

email: [volunteer@marriagecare.org.uk](mailto:volunteer@marriagecare.org.uk) for more information.

**ADoRE:** Spiritual mini-retreat **27th April** Including Mass, Adoration, Praise, Prayer and a talk from guest speaker Kristina Cooper. Please register for the 9.30-1.00 Zoom meeting in advance at [Meeting Registration - Zoom](#) or attend in person 9.30-3.30 at St. Bede's Church, Basingstoke.

**ARIANA LOBO BAPTISM:** Congratulations Lobo family!



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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  
Arrangements are patient-led

**DOMINICAN SISTER - LIGHT OF TRUTH - ENROLMENT OPEN** for the Certificate of Catechesis course. For info visit the Light of truth website [Certificate | Light of Truth](#)



**HAPPY ST. GEORGE'S DAY TO THOSE OF ENGLISH DESCENT FOR 23RD APRIL!**

#### DIOCESAN VACANCIES:

Please follow the link for current vacancies throughout the Diocese: [Jobs - Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth, \(portsmouthdiocese.org.uk\)](#)

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Debs Gibson

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**Safeguarding Minister**  
Julie Hamblin  
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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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## ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH OF ST JOHN BOSCO, WOODLEY

**Sunday 21st April 2024**  
**4th SUNDAY OF Easter - B**



**TODAY IS GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY- FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER.** There is a **MANDATORY *second collection*** today for the Clergy Training Fund.

In 1964, Pope Paul VI, launched Vocations Sunday, which we celebrate on the fourth Sunday of Easter, also called Good Shepherd Sunday. This year it is on the 21 April 2024, which marks the 61st Anniversary of World Day of Prayer for Vocations. In the day's gospel reading, **Jesus says, 'I am the Good Shepherd: the good shepherd is the one who lays down his life for his sheep'.** As Catholics and people of God we all know that God is calling us and has a plan for each of us. He called each of us by name through our Baptism to holiness. He continues to call and cry out to us each day to be his disciples, some to the married life, some to the

priesthood, some to religious life or to live as kind single people. Everybody is called! What is God calling you to? Along with the whole Church, let us pray for vocations today.



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**NEXT ADORATION DAY:**  
**TOMORROW** Monday 22nd April  
10.00am - 7.00pm, evening  
prayers at 6.40pm. Confession  
available if you speak to Fr. Leo



**RCIA - RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS:** The name for an individual to be brought into the full Catholic faith. We will be running a programme, beginning in September 2024, for full initiation at Easter 2025. If you are interested, please inform the office. [office@stjohnbosco.co.uk](mailto:office@stjohnbosco.co.uk)

**Today's Psalm Response:** **The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.**

## LITURGICAL CALENDAR

9.30am Adoration before weekday Masses

<b>TODAY</b>	<b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>	<b>No Confessions today</b>	
		<b>6.30PM</b>	<b>Ian Devlin +</b>
		<b>10.00AM</b>	<b>Paul Steven Cripps +</b>
Mon 22nd	<b>ADORATION 10am - 7.00pm. Evening prayer 6.40pm</b>		
Tues 23rd	<b>ST. GEORGE</b>	10.00am	Leonard Michael Bradley +
Wed 24th	Of the 4th Week of Easter	10.00am	Ebun + & Marie + Lomas
Thurs 25th	<b>ST. MARK</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>	<b>Prayer Group 10.00am Lady Chapel</b>
Fri 26th	Of the 4th Week of Easter	10.00am	Evelyne Cunningham +
Sat 27th	Of the 4th week of Easter	<b>No am</b>	
<b>SUN 28th APRIL</b>	<b>FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>	<b>6.30PM</b>	<b>John Knox +</b>
		<b>10.00AM</b>	<b>Dirk Schmidt +</b>



**CONFIRMATION 2024:** Please pray for our 16 candidates who are being Confirmation at the Cathedral next **Sunday 5th May.**

They are Amber Ormiston, Isabella Bernie, Bethan Gibson, Mia Chako, Isabel Aguiar, Finn Sharp, Ciara Sharp, Joshua Martin, Michael Khan, Ann Jacob, Oliver Worringham, Karen Mkoma, Desree Mkoma, Dalziel Mkoma, Mercedes Castro Zafra and Ines Castro Zafra. **We will celebrate with them on 12th May.**

On that Sunday, 12th May, we ask **all 16 candidates to come to 10.00am Mass** where they will receive their certificates and we will host a special celebration for them in the parish Newman Centre. **Please can we all bring a plate of food to share with them.**

**SAFEGUARDING:** Safeguarding training day in Reading on Sat 22nd June for those working with youth and vulnerable adults. Suggestion is that catechists and EMHC attend if they have not taken training for a while. More details to come.

**OUR LADY OF PEACE:** Saturday 27th April 7.00pm Kolbe Center and Family Life international present a talk on "Creation and Evolution, Fact or Fiction":

**GIFT AID FORMS:** Reminder all parishioners who have signed a gift aid declaration **prior** to January 2023, **will need to fill in and sign a new version. IF YOU DO NOT SIGN A NEW GIFT MAY MY DAY BY DAY:** Now available to purchase in the Lady Chapel.

**ST.DOMINIC SCHOOL:** Two full time vacancies have arisen for teaching assistant roles to begin ASAP. The adverts are displayed on our outside notice board.



**ST. DOMINIC PRE-SCHOOL:** Foundation Stage Practitioner NVQ2/ NVQ3 required term time only. Email your interest to manager @stdominicpreschool.co.uk or call Annabel Cherry on 0118 9272460 with your details.

**ADVANCE NOTICE: No mid-week Masses w/b Mon May 13th & w/ b Mon May 20th.**

**PRAYER GROUP:** This Thursday 25th April at 10.00am in the Lady Chapel. Reading is John Chapter 6 v 35- 40.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:** Our next session is Saturday 11th May at 1pm in the Newman centre. Please remember to bring your books. Look through chapters 7 & 8 beforehand. All our candidates now have a prayer partner. Thank you to our parishioners!



**DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES:** This year the pilgrimage takes place from 22nd July for 4 nights at £859 pp sharing. Direct flight from Gatwick to Toulouse with full board accommodation. Travel insurance & single room occupancy extra. For booking & more information email [lourdes@portsmouthdiocese.org](mailto:lourdes@portsmouthdiocese.org). uk or call 07780 221686.

**MARRIAGE CARE:** Trustee Vacancy with Marriage Care - the organisation providing marriage preparation and relationship counselling services across England, Wales and Gibraltar. The board are looking for an additional trustee. Visit [www.marriagecare.org.uk](http://www.marriagecare.org.uk) or

### 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, Mary Towey, Linda Guttridge, Maureen Gibbs, Margaret Muiruri, Helen Pritchard and Colin Eames. **(To add a name to this list please contact the parish office)**

**Also, for all the faithful departed, especially those in our Book of Remembrance for this month:** Becky Janssens, John Jerome Devlin, Kevin Jordan, Susan Joy, Maggie O'Neill, Robert Booth, Aylish Hill, Terence Manzi, Leonard Michael Bradley, Alan Booth, Ina Dias, Judith Andalis, John Knox and Harry Foster. May they rest in peace.