

READING PASTORAL AREA

St John Bosco



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

REFLECTION

Jesus came to the Jordan River to be baptized by John. At first John objected and said that it was he, John, who should be baptized by Jesus. Jesus indicated a future baptism when he responded to John saying that it was fitting for John to baptize Jesus. John acquiesced and at the conclusion of the baptism, the Spirit came down from heaven in the form of a dove and clearly announced Jesus as God's son. God was pleased with His son. Most parents know what it means to be pleased with our children. Even when they do things that annoy, challenge, or disappoint us, we love our children. Although we experience some notion of unconditional love with our own children, it is difficult for us to grasp the magnitude of God's love for us, even when we annoy, challenge, or disappoint Him. Through our Baptism, we are members of God's family and will know the unconditional love of a parent.



MASS INTENTIONS & FEAST DAYS

Date	Time	Dedication	Intention	Diary
Sat 11th	6.30pm	Vigil Mass	Mary & Barrie's int. (Bridget & Sr Martin)	
Sun 12th	10.00am	Sunday Mass	Mark Ilonah + (Henry Ilonah & family)	
Mon 13th	10.00am	Service of Word & Communion		8.00pm ~ SJB Prayer Group
Tue 14th	7.00pm	Feria	Terence Hamill + (Mrs B Craddock)	
Wed 15th	9.15am	Feria	Private int. (Kitty Foley)	
Thu 16th	9.15am	YR6 Mass	Pamela Evans + (Rita)	
Fri 17th	9.00am 9.30pm	Adoration St. Anthony of Egypt	Alan Patton + (Barry & Eileen)	
Sat 18th	6.30pm	Vigil Mass	Pamela Evans + (Helen Mole)	1.30pm ~ First Holy Communion meeting.
Sun 19th	10.00am 11.30pm	Sunday Mass with First Holy Communion children and their prayer partners. Baptisms: Ocean McConnell, Meadow Taylor-Carson and Megan Cole & Daniel Carey.	Paul Hicks + (Bridie & Bob Hicks)	



Father Bon would like to thank all parishioners for their Christmas donations and gifts and wishes everyone a very happy New Year !

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION.

Thank you to the parishioners who have agreed to become new Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion.

Next **Sunday 19th January** there will be:

5pm ~ Training for all new ministers

6pm ~ Training for all new & existing ministers.

These are important meetings so please do make a special effort to attend. The new translation of "Bringing Communion to the Sick" will be issued to all Sunday Ministers. Pyxes will be handed out to new ministers. Your commitment to this very important ministry is much appreciated, especially by the 16 sick and housebound parishioners. The new rota will be issued at the meeting and commences on the 02.02.14. Can all new Ministers please provide their email and phone contacts to the church office as soon possible.



WEEKLY COLLECTION

Envelopes: £ 276.75

Loose: £ 323.28

Standing orders: £287.00

Total : £ 887.03p

The Crib Collection raised:

£189.72p

Thank you for all your kind donations ~ it is much appreciated.

Next Retiring Collection:

For: Catholic Education Service

On: 16th February 2014

Psalm Responses: Year A

"The Lord will bless his people with peace."

Confession

Is next available on

Saturday 11th

January

5.30 till 6.00pm



Youth Development Leader:

Peter McGeady -

Tel. 07769 258378

pmcgeady@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Reading Divine Mercy Circle:

the next Holy Hour is on

Sunday 12th January

Here at St John Bosco at
2.30-3.30pm. All welcome



SACRAMENTS

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 (Latin) & 6pm

LOCAL CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL:

St Dominic Savio Primary School,
Western Ave, Woodley.
Tel: 969 3893
Head teacher:
Mr James Broadbridge.

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION

Volunteer for CAFOD! Put your skills to good use this year and help CAFOD in our diocese - different positions and opportunities available.
Please contact
CAFOD Portsmouth Office:
portsmouth@cafod.org.uk
or 01252 329385

READING CHRISTIAN MEN'S GROUP BREAKFAST


Is on Sat 8th February, the speaker is Colin Matthews, Chief Exec of Heathrow Airport. At Reading Blue Coat School, at 8.15 for 8.30 breakfast. Please book by Tue 4th February by contacting John Tel: 986-1917

INTERNATIONAL PRO-LIFE

Youth Conference: Fri 7th – Sun 9th March 2014. For students and young adults, at University of Wolverhampton, Telford Campus Conference Centre. This conference is a unique opportunity for young Catholics to hear from many pro-life champions, including Dr William Newton and Dr Helen Watt For more info:
www.whyiamprolife.org.

BAPTISM

Please pray for Ocean McConnell, Meadow Taylor-Carson, Megan Cole, Daniel Carey and their families, as they prepare for their Baptisms next weekend.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Next meeting Sat 18.01.14 at 1.30pm. The children would like to invite all their Prayer Partners to 10am Mass on Sun 19.01.13 with tea and coffee afterwards in the parish centre.




RCIA GROUP

will be meeting next at 7.30pm on **Thur 23rd Jan**, at Our Lady of Peace church.



FUNERAL


Thank you to all who attended the funerals of **Jessy Ayres** and **Richard Guerney** last week. Please keep them and their families in your prayers at this sad time.



OTHER NEWS / EVENTS

SJB RECIPE BOOK

The PPC would like to put together a book of recipes to reflect the friendship and diversity of our parish. The book will be on sale at the beginning of Lent. If you have a favourite recipe you would like to share, with a little note of its history or why you or your family like it, please hand it in to the office or leave in the box in the church.




PEACE SUNDAY 19TH JANUARY

The Church begins every New Year with a message from the Holy Father about world peace and in England and Wales with a special day of prayer for peace. For the message from Pope Francis for 2014, see http://www.vatican.va/holy_father/francesco/messages/peace/documents/papa-francesco_20131208_messaggio-xlvi-giornata-mondiale-pace-2014_en.html. Bishop Philip is very keen that we promote justice, peace and social responsibility within the diocese and is grateful to Pax Christi for all they do to help promote awareness of this. They have all sorts of resources available on their website: www.paxchristi.org.uk/peace_sunday1.php.


SJB CHRISTMAS CARD

Thank you for supporting the St John Bosco Christmas Card all donations will be sent to our local **Crisis at Christmas**. The total raised was **£90.79**



READERS

Our Young Readers group will be reading at the Vigil Mass this Saturday and at 10am Mass this Sunday.



CHOOSE LIFE

Choose Love Conference: Fri 28th Feb – Sun 2.3.14
At St Patrick's Church in Soho, London. Speakers include Dana Rosemary Scallon, Renee Mirkes, John Henry Westen and Jonathan Doyle. £50 to attend the weekend or £30 for one day. Any queries edmundadamus@rcdow.org.uk.

2013 BAPTISMAL LEAVES

All babies & children baptised during 2013 can now collect their "named leaf" from the small box under the notice board in the church porch.

ROMANIA LINK

We received Christmas greetings for the parish from the orphanage we support in Romania with a picture of the children (see notice board). They thank us for our solidarity and send their gratitude, love and prayers.

IRISH NIGHT

A date for your diaries
SATURDAY 15TH MARCH
We are pleased to announce that we shall once again be hosting a **St Patrick's celebration here at St John Bosco. Details and tickets etc will be confirmed nearer the time, but please do make a note of the date now.**



LENT & HOLY WEEK MUSIC

Saturday, 8 February, 10.00 am to 3.30pm at Our Lady of Peace, Earley. A day with **Paul Inwood - Towards Cross and Resurrection: Music for Lent and Holy Week** for choirs members, organists and anyone involved in organising music in the parish. For info and to book places for your choir, contact Joan: 9264729 by 31 January.

NEXT MEETING DATES:

Prayer Group (SJB)
8pm Mon 13th Jan
Traidcraft Stall
Sat 18th & Sun 19th Jan
First Holy Communion
1.30pm Sat 18th Jan
10am Sunday Mass 19th Jan
Over 60's Club
2.00pm Thu 23rd Jan
RCIA
7.30pm Thu 23rd Jan
Finance & Admin Committee
Thu 23rd Jan at 7pm
Baptism Preparation
Sat 25th Jan 10.00am
Live Simply Group
Thu 30th Jan at 7.30pm
PPC
Wed 12th Feb at 8pm

PILGRIMAGE

8 days TO THE HOLY LAND, Sat 18 – 25th Oct 2014. In the footsteps of Jesus. Led by Fr John O'Shea. Info evening Fri, 24th Jan St James Church at 7.30pm. Tel 957 4171

ST JOHN BOSCO BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

Please keep in your prayers all those with January anniversaries:
The Drinal Family+ Victoria Silvester+ Ella Louise Ormiston+ Ellen Colfer+ Elvira Monopoli+ Czeslaw Lukomski+ Helena Bridgeman+ Paul Hicks+ Marjorie Bryant+ Jim Worthe+

