

READING PASTORAL AREA

St John Bosco



Thought for the week

In this Gospel, John tells the story of Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead. The story is significant because it is likely that his action was his last miracle before Jesus began the journey toward his own death. Jesus made sure that Lazarus was raised from death so that the people could witness God's glory. The healing power of Jesus brings new life to all of us. Are there some things in our lives that cause us to die to others? Perhaps we are impatient, ungrateful, critical, or quick to anger. Maybe we're proud, boastful, or envious. Jesus promises us new life if we trust in him and allow our actions to follow his ways.

JESUS THE HEALER



MASS INTENTIONS & FEAST DAYS

Date	Time	Dedication	Intention	Diary
Sat 5th	9.00am 9.30am 6.30pm	Adoration Mass of the 4th Week of Lent Vigil Mass	Cosmas + (Bridget) Cosmas + (Bridget)	After 10am Sunday Mass Cappuccino Lattes & Cakes
Sun 6th	10.00am	Sunday Mass	Kevin Patrick Jordan + (Ann Jordan)	7.30pm ~ Penitential Svc (Our Lady & St Anne)
Mon 7th	6.00am	Mass of the 5th Week of Lent		
Tue 8th	9.15am	Mass of the 5th Week of Lent CHANGE TO MASS TIME	Joyce + (Chris Hay)	7.30pm ~ Penitential Svc (St Joseph's Tilehurst)
Wed 9th	9.15am	Mass of the 5th Week of Lent	Deceased family & friends + (Rita Belletty)	7.30pm ~ Penitential Svc (Our Lady of Peace)
Thu 10th	9.15am 7.30pm	Mass of the 5th Week of Lent St John Bosco Penitential Svc	Vincent Pacella + (Maureen Ramsden)	7.30pm ~ Penitential Svc (St John Bosco)
Fri 11th	9.30am 10.00am 7.00pm	Mass of the 5th Week of Lent CHURCH CLEANING till 12 Stations of the Cross	Joyce Wise + (Jo & Bob)	7.30pm ~ Penitential Svc (Christ the King)
Sat 12th	6.30pm	Vigil Mass	Colin & Marina's Wedding Anniversary (Colin)	11.00am ~ Penitential Svc (English Martyrs)
Sun 13th Palm Sunday	10.00am	Sunday Mass	John Blake + (Marian Tilney)	TRADCRAFT Fighting poverty through trade

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**Church Office is open
next week:
Tue to Fri 8am - 1pm**

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Envelopes: £ 553.00
Loose: £ 379.86
Standing orders: £ 293.00
Total : £ 1225.86p

Thank you for your generous contributions. Your donations make the life and work of the parish possible.

Next Retiring Collection:

For: Easter Flowers
On: 13th April 2014



Psalm Response: Year A

"With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption."

Confession

Is next available at one of the Penitential Services listed. There is no Saturday confession until Saturday 3rd May

Youth Development Leader:

Peter McGeady -
Tel. 07769 258378
pmcgeady@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Youth Trip to Guildford, Passion Play.

A play in the high street of Guildford about the day Jesus dies. Date: Holy Saturday, 19th April. 1pm-6pm. Travelling by train. Contact Peter McGeady for more information. pmcgeady@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk, 07769258378

LENTEN CHALLENGE

As part of our Lenten Challenge this year, Fr. Bon is inviting all those who can try, to *command their bodies to rise early and come for a Lenten special Mass every Monday in Lent at 6am!* After Mass there will be coffee & croissant (donations to Romania Link please). Another opportunity is an additional 30 minute Adoration on Tuesdays, at 7.00pm, followed by Holy Mass. **Stations of the Cross** will be at 7pm on each Friday evening during Lent and will be led by our church groups.

READING PASTORAL AREA LENT PENITENTIAL SERVICES

The Reading Pastoral Area Lent Penitential Services will be held on:

- Sunday 6th April 3pm: Our Lady & St Anne's
- Tuesday 8th April 7.30pm: St Joseph's
- Wednesday 9th April 7.30pm: Our Lady of Peace
- Thursday 10th April 7.30pm: St John Bosco**
- Friday 11th April 7.30pm: Christ the King
- Saturday 12th April 11am: English Martyrs
- Monday 14th April 7.30pm: St James



Bishop Philip in his Pastoral Letter talked about the importance of going to the **Sacrament of Reconciliation**. "This Lent I urge you to make good use of the **Sacrament of Reconciliation**. There is no better way to effect Lenten renewal than to meet Jesus One to one, Face to face, in the Sacrament of Penance, burying our sins in him and rising with him to new life. This Sacrament is the only means of being forgiven a mortal sin and a huge support in dealing with venial sins. Indeed on our Lenten journey with, Christ in the desert we will not reach Jerusalem unless we make a good confession and so I urge you to find time to celebrate this therapeutic Sacrament now with a priest near you."

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

BEAVERS

Welcome all aged 5 to join the
waiting list. They have vacancies
to join now for those aged 6 and 7.

ST JOHN BOSCO COOK BOOK

Priced at £5 available from the
Repository & Church Office during
opening times.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The volunteer forms for our Easter
Services for Extraordinary Ministers
of Holy Communion, Altar Servers
and Readers are now on the church
notice board. If you can help please
put your name down as soon as
possible ~ thank you.

Church Garden / Boarders

Our Maintenance Team have
done a great job tidying up the
boarders at the side of the church
and are asking for donations of
perennial plants, to fill & add
colour. If you have a spare plant
please leave in the church porch
as soon as possible ~ thank you.

COFFEE & CAKES

The next date for the
Parish Coffee &
Cakes fundraising is
Sunday 6th April. If
you can bake a cake
or help on the day,
please contact Cathy 9272419.



NEWS & EVENTS

QUICK NEWS

Church Cleaning for Easter: We need general thorough cleaning of the Church, chapel and surroundings for Easter. On Friday, 11th April, from 10am - 1pm. No Adoration. Mass at 9.30am followed by cleaning. 12.noon Stations of the Cross by those doing the cleaning. This does not replace the Stations in the evening

Lenten Almsgiving will go to **Yeldall Manor**. Our large green Lenten Almsgiving bottle will be in the church porch before and after all weekend Masses throughout Lent. Your support is much appreciated.



Holy Week & Easter Services: Please pick up your copy of the timetable this weekend.

St George's Day Service at 2pm on Sunday 27th April. All welcome to join the Scout Group in celebrating England's Scouting Patron Saint in our church

THE CALLED AND GIFTED PROGRAM

This program will run in 2014-2015 & is a 3 part discernment process intended to help Catholics discern their charisms. PART ONE Called and Gifted workshop 7pm-9pm Fri 27.6.14 and 9-5pm Sat 28.6.14 2014 at Botleigh Grange Hotel and Spa, Grange Road, Hedge end, Southampton SO30 2GA. COST: All day conference costs are paid for those in our diocese. For those outside the diocese the cost is £50. Accommodation is not included. If you would like to stay you will need to book and pay for it yourself. BOOK on www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/calledandgifted

ST DOMINIC SAVIO SCHOOL

Have 2 teacher vacancies:
please see the school notice
board in the church porch for
further details. Closing dates
25th April 2014.

ROMANIA LINK

Easter Cake Sale: After the Easter Sunday Mass in aid of helping children living in the orphanage & the very poor families in Cluj, Romania. If you can help, please bake a cake and bring it to the church before the Saturday Easter Vigil Mass or Sunday morning. Please help make this a successful event.

Good news from the orphanage! The twin boys mentioned after our visit to Romania last year (whose schooling has been facilitated by our last year's donation), their fate would have been the state orphanage at the end of this summer, but happily we have just heard adoptive parents have now been secured for these two lovely boys. Thank you to the many parishioners who have been praying for this happy outcome

CONFIRMATION 2015

Will start with Mass and an introductory
"Come & See" Session on **Tuesday 20th May 2014 at 7pm until 8.30pm** (candidate & at least 1 parent). The preparation program is open to all young people in school years YR8 & YR9. The enrolment forms and full dates list will be available at this session. The Confirmation Ceremony for all candidates from our Reading Pastoral Area will be at **Portsmouth Cathedral on Sat 16th May 2015 at 3pm**. We ask all eligible young people to start thinking about Confirmation now in preparation for the "Come & See" Session.



BISHOP PHILIP

LENT CATECHESIS: The Fifth Sunday of Lent – Bishop Philip reflects on the raising of Lazarus. Online catechesis is offered each week to help you take a spiritual pilgrimage with Christ this Lent. The video is available at: www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk each Monday which includes the Gospel for the coming Sunday followed by Bishop Philip's catechesis .



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

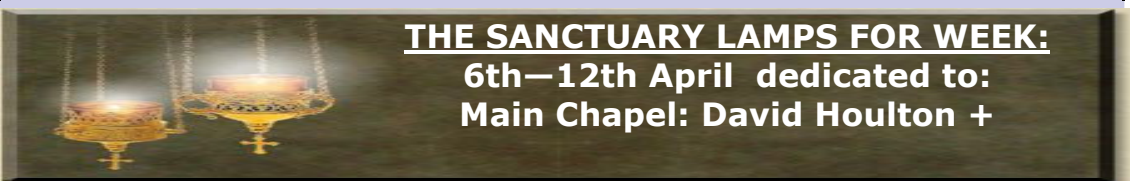
The Sanctuary Lamp we use in our church lasts a week. In this Year of Faith in Action, we encourage members of our parish to mark special periods in their lives by requesting to "light" the sanctuary lamp. This is another opportunity to draw close to the Lord in the Eucharist, to express your love for Him, and to let his light shine in your life. Volunteering to light the Sanctuary Lamp can only bring a greater feeling and experience of peace and blessings from the Lord. **If you would like to sponsor the lamp please fill in the lilac form available from the porch and return it to the church office asap.** The next available dates are:

Week commencing **Sunday 13th April:** Main Church Lamp

Week commencing **Sunday 27th April:** Main Church & Lady Chapel Lamps

THE SANCTUARY LAMPS FOR WEEK:

**6th—12th April dedicated to:
Main Chapel: David Houlton +**



ST JOHN BOSCO BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

Please keep in your prayers all those with APRIL anniversaries:

**John Jerome Devlin+ Kevin Jordan+ Susan Joy+
Becky Janssens+ Robert Booth+ Terence Manzi+
Alan Booth+ Ina Dias+ John Knox+ Harry Foster+**