ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH OF ST. JOHN BOSCO,
WOODLEY, READING.

27th SUNDAY in Ordinary Time 4TH **October 2026**

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME 2027: We are now taking applications from **baptised Catholic children Year 3 and above, and who are registered parishioners of St. John Bosco Church, to follow the sacramental programme.**

Apply by emailing the parish office: office@stjohnbosco.co.uk. Or by visiting SJB website, Sacraments tab. You can also click here for a direct link: FHC Sacrament - Download all 4 files. Hard copies are also available in the church foyer. The programme begins with a **parent meeting THIS Tuesday 6th October at 7pm** (parents only please) & **MASS OF INDUCTION THIS Saturday 10th October at 1pm**. At the induction Mass, your candidate will officially be brought into the programme.

NO MASS THIS MONDAY 5th OCTOBER

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Takes place in the Newman Centre. Register your child in the foyer and enter the main church. Fr. Leo will call the children to the front of the church where they will into the Newman Centre.

BISHOP PHILIP'S LETTER: Link to the Pastoral Letter from Bishop Philip ***called "Things Seen and Unseen." – file attached.*** Please make sure you read at home and to reflect on. ***He also invited us to complete a short, anonymous online questionnaire about our Holy Habits and the diocesan plan – attached.*** It will be an opportunity to contribute to the growth and development of the Diocese and will Bishop Philip discern how the Lord is at work. **There is a copy of the letter attached to this newsletter along his letter for the survey**. *Click the link here for the survey:* Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth Mission Plan survey 2026

RCIA
Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

RCIA – RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION IN ADULTS: RCIA is a structured, communal journey of conversion and formation used in Catholic parishes worldwide. This is Church's official process for preparing and welcoming adults into full membership through Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. It guides adults—both the unbaptized (catechumens) and baptized non-Catholics (candidates)—toward full communion with the Catholic Church. The programme is to begin late October. Please email the office with your interest – office@stjohnbosco.co.uk. Lesson will take place on a Friday evening.

Today's Psalm Response: The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

ADORATION 9.30AM BEFORE WEEKDAY MASSES.

SUNDAY AM MASS ONLY LIVESTREAMED. **PRIEST'S INTENTIONS**

SUNDAY 04 OCT	**Twenty-Seventh Sunday of Ord Time**	**5.50pm** **6.30pm** **10.00am**	**ROSARY** **Alphonsus +** **Veronica + & Ambrose +** *11am* ***POSH COFFEES!!!!***
MON 05	St. Faustina Kowalska	**NO MASS**	***Bible Group 7.15pm***
TUES 06	St. Bruno	10.00am	Paul Lawrence + ***FHC Parent Meeting 7-8.30pm***
WED 07	**Our Lady of the Rosary**	10.00am	Anton FW Dworzak – 80th Birthday!!!! ***Bible Group 7pm***
THUR 08	Feria Week 27	**No Mass**	***Prayer Group 10am***
FRI 09	**ST.JOHN HENRY NEWMAN**	10.00am 18.30pm	Pisacane Carmine + Reuben Fernandes +
SAT 10	Our Lady on Saturday	**13.00pm**	***FHC Induction Mass 1pm***
SUNDAY 11 OCT	**Twenty-Eighth Sunday of Ord Time** 	**5.50pm** **6.30pm** **10.00am** **11.30am** **13.00pm**	**ROSARY** **Paul Lawrence +** **Baptism Thomas James Grace** **Baptism Olanna Nneka Ezinwa Ojeah**

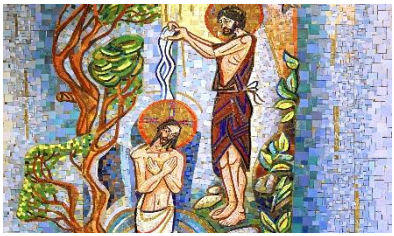
READERS FORMATION DAY: Formation Day for Readers: 17th October 2026, 9.30am-1.30pm. Sign up for the Formation Day for Readers being organised by the Diocesan Liturgy Team (liturgy website) on 17th October 2026 at the Pastoral Centre in Winchester Anyone wishing to attend is kindly asked to email liturgy@portsmouthdiocese.org

CATECHIST DAY: *Saturday 10 October 9:30am–1:30pm* at St Bede's Church, Basingstoke. Open to both experienced and new catechist's – you are warmly invited to attend. Click here to register your interest Registration Forms.

MASS INTENTIONS: We have many free Mass intentions leading up to the end of this liturgical year which ends on week beginning November 22nd – Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. Whether, private or public, each Mass celebrated has an offered intention. Mass request envelopes are in the foyer and for your use to offer a Mass intention for your birthday, somebody else's birthday, wedding anniversaries, thanksgiving for blessings received, good luck, well-being and for death anniversaries of your loved ones. Put these envelopes through the office door. (Office note: A normal contribution for a Mass intention is £10. Envelopes can also go in the offertory basket).

MASS COUNTS CONTINUE THIS WEEKEND: LAST WEEKEND FOR COUNTING!

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: NEXT Sunday 11th October



we welcome two young children to the family of God. Thomas James Grace is being baptised at 11.30am and Olanna Nneka Ezinwa Ojeah at 1pm. Congratulations to James and Olanna, and their family. Olanna's family have hired the Newman Centre from 12.30pm for their celebrations.

DOMINICAN SISTERS – LIGHT OF TRUTH: Short Courses Please click on the link above. They are also taking registration for the Certificate in Catechesis course for September 2027 – which I can highly recommend! Course enrolment

BIBLE CLUB: This week Monday 5th 7.15pm; Wednesday 7th 7.00pm.

OCTOBER IS BABY LOSS MONTH: There is a corner In the Lady Chapel for you to light a candle and say a prayer for babies and children lost prematurely.

CAFOD Catholic Agency for Overseas Development

TODAY CAFOD FAMILY FAST: DAY FRIDAY 2nd OCTOBER: Please donate to help water and grow food in school schools **Use the CAFOD envelope's in church, lease send it yourself using FREEPOST**

PRAYER CORNER

Please pray for members of the parish who are sick or housebound, especially: June Bremner-Tse, Chris Fido, Mimi Peat, Madeline Faherty, Chris & Felicity Hughes, Marie Dempster, Linda Guttridge, Colin Eames, Geraldine Worthe, Hilary Andrews, Stephanie James, Henry Lee, Helen Mole, Dave Gilbert, Manny Maia Moreira, and William Andrew Edwards. ***(If you would like to add a name to this list, then please contact the parish office.)***

Also, for all the faithful departed, especially those in our *Book of Remembrance* for this month: **(OCTOBER):** Sidney Crawford, Jim Foley, Elizabeth Sim, Ed Hill, Michal Zolobajluk, Nigel Keel, Bonifacia Narisma Carajay, Jean White, Ruby Darné, Richard Gillespie, Irene Gillespie, Jill O'Rourke, Phyllis Crawford, Sean Jordan, Anoja Patrick, Faye Lynch, Maurice Bayou, Keith Jukes, Joe Darné, Pamela Grace Evans, Benoit Emmanuel Simpson, Christine Hobbs, James Crowther and Krystyna Binks. May they rest in peace.

POSH COFFEE: TODAY AFTER 10am MASS.

OCTOBER: MONTH OF THE ROSARY:

Join other parishioners in saying the rosary after Friday morning 10am Mass and before the Saturday Vigil Mass at 5.50pm - Lady Chapel.

GOING INTO HOSPITAL
On admission, all Catholics must inform staff if they wish to receive Holy Communion or see a priest. Catholic Chaplaincy **RBH** 0118 322 7105. Arrangements are patient-led

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Head Teacher: Mrs. Laura Hulland
Website: www.stdominicsavio.co.uk

DIOCESAN JOBS
Vacancies

To register as a parishioner of St. John Bosco, you will need to visit our website stjohnbosco.uk and click on Register here SJB registration page via **ChurchSuite**

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SAVE THE DATE:
VOLUNTEERING WEEKEND AT SJB. after Mass Sat 14th & Sun 15th Nov. More details coming soon

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Adoration
9.30am - before weekday Mass

Confessions
After weekday Masses & Saturday at 5.45pm

Tea/Coffee
After Wed & Sun Mass

Priest's Mass Intentions
Please complete a brown envelope in the foyer and arrange with the office

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