

# St John Bosco



Palm Sunday and Easter 2018, Cycle B - Issue 2012

**EMERGENCY NUMBERS FOR THE SACRAMENTAL MINISTRY OF A PRIEST:**

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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**

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**MINISTERS FOR EASTER TRIDUUM**

**Readers**

**Mundy Thursday**

Martha Babalola  
Gary Vonderlinden

**Good Friday**

Pia Gibbs  
Colette Wann  
Chris Carter

**Easter Vigil**

Chris Carter  
Julie Hamblin  
Brenda D'Mello

Emma Lobo

**Easter Sunday**

Celia Loan  
Noelle Dsouza

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**

**Easter Vigil—TBC**

**Easter Sunday**

M Gilbert A

G Shortt B

A Dworzak C

B Buckley D + Altar

M Babalola Altar only

N DSouza Altar only

M Amstead Altar only

M Stanbridge Altar only

**Welcomers**

**Mundy Thursday**

Cottle & Jayakumar families

**Good Friday**

Buckley and James Families

**Easter Vigil**

Chris Jones Family,  
Judy Rogers & Debs Gibson

**Easter Sunday**

Marian Edwards

& Alana Roberts

**MINISTERS FOR WEEKEND 7th/8th April**

**Readers**

**Saturday**

Celia Loa  
Rebecca Aguiar

**Sunday**

Julie Hamblin  
Brenda D'Mello

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**

**Saturday**

Jan Tan Gurney  
R Toms

A Dowrzak

**Sunday**

M Nowak-Alum A

M Tilney B + Altar

M Rowlinson C

G Siveter D + Altar

P Gibbs Altar only

J Moreira Altar only

M Moreira Altar only

**Welcomers**

**Saturday**

Maggie Fletcher &  
Carolyn Lawrence

**Sunday**

Clare Woodham &  
Cavacuiti Family

**100 CLUB MARCH PRIZE DRAW WINNERS**

1st Prize—Marie O'Gorman

2nd Prize—Sr Joseph

3rd Prize—Jim Hill

Next draw Friday, 20th April.

Good Luck to everyone

**ROMANIA LINK** are looking for bakers for kind donations to their cake sale on Easter Sunday. Please see Tina, Pia, Mary, Julie or Margaret. Thanks in advance.

**CHURCHES TOGETHER IN WOODLEY—LENT COURSE**

Looking at The Beatitudes, 6.30pm—7.30pm Sunday evenings  
**LENT 5—** 25th March Celebration in Worship and Prayer  
@Christ Church .

**HUNGER LUNCH—** in the Newman Centre 12.00 - 2.00pm, Good Friday, partake of home made soup in support of Traidcraft and enjoy a chat with other parishioners

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Tues, Weds, Fri:

8.30am - 1.30pm

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**WEEKLY COLLECTION**

Envelopes £213.50

Loose £220.11

Standing orders: £450.00

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

**Next Special Collection:**  
30th March -Holy Places

**PALM SUNDAY AND HOLY WEEK**

Today's celebration can be said to be bittersweet. It is joyful and sorrowful at the same time. We celebrate the Lord's entrance into Jerusalem to the cries of his disciples who acclaim him as king. Yet we also solemnly proclaim the Gospel account of his Passion. In this poignant contrast, our hearts experience in some small measure what Jesus himself must have felt in his own heart that day, as he rejoiced with his friends and wept over Jerusalem.

The Gospel we heard before the procession describes Jesus as he comes down from the Mount of Olives on the back of a colt that had never been ridden. It recounts the enthusiasm of the disciples who acclaim the Master with cries of joy, and we can picture in our minds the excitement of the children and young people of the city. Jesus himself sees in this joyful welcome an inexorable force willed by God. To the scandalized Pharisees he responds: "I tell you that if these were silent, the stones would shout out" (Lk 19:40).

Yet Jesus who, in fulfilment of the Scriptures, enters the holy city in this way is a Messiah who goes to his passion. So as we joyfully acclaim our King, let us also think of the sufferings that he will have to endure in this week. Let us think of the slanders and insults, the snares and betrayals, the abandonment to an unjust judgment, the blows, the lashes and the crown of thorns... And lastly, the way of the cross leading to the crucifixion.

He had spoken clearly of this to his disciples: "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me" (Mt 16:24). Jesus never promised honour and success. The Gospels make this clear. He had always warned his friends that this was to be his path, and that the final victory would be achieved through the passion and the cross. All this holds true for us too. Let us ask for the grace to follow Jesus faithfully, not in words but in deeds. Let us also ask for the patience to carry our own cross, not to refuse it or set it aside, but rather, in looking to him, to take it up and to carry it daily.

**Responsorial Psalm: Palm Sunday, 25th March**

"My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"






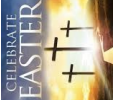
**Easter Sunday, 1st April**

"This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad"



**NEXT CONFESSIONS after Saturday, 25th March will be 5.30—6.30pm - Saturday 7th April**

## MASS INTENTIONS & FEAST DAYS

Date	Time	Dedication	Intention	Diary
Sat 24th March	9.30am 6.30pm	Of the 5th Week of Lent <b>PALM SUNDAY</b> of the Passion of the Lord	Liam Leydon + (Chris & Joan Lee)	 Don't forget to put your clocks forward 1 hr this Sunday
Sun 25th March 	10.00am	<b>PALM SUNDAY</b> of the Passion of the Lord	Giulio & Elvio Fappiano + Fappiano family +	
Mon 26th March	9.30am	Of Holy Week	Bruce Bentley (Angela Bentley)	
Tues 27th March	11.00am	<b>CHRISM MASS—PORTSMOUTH CATHEDRAL</b> <b>! No Mass and No Adoration</b>		
Weds 28th March	6.00am <b>9.15am</b>	Lenten Challenge Mass <b>Please note change of Mass Time</b> Whole School Mass	Alphonsus + (Christen Hall)	
<b>MAUNDY THURSDAY</b> Thurs 29th March 	8.00pm	Mass of the Last Supper followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (Compline at 11.45pm)	Paul Gaultieri + (From the family)	
<b>GOOD FRIDAY</b> Fri 30th March 	10.00am 10.45am 11.30am 12.00noon 3.00pm	Stations of the Cross Walk of Witness to Woodley Precinct Ecumenical Service at Woodley Precinct Hunger Lunch (until 2pm) Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Passion		
<b>HOLY SATURDAY</b> Sat 31st March 	8.30pm	<b>HOLY SATURDAY</b> Easter Vigil	SJB Parishioners Ann Thierens + (Mary & Barry Hiscox)	
<b>EASTER SUNDAY</b> 1st April 	10.00am	<b>EASTER SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S RESURRECTION</b>	Becky Janssens + (The Buckley Family) Sr Joseph (Mary & Frank Dodd)	
Mon 2nd—Thurs 5th Apr		<b>! No Mass</b>		Thurs, 5th April—2pm Over 60's
Fri 6th Apr	9.30am	Friday within Octave of Easter	Kevin Jordan + (Ann Jordan) Gerard Lobo + (Ann Lobo)	
Sat 7th Apr	9.30am 6.30pm	Saturday within Octave of Easter Second Sunday of Easter	Michael Beer + (Mr & Mrs Zeolla) Alphonsus + (C Hall)	Please welcome Fr Bon who will be concelebrating Mass this weekend
Sun 8th Apr	10.00am	Second Sunday of Easter	Martin Owens & Lorna Brown-Owens (Cathy & Neil Owens) Fr Bon (Elizabeth Sim)	

If you can spare a 1/2hr or so on Sat, 31st March from 10.00am onwards to help clean the church for Easter your help would be very welcome and much appreciated. Thank you for your support.



**THE SANCTUARY LAMP FOR WEEK:**

25th March to 31st March is dedicated to:

**Main Church: Bruce Bentley  
Lady Chapel: Don Cramp**

1st to 7th April is dedicated to:

**Main Church: Andy Johnston +  
Lady Chapel:**

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 and Alan Knox and for all who receive Holy Communion at home, in nursing homes or in hospital.  
For all the faithful departed especially Marian Wojtaszek, Alan Michael Fitzgerald, John Bond, Becky Janssens, John Jerome Devlin, Kevin Jordan, Susan Joy and all whose anniversaries fall at this time. May they all rest in peace.



HAPPY & BLESSED EASTER TO EVERYONE

