

# St John Bosco



9TH DECEMBER — 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT, CYCLE C - ISSUE 2046

**FR BILL WRITES:** Over the last three months I've been working closely with our Maintenance Team and Finance Committee to identify work that needs doing to ensure we are up to speed with health and safety, compliance issues, and general repairs. For the most part, the issues identified have been long overdue for attention or have been long recognised and left outstanding. The Maintenance Team, Finance Committee, the Diocese and I agree that we can't continue in this way. At the moment we are working on security, fire, plumbing, heating, disability access and other issues concerning the house, the church, the Newman Centre and the office. Over the next few weeks you will be noticing some changes including: emergency lighting, enhanced fire escape routes; better heating in the chapel, flower room and sacristy, new sound system, and perimeter fences and gates. We will refurbish the flower room. We now have power points in the foyer and soon there will be a heater above the main doors to keep the heat in. The roof lantern tower will be patched. The area linking the Centre, office and house will be re-ordered with direct access to the kitchen from the Centre, rather than from the side. The house will have its own boiler, as will the admin area/Centre. The office area will be separated from the Centre to provide a safe, secure, and confidential working area for me and the parish administrator. The house is in a very poor state of decoration and will be brought up to scratch. The Diocese is aware of these issues and, in some cases, has insisted they be acted upon. Once all of this has been attended to, we will turn our attention to the Quinquennial inspection that took place in August. The main item arising from the report is the church roof, which will need to be completely overhauled in the next five years. I am very grateful to the Maintenance Team and the Finance Committee for all they do.

*Kindly, Fr. Bill*



**CONFESSIONS**  
Saturdays, 5.45pm—6.10pm

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Number 246871

**Church Office Hours:**  
Tues to Fri, 8.30am—1.30pm

Administrator: Karen Tarvin  
0118 9693423

Safeguarding Rep:  
Julie Hamblin  
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**YELDALL MANOR APPEAL:** Contributions to the Yeldall Manor residents' Christmas stockings of small items such as men's clothing (e.g.. socks, scarves, gloves, underpants), toiletries, confectionary, stationary and other stocking fillers (no alcohol please) can be made by placing them in the box provided or leaving or giving them to Barry Ford. Please wrap the items, with a "post it" note attached indicating the contents. Please donate in time for gifts to be delivered to Yeldall Manor before 17 December. Thank you.

**MILES AND DAUGHTERS** will be holding a Memorial Service for their clients at St John Bosco at 7pm 18 December. We are happy that we have been able to provide the facilities for this event.

**ST DOMINIC SAVIO OPEN DAY:** 9 January, 9.15am to 10.45am. Come and visit them! More details at [www.stdominicsavio.co.uk](http://www.stdominicsavio.co.uk)

**SIMBANG GABI MASS:** Sun 23rd Dec in St James Church at 6.30pm. All are welcome.

**BLESSED HUGH FARINGDON:** Exam Invigilators—Casual Contract, £9.68. A job description and application form can be downloaded from <http://www.hughfaringdon.org/information/vacancies>. Closing Date—12pm, Tues 18 Dec.

*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.*

**ST DOMINIC SAVIO:** The governing body of St Dominic Savio are currently consulting on their admission arrangements for 2020/21. For more information please see the document in the church porch.

**PA PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND** Wed 15-22 May 2019. Cost: £1360pp. Flights from Heathrow. Deposit £250pp. Led by Canons John O'Shea & Michael Dennehy. Apply to St James, Reading on 0118 957 4171 or email [stjames@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:stjames@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk). **ONLY 4 PLACES LEFT – DON'T DELAY**

**WOODLEY ADOPT A STREET PROJECT (W.A.S.P.):** Does litter annoy you, especially along your own road? Are you prepared to help keep your own stretch of road clear of litter or maybe a local footpath or green area? For more information please see poster in the church porch.

**WEEKLY COLLECTION**

Envelopes: £200.50  
Loose: £342.12  
Standing orders: £450.00

**Thank you for your kind and generous donations which go towards the maintenance and running of the parish.**

**Next Special Collections:**  
15/16 Dec - Christmas Flowers

ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICES		
Date	Time	Venue
Mon 10 Dec	7.30pm	St John Bosco
Tue 11 Dec	7.30pm	St Joseph's
Wed 12 Dec	7.30pm	Christ the King
Thur 13 Dec	7.30pm	St Anne's
Fri 14 Dec	7.30pm	Our Lady of Peace
Sat 15 Dec	11.00am	English Martyrs
Mon 17 Dec	7.30pm	St James

**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)

**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

## LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Date	Time	Dedication	Priest's Intention	Notes
Sat 8 Dec	6.30pm	2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT	Deceased members of the Foley family (Bridget Foley)	
Sun 9 Dec	10.00am	2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT	Ken Smyth + (Mary Smyth & Family)	
	11.30am 12.15pm	Baptism of Alexander Allen Baptism of Diana Di Mascolo		
Mon 10 Dec	7.30pm	Of the 2nd Week of Advent Penitential Service		
Tues 11 Dec	9.30am 10.00am	Of the 2nd Week of Advent Adoration	Bruce & Duncan Bentley + (Angela & Family)	
Wed 12 Dec	No Service	Of the 2nd Week of Advent		
Thur 13 Dec	9.30am	St Lucy	Jean Bellinger (Rita Bellety)	
Fri 14 Dec	9.00am 9.30am	Adoration St John of the Cross	Fr Joe McNerney - 25th Ann of Ordination (Eileen & Barry Ford)	
Sat 15 Dec	6.30pm	3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT	Richard Gurney + (Jo-Ann Tan Gurney)	
Sun 16 Dec	10.00am	3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT	Elvio Fappiano + (Mulligan family)	

**Responsorial Psalm: 2nd Sunday of Advent,**  
"What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad."

**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.**

**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:**

**9th to 22nd December is dedicated to**

**Main Church: Ed Hill +  
Lady Chapel: Ed Hill +**



## News & Events

### Dates for the Diary:

Monday 10	7.30pm	Penitential Service	SJB Church
Thursday 13	1.00pm	Clergy Christmas lunch	Reading
	2.00pm	Over 60's	Newman Centre
Sat/Sun 15/16	After Mass	Minister of Communion Briefing	SJB Church
	After Mass	Traidcraft	SJB Church
Monday 17	7.00pm	Confirmation session	SJB Church

### CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES:

#### Monday, 24 December

5pm Christmas Eve  
Children's Mass  
7.30pm Carol Service  
8.00pm Christmas Eve  
Mass during the  
Night

#### Tuesday, 25th December

10.00am Christmas Day  
Mass

#### Wednesday, 26th December

No Mass

**BAPTISM:** We welcome Alexander Allen and Diana Di Mascolo, for baptism at St John Bosco, this Sunday after Mass.




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### COME HOME FOR

**CHRISTMAS:** this weekend postcards will be handed out for our Come Home for Christmas campaign. We will be using printed cards which include dates of our Christmas Masses, as well as a message from the Bishop. Please could every household personally hand these out in their local community to lapsed Catholics they may know, a work colleague from the area, a neighbour, a friend or anyone they think may be interested in attending Christmas Mass. It is so much easier to approach someone if you have something to hand out. If each household handed out just 3 cards we would personally be inviting over 300 new people to our Masses this Christmas. This is a great way to show how we as a church are welcoming and we pray that we will see many new faces at our church this Christmas.

**REPOSITORY:** Christmas cards, candles and gifts now on sale. All proceeds towards the maintenance of our church. Thank you for your support.

 **GERTRUDE BURKE'S** Funeral Mass will be held at St John Bosco, 2pm on Tuesday, 18 December. Gertrude's family invite everyone to refreshment's in the Newman Centre following the Funeral Mass. They will also be having a celebration of Gertrude's life in the Newman Centre after Mass on Sunday 23rd Dec, all welcome.



### PLEASE PRAY FOR

Members of the parish who are sick or housebound, especially Elizabeth Faulkner, Sheila Arkle, Peter Hill, Jill O'Rourke, Alan Knox, Lucy McSharry, Julia Churchhouse and for all who receive Holy Communion at home, in nursing homes or in hospital. For all the faithful departed especially: Ruby Gomez, Robert Ashe, Eammon Burke, Raymond Cook, Peggy Pounds, Aguida Ortiz, Sarah Keenan, Guillermo Larano, Sheila Halse, Connie Hayes, Peggie Bentley, Sarah Irving, Arthur Jacobs, John Michael McNamara, Patricia Gray, Ralph Gomez, Jessie Ayres, George Bentley, Richard Gurney, Norman West, Sister Mary Agatha and all whose anniversaries fall at this time. May they all rest in peace.

