

READING PASTORAL AREA

St John Bosco



Summer Reflection

The summer season is for many of us a time to relax a little and enjoy life, and for those who can, to have a break. Taking time out is a necessary part of our human flourishing, and this has spiritual significance too. Just as it was common for those in biblical days to go deep into the wilderness, up mountains, around a lakeside or even just find space in a garden, so we too recharge when we get away, regaining once again the energy to face life's trials. And whilst we make our summer plans and do our best to live them out, a word worth holding onto is recreation, for this should be at the heart of our goals. When we make the effort to enjoy life, counting our blessings, creating the space to recharge on our own or with others, we become re-created, re-newed, re-freshed. As God the Father has made us in his image, so we as his children are called to rediscover the richness and joy of life. Why not ask yourself this then – when did you last marvel at something? When were you last filled with awe at God's creation? Day by day, right under our noses, there is so much beauty and grace to observe, yet in life's busyness it can so easily all go unnoticed.



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DIOCESAN TRUST Registered
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Administrator: Catherine Ledgard
Church Office is open next week:
Tue - Fri 8am - 1pm

**Then the office will be closed
From 12th—26th August.**

Next Retiring Collection:
For: Verona Fathers Mission Appeal
On: 24th August 2014

Confession
Confession during August is on a
Saturday at 5.30pm—6.00pm.

Psalm Response: Year A

Sunday 03.08.14 (18th)
"You open wide your hand, O Lord,
you grant our desires."

Sunday 10.08.14 (19th)
"Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and
give us your saving help."

Sunday 17.08.14 (20th)
"Let the peoples praise you, O God,
let all the peoples praise you."

Sunday 24.08.14 (21st)
"Your Love, O Lord, is eternal,
discard not the work of your hands."

Sunday 31.08.14 (22nd)
"For you my soul is thirsting, O
Lord my God."



CREATION MASS & HARVEST OFFERING: This annual thanksgiving will take place on 13/14 Sept. We bring something we have grown; vegetable, fruit, flower - from allotment or window box - to offer back to God for allowing us to be His co-creators and to show solidarity with people around the world who often struggle to produce enough to eat in increasingly unpredictable weather.



SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM: The next Baptism Preparation Course is on Saturday 20th Sept at 10am. The next date for Baptisms to take place is at 11.30am on Sunday 21st September.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: The next First Holy Communion program will start in October. Enrolment forms will be available from the church porch the last weekend in September and is open to all young people in school YR3 and above who live in our parish.



CONFIRMATION: The Confirmation program has already begun. Their next meeting is on Saturday 18th October at 2.30pm. There will be a Youth Event during September ~ date, time and venue to be advised. All those still to return their enrolment forms and donations please do so as soon as possible.



RCIA: Are you or do you know somebody interested in becoming a Catholic? Our next Journey in Faith course will start in September with a view to being received into the Church at the Easter Vigil. Please email your details to the church office as soon as possible.



If you have any queries about any of our Sacramental programmes please email the church office.

WANTED
Cash counters to help out for a couple of hours after Sunday Mass or Monday morning. Please email the office if you can help

PASTORAL CARE SERVICES

The Pastoral Care Services team is appealing for parishioners who have experience in caring for the dying, the homeless, those with disabilities, the elderly and housebound and for the sick. Please consider joining one of the Diocesan Pastoral Care Teams. If you would like to talk about this contact Fr Peter Hollins on 01730 262290 or pcs@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk. Please see poster on the church notice board.

READING CATHOLIC ALPHA Fridays, 7.30pm – 9.30pm, 10 weeks, starts 19 Sept, St James Church, Forbury Road, RG1 3FD. Aim – to explore our Christian faith and develop a deeper union with Jesus Christ. **Taster session Sunday, 7th Sept, 12noon – 1pm.** Application forms from the porch

To help with printing costs, please keep this copy of your newsletter as it lasts for the whole of August.

We wish everyone a very happy and relaxing summer holiday

Emergency numbers for the
Sacramental Ministry of a
priest:

Fr Bon 969 3423

Fr. Pat 931 4469

Fr. Emmanuel 966 3711

Fr John N 957 2149

Fr John O 957 4171

Please call your own priest first.

READING CHURCHES

WEEKEND MASS TIMES:

CHRIST THE KING

Sat 6.30pm, Sun 10am & 6pm

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

Sat 6.30pm & Sun 10am

ST WILLIAM OF YORK

Sun 9am, 11am & 6pm

WELCOME

During August we welcome
Fr John Doran who will be
celebrating our weekday Masses
and Fr Adrian Walker who will be
celebrating our weekend Masses.
Please make them feel
welcome in our parish.

THE DIVINE MERCY RETREAT

Sat 16.08.14 11:00am - 4:00 pm at
Portsmouth Cathedral PO1 3HG. All
welcome - bring your family & friends
to the Merciful Jesus.

For information:

DIVINE MERCY

APOSTOLATE

Tel: 020 8998 0925

NEWSLETTER

The newsletter this weekend, 3rd
August, covers the whole of
August. The next new
newsletter will be on
Sunday 7th September. If you
have any items for inclusion
please email them to the church
office by Tuesday 2.9.14.

"LIGHT" YOUR LOVE FOR JESUS IN THE SANCTUARY LAMP.

In this Year of Faith in Action,
we encourage members of our
parish to mark special periods in
their lives by requesting to "light"
the sanctuary lamp. This is an
opportunity to draw close to the
Lord in the Eucharist, to express
your love for Him, and to let his
light shine in your life. Please fill
in the lilac form from the
porch and return it to the
church office asap.

MASS INTENTIONS & FEAST DAYS

Date	Time	Dedication	Intention	Diary
Sat 2nd	6.30pm	Vigil Mass	John Andrews intentions	HELP WANTED Once every couple of couple of months to clean and polish the church brass and silver. If you can help, please let the parish office know ~ thank you. 
Sun 3rd	10.00am	Sunday Mass	In memory of all those who lost their lives in WW1 +	
Mon 4th	10.00am	Service of Word & Communion		
Tue 5th	10.00am	Dedication of the Basilica, Rome		
Wed 6th		NO MASS		
Thu 7th	10.00am	St Sixtus II	Emile Belletty's int. (Rita)	
Fri 8th	9.30am 10.00am	Adoration St Dominic	Poppy Lobo + (Rita Belletty)	
Sat 9th	6.30pm	Vigil Mass	Thanksgiving (G & K Houlton)	
Sun 10th	10.00am	Sunday Mass	Those who died on Flight MH17 + (Divine Mercy Group)	
Mon 11th	10.00am	Service of Word & Communion		
Tue 12th	10.00am	St Jane Frances de Chantal	Tim & Catherine's 25th wedding anniversary (Lucy Collaco)	
Wed 13th		NO MASS		
Thu 14th	10.00am	St Maximilian Maria Kolbe	Phyl Belletty's int. (Rita)	
Fri 15th	9.30am 10.00am 7.00pm	Adoration The Assumption of our Lady The Assumption of our Lady	Richard Gurney + (Jo-Ann Gurney) St John Bosco parishioners	AUGUST MASS TIMES: During August all weekday Mass times will be at 10am. On a Friday there will be Adoration from 9.30am until Mass at 10am. No Mass on Wednesdays during
Sat 16th	6.30pm	Vigil Mass	Bart Collaco + (F & L Collaco)	
Sun 17th	10.00am	Sunday Mass	Private intention	
Mon 18th	10.00am	Service of Word & Communion		
Tue 19th	10.00am	St John Eudes		
Wed 20th		NO MASS		
Thu 21st	10.00am	St Pius X		
Fri 22nd	9.30am 10.00am	Adoration The Queenship of Mary		
Sat 23rd	6.30pm	Vigil Mass		
Sun 24th	10.00am	Sunday Mass		
Mon 25th	10.00am	Service of Word & Communion		
Tue 26th	10.00am	Blessed Dominic Barberi		
Wed 27th		NO MASS		
Thu 28th	10.00am	St Augustine of Hippo	Joan Wanmen + (Rita Belletty)	
Fri 29th	9.30am 10.00am	Adoration The beheading of John the Baptist	Joyce Wise + (Rita Belletty)	
Sat 30th	6.30pm	Vigil Mass		
Sun 31st	10.00am	Sunday Mass	David & Marian's 30th wedding anniversary (M Tilney)	
Mon 1st	10.00am	Service of Word & Communion		
Tue 2nd	7.00pm	Feria		
Wed 3rd	9.15am	St Gregory the Great		
Thu 4th	9.15am	St Cuthbert		
Fri 5th	9.30am 10.00am	Adoration Feria		
Sat 6th	6.30pm	Vigil Mass	FitzGerald family (M FitzGerald)	
Sun 7th	10.00am	Sunday Mass		

DIVINE MERCY HOLY HOUR

The next Divine Mercy Holy Hour is
Sunday 7th September at

St John's Convent, Kiln Green.

2.30 - 3.30 Exposition, hymns

and meditations Refreshments

are served afterwards.



NATIONAL JUSTICE AND PEACE DAY: On

Sat 20th Sept at St
Williams Church,
10.30am - 4pm.
Opportunity to hear about
Justice and Peace
activities from around the
country. Please bring a
packed lunch. See
noticeboard. Contact Ann
Kelly, Tel: 020 7901
4864.

THE SANCTUARY LAMPS:

Dedicated to

10th - 17th August: Main Church: Richard Gurney +
31st Aug - 7th Sep: Main Church: Paul & Jill Wedding Anniversary

ST JOHN BOSCO BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

Please keep in your prayers all those with AUGUST anniversaries:

Kathleen Hodges+ Tom Treacy+ Reginald Halse+ Jo Williams+ Joyce Wise+
Stella Chappe+ Boleslaw Klonowicz+ Anthony McCarthy+ Marjorie Pritchard+
Rita Bellinger+ Fred Silvester+ Robert Ashe+ Noleen Sim+