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

23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, **6TH September 2026**

Today is the TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME. There are some up and coming Second collections over the next few weeks and also the beginning of the 4-week Mass counts.

EDUCATION SUNDAY: Next weekend **12/13 September**. There will be a second collection at both Masses. Education Sunday is one of the oldest Days of Special Prayer in England and Wales, established 176 years ago in 1848. It provides an opportunity to celebrate and give thanks to all involved in making Catholic schools places of enlightenment, as well as to look forward in anticipation of the year ahead.

On Education Sunday, it is important we give thanks to Almighty God for all who govern, lead, teach, guide, and support the children and young people in our Catholic schools, colleges and universities. ***The collection goes towards the Catholic Education Service (CES) to support our Catholic teaching across all Catholic primary & secondary schools in the Diocese. Please give what you can.*** Thank you.

HOME MISSION's: Weekend 19/20th September. It is an OBLIGATORY collection. It is a significant opportunity for the Catholic community to support the work of the Bishops' Conference Mission Directorate. This collection is part of the broader mission to spread the joy of the Gospel and to engage in evangelization, dialogue, and catechesis. The collection is a way for the community to contribute to the vision of the Holy Father and to support the mission of the Church in England and Wales. Baskets available after both weekend Masses.

Today's Psalm Response: O that today you would listen to his voice! 'Harden not your hearts.'

LITURGICAL CALENDAR ADORATION 9.30AM BEFORE WEEKDAY MASSES. SUNDAY AM MASS ONLY LIVESTREAMED.			PRIEST'S INTENTIONS
SUNDAY 6TH SEPT	Twenty-Third Sunday of Ord Time	**5.50pm** **6.30pm** **10.00am**	**ROSARY** **Alphonsus +** **Andy Dearing +**
MON 7	Feria Week 23	10.00am	
TUES 8	**The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary**	10.00am	Reuben Aguiar +
WED 9	St. Peter Claver	10.00am	For Parishioners
THUR 10	Feria Week 23	NO Mass	***9.45am Prayer Group*** ***2pm Bible Group***
FRI 11	Feria Week 23	10.00am 18.30pm	
SAT 12	Feria Week 23	No am	
SUNDAY 13TH SEPT	Twenty-Fourth Sunday of Ord Time	**5.50pm** **6.30pm** **10.00am**	**ROSARY** **Lourdes Gacias – B'day** **Agnelo Jacques +**

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Returns **TODAY** and 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.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP: Next Meeting WEDNESDAY 23rd September at 7.30pm in the Newman Centre.

YELDALL MANOR HARVEST APPEAL: Please if you can donate the following items: tins (no soup), condiments, condensed milk syrup, biscuits, cooking chocolate, brown sugar. Other goods - men's boxer shorts, socks, jogging bottoms, sweatshirts and sturdy coat hangers. Large bath towels, pillows and pillow protectors. There is a box in the foyer for any donations. Please can you bring any donations to the church by September 20th. Thank you.

BIBLE CLUB: Thursday 10th Sept at 2pm.

PRAYER GROUP: The Thursday morning prayer group meets twice a month, usually 2nd & 4th, of the month 9.45am – 11am. Meeting in either

the Newman Centre or Lady Chapel. **Our next meeting is this Thursday at 9.45am** and will be a social event. Please join us if you can. All are welcome.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME 2027: Application window now open. This year the programme begins in October. Parents meeting Tuesday 6th October 7pm & MASS OF INDUCTION Saturday 10th October at 1pm. Apply by emailing the parish office: office@stjohnbosco.co.uk. Applications will also be available on the Church website – stjohnbosco.co.uk – under the Sacraments heading. There will also be hard copies available in the foyer. **THIS PROGRAMME IS OPEN TO BAPTISED CATHOLIC CHILDREN YR 3 AND ABOVE & WHO ARE ST. JOHN BOSCO PARISHIONERS, *REGISTERED ON CHURCHSUITE*.**

RCIA - RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION IN ADULTS – Please email the office if you are thinking of becoming a Catholic. Session's will begin in October and take place on a Friday evening, normally once a month.

POSH COFFEE'S: cappuccino / latte/ hot chocolate ***AFTER*** 10am ***MASS TODAY 6th Sept***. Going forwards - first Sunday of every month. Please bring some cash with you. All proceeds to the roof fund.

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: **(SEPTEMBER)**: Peggy Murphy, Henryk Papowszek, Heather Chandler, Erlinda Vargas, Mary Knox, Kathleen Henson, Alan Knox, Rita Jacobs, Josie Mannion, Laurence Keenan, Harold Guttridge, Doris Donohoe, Adela Lukomska, Yvonne Young, and Giovannina Domenica Albanese. May they rest in peace.

DIOCESAN CATECHIST DAY: ***Saturday 10 October 9:30am–1:30pm*** at St Bede's Church, Basingstoke. If you are involved in passing on the faith in your parish, please join catechists from across the Diocese for a morning of prayer, inspiration, and practical formation as we reflect on our shared mission to form missionary disciples. Inspired by Jesus' words, "Go therefore and make disciples…" (Matthew 28:19), we will explore how catechists can lead others to Christ, hand on the living faith of the Church, accompany people in conversion, and help build vibrant missionary parishes. Whether you are an experienced catechist or new to the ministry, you are warmly invited to attend. Click here to register your interest Registration Forms. You can also email Meghan at ffm@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Figure 1- TO NOTE!!

Mass counts every weekend from 19 Sept for 4 weekends.

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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.

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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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