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: 322 7105 Parish: 957 2149

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

HELPING REFUGEES
The diocesan Refugee Response Working Group is looking for new members, especially those with administration experience, & knowledge of the Middle East, refugee issues. Please visit www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/rrwg, email PCS@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or call Fr Peter Hollins on 01730 262 290

ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE
Early Years open Afternoons, Thurs 25 Jan and Fri 23 Feb
4.15 - 5.30pm
Prep Open Morning
Tue, 13 Mar,
9.30 - 11.00am

TRAIDCRAFT - No Sales this weekend but if you would like anything please contact Mary Johnston.

JAC, Christian charity is looking for Volunteer and Sessional Mentors (paid) - Qruine Assisted Learning, Small Animals and Horticulture.
For More information please see the poster in the church porch

ST DOMINICS SAVIO OPEN DAYS
Tues 9th Jan 18
9.15am to 10.45am. Come and visit us!
More details at www.stdominicsavio.co.uk

The January edition of **MY DAY BY Day** is available from the church porch—£1 per copy

WORLD YOUTH DAY
Portsmouth Diocese is sending a group of 18-30s to World Youth Day, Panama January 2019 (21st—27th) Anyone who would like to go should express their interest by emailing youth@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk no later than 15th January. The cost is in the region of £1800 and support will be given for seeking sponsorship and fundraising.

SIMBANG GABI
The yearly Filipino Simbang Gabi Mass that takes place in December will now be on Wed, *20th December at 7.30pm in the parish church of Christ The King in Whitley.* The main celebrant will be Fr. Claro, the Filipino chaplain.

CATENIAN BURSARY FUND
Helping young Catholics help others
VOLUNTEERING?
Need more cash to help with your expenses? Each year the Catenian Bursary Fund makes awards of over £100,000 to young Catholics aged between 16 and 24 who volunteer to work on projects overseas and as helpers on HCPT and Diocesan pilgrimages. For Full details including eligibility criteria and to apply online visit www.thecatenians.com/Bursary

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http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/enews/current.php

THE ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH OF

St John Bosco

17th December 2017 - 3rd Sunday of Advent, Cycle B - Issue 1199

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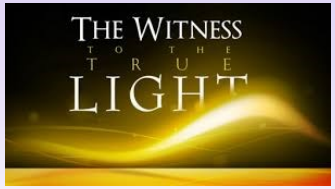
WEEKLY COLLECTION

Envelopes £120.00
Loose £274.24
Standing orders: £510

Thank you for your kind and generous donations which go towards the maintenance & running of the parish
Next Special Collection:
21st January—Cathedral

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK



We like to see the 'stretch in the evenings' which will begin happening this week. Slowly over the next few months the darkness of the day will be lightened. In a dark room we search for the switch. In religious terms we take the Easter light from the candle all year. Jesus describes himself as the light coming into the world.

We look for many ways to enlighten or give meaning to our lives: wealth, honour, achievements. Sometimes good, sometimes not so good or even evil. The light of Jesus – the light of God's existence in love in each of us, and the call to share that light – gives a full meaning to our lives.

This time of year is also the time for many collections. Our contributions bring light to the many dark places of sheer poverty. Bl John Sullivan SJ, recently beatified used say to pupils he taught: 'Any friend of God is a friend of the poor.' Pope Francis links care for the poor and the light of Jesus: "Love for the poor has been the sign, the light that draws people to give glory to the Father."

Sit for a few moments and be aware of your breathing. On the in breath welcome into your body and soul the light of God and allow it fill you. On the out breath say, 'Come, Lord Jesus'.

Lord, may your kingdom come this time of year,

Responsorial Psalm: 3rd Sunday of Advent, Cycle B
"My soul rejoices in my God"

CONFESSIONS—Saturdays 5.30pm

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 16 Dec	**9.30am** **6.30pm**	**Of the 2nd week of Advent** **3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT**	Manuelina Fernandes (Lucy Collaco)	
Sun 17 Dec	**10.00am**	**3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT**	M Fernandes + (L Leitao) Cliff Nutley + (Maria Nutley)	Baptism **NO tea/ coffee after Mass**
Mon 18 Dec	**9.30am**	**Of the 3rd week of Advent**		
Tue 19 Dec	**9.30am** **6.00pm** **7.00pm**	**Of the 3rd week of Advent** **Adoration** **Of the 3rd week of Advent**	Ken Smyth + (Angela Bentley) Catherine Keating + (Tara Sharp)	
Wed 20 Dec	**9.30am**	**Of the 3rd week of Advent**	Richard Gurney + (Jo-Ann Tan Gurney) Patricia Gray + (Carolyn Lawrence)	
Thur 21 Dec	**9.30am** **12 Noon**	**Of the 3rd week of Advent** **Requiem Mass Ken Smyth**	Mary & Barry Hiscox (B Foley)	
Fri 22 Dec	**9.00am** **9.30am**	**Adoration** **Of the 3rd week of Advent**	Special Intentions John, Michele & Family (Mary & Frank Dodd) Ken Smyth (Rita Bellety)	
Sat 23 Dec	**9.30am** **6.30pm**	**Of the 3rd Week of Advent** **4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT**	George Bentley + (Angela Bentley)	
S Dec	**10.00am** **5.00pm** **Midnight**	**4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT** **CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS MASS** **CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE & MIDNIGHT MASS**	The Parish Peggy Potter+ (Julie Fleming)	

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

DATES FOR THE DIARY:
7—9pm, 22nd Dec, Student Night (please remember to email to confirm your attendance—thank you)

THE SANCTUARY LAMP FOR WEEK:
17th to 23rd December is dedicated to:
Main Church:
Lady Chapel:

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CHRISTMAS HAMPER RAFFLE

Please buy your raffle tickets for our Christmas Raffle. 1st & 2nd prizes, Christmas hampers, with lots of other wonderful prizes to win. Tickets available after Mass, from Pia Gibbs or from the Parish office. Prize draw to be held after Mass on Friday, 22nd December. All proceeds go towards the replacement of the church roof and windows. Please support this much Needed cause. Thank you.

A CHRISTMAS GIFT FROM THE BISHOP!

This Christmas, as a help to the work of evangelisation across the Diocese, Bishop Philip wishes to give a gift to everyone who comes to Christmas Mass—a copy of the book "**Rediscover Jesus**" by Matthew Kelly.**" Rediscover Jesus**" consists of a collection of 40 short chapters, 3-8 pages each, that focus on a particular way to know Jesus and to open the reader's life to His grace. Each reading concludes with a Point to Ponder, a Verse to Live, a Question to Consider and a Short Prayer. May it help all of us in our efforts at "Bringing people closer to Jesus Christ through His Church."

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

SATURDAY 23rd DECEMBER
9.30am Mass
6.30pm Mass
SUNDAY 24th DECEMBER
10am Sunday Mass
5pm Christmas Eve Children's Mass
11.30pm Christmas Eve Carol Service & Midnight Mass
MONDAY 25th DECEMBER
8.00am Christmas Day Mass
10.00am Christmas Day Mass
TUESDAY 26th DECEMBER
St Stephen's day
10.00am Mass **Altar Server's Dedication**

MASS INTENTIONS

Mass intention diary is available to book Masses for next year. The diocesan suggested stipend is £10 per Mass. Please fill in the request envelope in the porch, see Pia Gibbs after Mass or contact the parish office to book your Mass intentions. If you have a particular date you would like please ensure you book well in advance.

Please keep in your prayers Ken Smyth, whose Requiem Mass is at St John Bosco at 12 noon, Thursday 21st December. Our thoughts are with his family.

MINISTERS FOR UPCOMING WEEKEND ROTAS

23th/24th December Christmas Day & Boxing Day

Volunteer Rota, please sign up using sheet in the church porch, see Pia Gibb or inform the Parish office of your availability. Thank you

WEEKEND OF 30th/31st December

Readers

Saturday
Angela King
Celia Loan
Sunday
Andy Johnston
Jo Poole

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Saturday
B Ford
M Abayaratna
A Dworzak
Sunday

M Nowak-Alum	A
M Tilney	B + Altar
M Moffat	C
N Lamb	D + Altar
K DSouza	Altar only
P Gibbs	Altar only
M Babalola	Altar only

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Members of the parish who are sick or housebound, especially our housebound Elizabeth Faulkner, Sheila Arkle, Gertrude Burke, Keith Pearson, Peter Hill, Jill O'Rourke and Alan Knox 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.