

<https://www.dailymail.co.uk/video/news/video-1799326/Video-Recording-reveals-moment-guns-fell-silent-end-WW1.html>

### LOCAL GROUPS OFFERING HELP IN WOODLEY AT THIS TIME:

Woodley volunteering group is offering collections of food/medicines etc. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/135082544613963/>

Woodley Foodbank: Woodley Baptist Church, food or donations weekdays 10.00am till noon. Online donation site: [www.give.net/20181094](http://www.give.net/20181094).

**PARISH ADMINISTRATOR REQUIRED:** for Woolhampton Parish. Parish Office, Douai Abbey, Upper

#### GOING INTO HOSPITAL

On admission, all Catholics must inform staff if they wish to receive Holy Communion or see a priest.

**Royal Berkshire Hospital Switchboard:**

0118 3225111

Woolhampton, Reading RG7 5TQ Hours: 20 hours per week (to be arranged). Closing date: Monday 16 November. Interviews in week beginning 23 November. To assist the Parish Priest in the administration of their vibrant parish, which includes 3 Church Communities. They are looking for applicants with excellent organisational & communication skills, computer literate, having worked with Microsoft Office & basic bookkeeping (Sage: training available), & able to develop IT in the office. Applicant will need to be resilient, sympathetic by nature, discreet, with diplomatic skills & a "listening ear." A sense of humour, flexibility & the ability to cope with change are important for this role. For informal enquiries, Job Description and Application Form please contact the parish priest, Fr Peter Bowe: [pp@douaiabbey.org.uk](mailto:pp@douaiabbey.org.uk) or 0118 971 5371

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**Adoration**  
Suspended

**Confessions**  
Suspended

**Tea/Coffee**  
Suspended

**Priest's Mass Intentions**  
Please arrange with the office

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## ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH OF ST JOHN BOSCO, WOODLEY

Sunday 8th November 2020



Remembrance Sunday

**FR BILL WRITES: LOCKDOWN AGAIN:** Bishop Philip asks that we fully comply with what the Government is asking of us. That means no public Masses, services, or devotions of any kind, except for funerals, until December. Bishop Philip also asks that, wherever possible, churches should be open for private prayer. He asks that parish priests make a decision as to whether this can be done without stewards. I think we can, which means SJB can be open for longer, but it will require all of us to follow the social distancing, tracing, one-way system, and hygiene protocols we have become used to. SJB will be open for private prayer:

**Tuesday to Friday**  
**10.30am to 3.00pm**  
**Sunday**  
**11.00am-noon**

**Before entry:** Put on mask  
**In foyer:** Sanitise hands  
Complete attendance slip and place in black box (unless using NHS app)  
**Take a "Post It" note**  
**In church:** Sit only where there is a green tick  
Stick "Post It" note (blank) above tick  
**via fire door**  
**Leave:**

The "Post It" note will let others know not to sit there and where sanitisation is

required.

Vincent Cardinal Nichols has asked that we take a moment to pray at 6.00pm each day of the lockdown.

Bishop Philip has called a diocesan day of prayer and fasting for an end to the pandemic on Friday 27th November. There will be 24 hours of prayer and devotions streamed from the Cathedral that day.

**OFFICE HOURS:** Remain the same. See back of newsletter for details.

**LIVE STREAMING OF MASS AT SJB:** We have had a test of the equipment and it works well running via YouTube. We will be going "live" this week and, with luck, we should be able to watch Mass from home from next Sunday. If so, the link will be available on the parish website by Friday. Installation is being done by a volunteer, saving us a lot of money. We are very grateful to him. Thank you very much for your donations.

**PARISH WEBSITE DONATE BUTTON:** Please consider using this if you usually give cash for our weekly Offertory. Many thanks.

**BAPTISM:** Congratulations to Amelia Isobel Lobo baptised last Wednesday (to avoid the lockdown!).

**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.**

# LITURGICAL CALENDAR

## PRIEST'S INTENTION

<b>TODAY</b>	<b>REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY</b>	<b>10.00AM</b>	Karen Hill wellbeing
Mon 9	Dedication of the Lateran Basilica		
Tues 10	Pope St Leo the Great		Steve Allum 50th birthday
Wed 11	St Martin of Tours		Elizabeth Teresa Sim +
Thurs 12	St Josaphat		People of the Parish
Fri 13	Feria week 32		Erlinda Vargas +
Sat 14	Bl Hugh Farringdon, John Eynon, and John Ruge		Reuben Aguiar +
<b>NOV 15TH</b>	<b>THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF YEAR A</b>	<b>10.00AM</b>	25th Wedding Anniversary Steve & Monica Nowak-Allum

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2020:** Has had to be further postponed because of the November lockdown. Please keep our candidates, their catechists, and families in your prayers. A new, provisional, date has been set for Saturday 12th December, both Masses on that day.

**FOUNDATION GOVERNOR VACANCIES.** Practising, committed Catholics are invited to apply to become one of Bishop Philip's representatives on the Governing Board of St Dominic Savio. The Governors of a Catholic school work as a supportive team, in close cooperation with the Head Teacher and staff. No previous experience is necessary. Please contact the Chair of Governors, Clare Woodham for further information. [cwoodham@st-dominicsavio.wokingham.sch.uk](mailto:cwoodham@st-dominicsavio.wokingham.sch.uk)

**ANANIAS TRAINING:** Many of us long for our friends and family to have faith but we don't know how to start a conversation and often there is a culture of silence around talking about God. Yet everyone is searching for meaning and purpose to their lives. How can we listen, understand and accompany our families and friends according to where they are? There is some new training available in the diocese, which shows how to encourage others, affirming them gently and showing them the next step in a possible spiritual journey. It is called Ananias training and is named after the disciple who played an important role in accompanying St. Paul. It will offer 3 weekly sessions initially, in small groups on Zoom, with options of mornings or evening. To find out more, please email Clare at [csimpson@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:csimpson@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

**PRAYER REQUESTS:** "Why should we not expect great things of God? We serve One who is all powerful" (St Teresa of Avila). Do you have prayer requests that you would like others to pray for? The diocese has 70 intercessors who pray for others in need. Our intercessors have discerned that God uses their prayers to change people's lives and situations. Please contact them with any prayer requests which will be treated with full confidentiality through emailing Sr Rosaleen at [intercessors@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:intercessors@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

**CAFÉ THÉOLOGIQUE** - Monday 9th November - 7.30-9pm - "The Gospel according to Trump" - Dr Stephen Backhouse. This event is on Zoom. Use the shortcut "u.nu/cafethéo" in your browser, or Zoom meeting ID: 994 1078 8443. Passcode: 511541

**AN EYEWITNESS ACCOUNT OF ARMISTICE DAY:** "...All over the world on November 11, 1918, people were celebrating, dancing in the streets, drinking champagne, hailing the armistice that meant the end of the war. But at the front there was no celebration. Many soldiers believed the Armistice only a temporary measure and that the war would soon go on. As night came, the quietness, unearthly in its penetration, began to eat into their souls. The men sat around log fires, the first they had ever had at the front. They were trying to reassure themselves that

there were no enemy batteries spying on them from the next hill and no German bombing planes approaching to blast them out of existence. They talked in low tones. They were nervous. After the long months of intense strain, of keying themselves up to the daily mortal danger, of thinking always in terms of war and the enemy, the abrupt release from it all was physical and psychological agony. Some suffered a total nervous collapse. Some, of a steadier temperament, began to hope they would someday return to home and the embrace of loved ones. Some could think only of the crude little crosses that marked the graves of their comrades. Some fell into an exhausted sleep. All were bewildered by the sudden meaninglessness of their existence as soldiers... What was to come next? They did not know - and hardly cared. Their minds were numbed by the shock of peace. The past consumed their whole consciousness. The present did not exist - and the future was inconceivable."

References: Colonel Gowenlock's account appears in Gowenlock, Thomas R., *Soldiers of Darkness* (1936), reprinted in Angle, Paul, M., *The American Reader* (1958); Simkins, Peter, *World War I, the Western Front* (1991). How To Cite This Article: "Armistice - The End of World War I, 1918," *EyeWitness to History*, [www.eyewitnesstohistory.com](http://www.eyewitnesstohistory.com) (2004).

**ARMISTICE RECORDING:** There is an astonishingly poignant sound recording of the moments before and after the armistice came in to effect. The sound of deafening artillery giving way to silence and then bird song is unforgettable. It can be accessed here:

## PRAYER CORNER

Please pray for members of the parish who are sick or housebound, especially: Ellen Morganti, June Bremner-Tse, Gerry Houlton, Sr. Joseph, Patsy Gill, and Anne Evans.

Also, for all the faithful departed, especially those in our *Book of Remembrance* for this month: Doreen Treacy, Angiolina Gualtieri, Isabel Thompson, Ernest Irving, June Wapshott, Georgina Irving, Renee West, Kathleen Kingston, Kathleen Pearl, Franciszek Niedzwiedzki, Millicent (Nipper) Nice, Charles Wise, Marciano Devera, and Susan Pritchard. May they rest in peace.