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

VACANCY REFUGEE PROJECT **DEVELOPMENT MANAGER**

The Roman Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth is currently looking to employ someone in the above role. Part Time. 14 hrs per week. £14.31 per/hr Application closing date: Tuesday, 1st May Interviews to be held Friday. 11th May with an anticipated start date as soon as possible from May 2018. For informal enquiries about the post please contact Fr Mark Hogan: evangelisation @portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or

CALLED AND GIFTED

Sherry Weddell, author of Called and Gifted, and ~Forming Intentional Disciples, is coming to the diocese next month. There are two events for laity, held at the Basingstoke Country Hotel. On Fri 18th May 2pm - 7pm she will be speaking about parish renewal and a few of our parishes will be sharing what they are doing. On Sat 19thMay 9.30am - 4.30pm Sherry will be focusing on the personal spiritual journey and how each of us can develop our love and relationship with the Lord. For more details and to book free places, please email Clare at csimpson@

portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

ROSARY ON THE COAST (VIA RIVER THAMES)

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April 29th, Catholics will undertake a walk to extend the protection of the Rosary around the whole coast of England. Scotland and Wales. As we have no coast in our Pastoral Area, we have decided to have our Rosarv on the Coast via River Thames. The event will begin with a short service at Our Lady of Peace BI Dominic Barberi at 2pm, after which we will conduct the Rosary Walk from Thames Valley Park to Sonning and back. Please contact OLOP's Parish Office if you are interested in joining.

Friday 11th May - St William of York, Upper Redlands Road, RG1 5JP - 8.00pm-9.30pm Since 1967 nearly nine million unborn babies have been lost by abortion, and every year many thousands of women suffer following an abortion. There is a concerted effort to decriminalise abortion, which will make it available up to birth for any reason - putting vast numbers of unborn children and vulnerable women at risk of exploitation by the abortion industry.

Dearest friends at St. John Bosco, thank you for the warm welcome which you made me during my brief visit. You are always in my prayers. Lots of Love, Fr Bon

ANY UNWANTED FOREIGN CURRENCY OR OLD **CURRENCY FOREIGN OR BRITISH** as a charity we can exchange these, if legal tender for GBP, OLD CURRENCY FOREIGN OR BRITISH, can be exchanged by weight for cash. This will all help with fund raising with the running and maintenance of the parish your help and support is appreciated

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THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

Today's Gospel shows us Jesus during the Last Supper, in the moment He knows His death is close at hand. His 'hour' has come. For it is the last time He is with His disciples. and now He wants to impress firmly a fundamental truth in their minds: even when He will no longer be physically present in the midst of them, they will still be able to remain united to Him in a new way, and thus bear much fruit. Everyone can be united to Jesus in a new way. If, on the contrary, one should lose this unity with Him, this union with Him, would become sterile, or rather, harmful to the community. And to express this reality, this new way of being united to Him, Jesus uses the image of the vine and the branches: Just "as a branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches" (Jn 15:4-5). With this image He teaches us how to abide Him, to be united to Him, even though He is not physically present.

Jesus is the vine, and through Him — like the sap in the tree - the very love of God, the Holy Spirit is passed to the branches. Look: we are the branches, and through this parable, Jesus wants us to understand the importance of remaining united to him. The branches are not self-sufficient. but depend totally on the vine, in which the source of their life is found. So it is with us Christians. Grafted by Baptism in Christ, we have freely received the gift of new life from Him; and thanks to the Church we are able to remain in vital communion with Christ. We must remain faithful to Baptism. and grow in intimacy with the Lord through prayer, listening and docility to His Word — read the Gospel —, participation in the Sacraments, especially the Eucharist and Reconciliation.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Envelopes £296.00 Loose £457.81 Standing orders: £450 Clergy Assistance: £210.96 Thank you for your kind and generous donations which go towards the maintenance & running of the parish Next Special Collection: 13th May-World Comms.

Responsorial Psalm: 5th Sunday of Easter

"You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly"



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 28 April	9.30am 6.30pm	Of the 4th week of Easter 5th SUNDAY OF EASTER	John Knox + (Toms Family)	Cupcake sale for Altar Servers' outing fund
Sun 29 April	10.00am	5thSUNDAY OF EASTER	Christine Hay + (Tim, Mary & Andrew)	
Mon 30 April	9.30am	Of the 5th week of Easter		
Tue 1 May	9.30am 6.00pm 7.00pm	Of the 5th week of Easter Adoration Of the 5th week of Easter	Thomas McMahon + (Chris & Lada Carter)	
Wed 2 May	9.30am	St Athanasius		
Thur 3 May	9.30am	Ss PHILIP & JAMES		
Fri 4 May	9.00am 9.30am	Adoration THE ENGLISH MARTYRS		
Sat 5 May	9.30am 6.30pm	Of the 5th week of Easter 6th SUNDAY OF EASTER	Alphonsus + (C Hall)	
Sun 6 May	10.00am	6th SUNDAY OF EASTER	Kathy Sargeson + (Maria Nutley)	Cake Sale

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:

THURSDAY, 3rd May, 2pm—Over 60's Group

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:

29th April to 5th May is dedicated to

Main Church: Fr Denis Caddie +

Lady Chapel: Lucy Collaco (Susan Vosser)

News & Events

GET 2GETHER SUNDAYS

13th May 24th June

Please do come and join in the fun. Donations of cakes and biscuits greatly appreciated. All Welcome!











ST JOHN BOSCO 100 CLUB 20th April, Prize Draw Winners

Congratulations to: 1st Prize - Margaret Armstead 2nd Prize - Johanna Hipgrave 3rd Prize - Marie O'Gorman Next draw 18th May—Good Luck to everyone taking part.



Tom Doran Sadly passed away on 24th April, may he rest in peace. Our sympathy and prayers are with his family and friends.

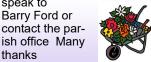
STUDENTS

STUDENTS OF ST JOHN BOSCO

Friday Nights 7—9pm	Saturday Day Trips 10am—6pm
4th May	
	12th May
18th May	
1st June	
	9th June
15th June	
29th June	

BEDDING PLANTS

We are looking for donations of bedding plants for the church garden. If you have any spare Geraniums, Begonias, Busy Lizzies etc. Please could you speak to Barry Ford or contact the par-



MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

5th/6th May

Readers



Neil Oxley Sunday Jo Poole Colette Wann

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Saturday

R Toms J Tan Gurney M Moffat



Sunday

M Nowak-Alum G Shortt M Moffat B Buckley J Jevakumar L Guttridge P Gibbs

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Altar only

Welcomers

Saturday

Paul & Margaret Toms



Sunday

Marian Edwards Alana Roberts

PLEASE PRAY FOR

thanks

ALTAR SERVERS' OUTING - FUND RAISING

Our Altar Server's are going ten pin bowling on the 6th May. As an appreciation of all the hard work they provide during Mass for the

church we are holding a fund raising cup cake sale after

Saturday Vigil and Sunday Morning Mass this weekend. Your

support is much appreciated. Thank you.

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



For all the faithful departed especially Becky Janssens, John Jerome Devlin, Kevin Jordan, Susan Joy, Maggie O'Neill, Robert Booth, Terence Manzi, Alan Booth, Ina Dias, Judith Andalis, John Knox, Harry Foster and all whose anniversaries fall at this time. May they all rest in peace.