 1.30pm

OUR PARISH CORE GROUP
Offer Prayers for Everyone, Everyday

Those who attend daily Mass are informed, formed and transformed through the readings, Holy Communion, prayer and the homily. The core group of many parishes is made of such people. They know the parish and parishioners very well. From among them emerge cleaners, readers, welcomers, sacristans, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, altar servers, and coordinators of parish groups and events. They readily and gladly volunteer to organize cake sales, coffees, parish fetes and support to families in crisis. They seem to have endless energy and enthusiasm. But the secret for most of these people is: daily Mass. **It is daily Mass more than anything else that produces a core group. Daily Mass nourishes, strengthens, educates, enlightens and fills us with the Holy Spirit, so that at the dismissal: *Go an announce the Gospel of the Lord,* we are ready to go and minister in the world.** Over time, that core group loses members to heaven, illness, frailty, Nursing Homes, and begins to shrink. Their roles fall back on the remaining few, putting more pressure on them, which can lead to stress or force them to break. Listening to God's word and feeding on the Eucharist everyday has great power in building up the core group. Those who can't attend daily Mass try to do so as often as possible. Today, we pray that more people will discover the valour, sweetness and power of daily Mass and try to make time for it in their busy lives.

PARISH CENTRE WILL BE OPENING SHORTLY

Responsorial Psalm: Year C
"Praise the Lord, who raises the poor"

Confessions

Saturdays
5.30 - 6.00pm

YEAR OF MERCY
2015 –2016

WEEKLY COLLECTION
Envelopes £246.61
Loose £344.50
Standing orders: £510

Thank you for your kind and generous donations

Next Special Collection:
18th Sept—Home Mission Sunday

ST JOHN BOSCO PARISH
CELEBRATING
70 YEARS
1946- 2016
BUILDING A STRONG WORSHIPING COMMUNITY

MASS INTENTIONS & FEAST DAYS

Date	Time	Dedication	Intention	Diary
Sat 17th Sept	**6.30pm**	**25th Sunday of Ordinary Time**	Ina Dias + (Lucy Collaco)	
Sun 18th Sept	**10.00am**	**25th Sunday of Ordinary Time**	Joyce Robeiro + (Rita Belletty)	
Mon 19h Sept		**NO SERVICE Church open for visits**		**NO Prayer Group**
Tues 20th Sept	**6.00pm 7.00pm**	**Adoration St Andrew Kim Taegon**	Teresa & Gioacchino Amodio+ (Rosamaria Pinder)	
Wed 21st Sept	**9.15am**	**ST MATTHEW**	Laura Chareun (Mary Price)	
Thur 22nd Sept	**9.15am**	**Feria**	Pauline & Steve 40th Wedding Anniversary (Bernie Hill)	9.15am - Whole School Mass 2pm - Over 60's
Fri 23rd Sept	**9.00am**	**St Pio of Pietrelcina**	Bishop Edward Daly + (Barry & Eileen Ford)	
Sat 24th Sept	**6.30pm**	**26th Sunday of Ordinary Time**		
Sun 25th Sept	**10.00am**	**26th Sunday of Ordinary Time**	Fr Chris Whelan & Family	

THE SANCTUARY LAMPS FOR WEEK:

18th to 24th September is dedicated to:
Main Church: **Lady Chapel:**

News & Events

Part of the 70th anniversary celebrations

BLESSING OF THE "NEW" PARISH CENTRE
Will take place shortly, date & time To be confirmed

JOINT CELEBRATION
ST JOHN BOSCO CHURCH AND ST DOMINIC SAVIO SCHOOL

There will be a joint celebration of the 50th Anniversary of St Dominic Savio school and the 70th Anniversary of our Parish on Friday, 7th October 2016 at 1.30pm.

CARDINAL NEWMAN CELEBRATION

Led by the British Community.
will take place on Saturday, 8th at 6.30pm after Mass. Tickets are £6.00 per adult and £3.00 per child (under 4's are free). Tickets will be on sale from17th September There is a sign up sheet for dishes and food required, in the church porch. If you have any question please contact Pia Gibbs (07941 411791) or contact the parish office.

MASSES IN THE HOME
if you are interested in having a Mass celebrated in your home there is a sign up sheet in the church porch. Home Masses will take place on Tuesday evenings, 7pm starting in October.

ROSARY PRAYER OCTOBER
Wednesdays and Friday 9.00am, Saturday 6.00pm and Sunday 9.25am in the Lady Chapel.
All Welcome!

MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND
24th/25th September

Readers
Saturday
James Lobo
Mary Keenan
Sunday
Brenda D'Mello
Christopher Esuk

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
Saturday
B Ford
L Lobo
L Carter
Sunday
M Armstead
N Lamb
B Buckley
M Gilbert
M Babalola
P Gibbs

A + Altar
B + Altar
C + Altar
D
Altar only
Altar only

YOUTH MASSES
Following the successful Youth Alpha Course in the parish in 2016 Youth Masses will be held every third Sunday afternoon starting in October . If you would like any further information please contact Benet Gillespie or the parish office

Please note that the start of the Confirmation programme has changed from Saturday, 24th September to Saturday, 9th October.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Thank You

For the kind and generous donations received for the Parish project which to date has raised £1,370

Thank you to all those that attended the Parish Group Lead meeting on Wednesday. We had a productive meeting and can hopefully move forward with ideas that were discussed.

This weekend we celebrate our special **Creation Mass**