



READING PASTORAL AREA

# St John Bosco

**SEA**  
SUNDAY  
13 July 2014

## This Sunday's Gospel Message

While we call this Gospel, "The Parable of the Sower," it is much more about the seed than the farmer. Although there will be obstacles to telling others the Good News, the message will be received by many. Some of the sower's seeds fell on rocky ground, on paths where people walked and among thorns. While these seeds probably won't take, the seed that fell on good soil has the chance of reaping a tremendous harvest. We meet many obstacles and sometimes feel people simply don't hear us. But the seed that falls on good soil will produce an enormous yield. We need only not to be discouraged nor give up in the face of obstacles.



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

### WEEKLY COLLECTION

Envelopes: £ 246.00

Loose: £ 280.53

Standing orders: £ 317.00

**Total : £ 843.53 p**

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

### Next Retiring Collection:

For: Sea Sunday

On: 13th July 2014

Please use the collection baskets in the porch after Mass.

### Psalm Response: Year A

**"Some seed fell in rich soil, and produced its crop."**

### WALK TO CHURCH SUNDAY

**Thank you all who left their car at home and made their way to church under their own steam this weekend!**



### Confession

The next Saturday confession is this Saturday 12th July at 5.30pm

### DIVINE MERCY HOLY HOUR

The next Divine Mercy Holy Hour is

**Sunday 3rd August at**

**Christ the King, Whitley.**

2.30 - 3.30 Exposition, hymns and meditations Refreshments are served afterwards.



### HOLY HOUR

On Friday 18th July, Lord Falconer's Assisted Dying (Suicide) Bill goes to the House of Lords. There will be a debate, and perhaps a vote. The Bishop has asked all clergy on the day before (Thursday 17th July) to hold an hour of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. Bishop Philip encourages every parish to unite together in prayer for the protection of life, particularly in its end stages. Even if you are unable to make it to a Holy Hour that evening, he invites you to spend some time in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. After prayer, the most important thing we can do is write to one of the Peers in the House of Lords. The Bishop asks you to do this before 18th July at the very latest.



### SEA SUNDAY 13TH JULY

This weekend is Sea Sunday, when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. There will be a second collection for Apostleship of the Sea, the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church in Great Britain. It provides practical and spiritual support to seafarers visiting our ports.

**Please use the gift aid envelopes for your donations this weekend ~ thank you.**



## MASS INTENTIONS & FEAST DAYS

Date	Time	Dedication	Intention	Diary
Sat 12th	6.30pm	Vigil Mass	Carmela & Michael Piaquardio + (Mr & Mrs F Zeolla)	
Sun 13th	10.00am	Sunday Mass	Mary James + (Bridget)	
Mon 14th	10.00am	Service of Word & Communion		
Tue 15th	7.00pm	St Swithun	Barry Ford's intentions (Jo & Bob)	
Wed 16th	9.15am	Our Lady of Mount Carmel	Maggie Beresford + (Rita Belletty)	
Thu 17th	9.15am 10.00am	St Bonaventure Holy Hour for Assisted Dying Bill.		
Fri 18th	11.00am	Requiem Mass: William Murphy		
Sat 19th	6.30pm	Vigil Mass	Thanksgiving (Bridget)	10am Baptism Preparation Course.
Sun 20th	10.00am	Sunday Mass	Benet Gillespie's intentions (The choir)	

**We Warmly welcome Fr George Ngwa who will be celebrating Mass here until 1st August.**

# NEWS & EVENTS

**NEXT MEETING DATES:**

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

### WANTED

Volunteers who are Eucharistic  
Ministers to take Holy  
Communion to patients in the  
Royal Berkshire Hospital. Please  
contact the parish office for the  
appropriate application form. If  
you would like more information  
on what's involved please contact  
Fr John O'Shea on 0118 957  
4171 or email [stjames@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:stjames@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk).

### Youth Event

at Our Lady of Peace, Earley.  
Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July. 7.30pm-  
9pm. Outdoor games and a  
barbeque. All those of secondary  
school age are very welcome.  
We are hoping to gather young  
people from all of Reading for this  
evening. Signed consent form  
needed. Contact Peter,  
[pmcgeady@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:pmcgeady@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk),  
[www.readingcym.co.uk](http://www.readingcym.co.uk)

### "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.**

## FEEDBACK FROM THE READING PASTORAL AREA VOLUNTEERS FAIR HELD IN MAY:

This weekend at both Masses we shall hear feedback from the  
Reading Pastoral Area volunteers Fair. The Fair was held in  
responses to Bishop Philip's request to take action following  
the Year of Faith last Year.

Leaflets listing all the organisations  
who participated at the Fair are  
available from the church porch ~  
please do take a copy and if you feel  
inspired to show your faith in action  
contact details for all the groups  
are listed.



THIS AUGUST 1,000 YOUNG ADULTS WILL JOURNEY TO  
WALSINGHAM FOR A 5-DAY FESTIVAL.  
AMIDST DYNAMIC TALKS AND WORKSHOPS, LIVE WORSHIP AND  
LAUGHTER BETWEEN NEW FRIENDS, THERE IS A PERSONAL CALL  
TO A DEEP ENCOUNTER... STEP INTO THE JOURNEY... DARE TO BEGIN.  
THE ROMAN CATHOLIC SHRINE OF OUR LADY,  
WALSINGHAM, NORFOLK, NR22 6AL, UK

## THE JOURNEY

DARE TO BEGIN  
21ST - 25TH AUG 2014 EXCUBS 35

[INFO@YOUTH2000.ORG](mailto:INFO@YOUTH2000.ORG) - 02072212124 - [WWW.YOUTH2000.ORG](http://WWW.YOUTH2000.ORG)

### REPOSITORY

Please remember to  
pop in and have a look  
at the stock available in  
our Repository which is  
open before and after  
both weekend Masses.

In addition to  
Sacramental gifts there  
are also missals, prayer  
cards, rosary beads,  
candles and cards for  
all occasions.

### REQUIEM MASS

The funeral of William (Liam) Murphy  
will take place here next Friday 18<sup>th</sup>  
July at 11am. Please keep Liam and  
his family in your thoughts and  
prayers at this sad time.



### HAPPY FEAST DAY

Whilst Fr Bon is away he still gets our newsletter  
by email: So let us all wish Fr Bon a very happy  
feast day of St Bonaventure on  
the Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July.

### BISHOP PHILIP'S REQUEST

In the Bishop's pastoral letter on the feast of Ss Peter and Paul he  
requested that all of us say the following prayer three times every  
morning over the summer to unite ourselves afresh with Christ:  
"Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, I implore the grace to love you  
daily more and more".

Traidcraft Stall  
Sat 12<sup>th</sup> & Sun 13<sup>th</sup> July

Over 60's Club  
2.00pm Thu 24<sup>th</sup> July

3rd Woodley St John Bosco  
Scout Group:  
Beavers: Mon 6.00-7.00pm  
Cubs: Thu 6.30-8.30pm  
Scouts: Mon 7.30-9.30pm  
Term time only.

### 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. Phone the parish  
office for further details.

### CATHOLIC YOUTH MINISTRY PROJECT,

the Management  
Group wish to assure every one of  
their support and commitment to  
continue to develop the Youth  
Groups in our parishes. They have  
begun a consultation with Youth  
Leaders and Priests with a view to  
appointing a new Youth Ministry  
Co-Ordinator for the Pastoral Area  
in Reading.

### WHAT COMES OUT OF YOUR RED MISSION BOX?

Fr Frank Thompson MHM invites  
APF—Mill Hill members, **and  
anyone interested**, to attend our  
Diocesan Mission Mass - (see  
notice in porch) which will be  
offered for your intentions and  
followed by a 20 minute film about  
Missio SPA and its support for the  
growing number of Vocations to  
the priesthood and the religious  
life worldwide. Here is a chance  
to find out how your contributions  
are transforming into deeds and to  
celebrate your "missionary  
vocation". You are encouraged to  
attend.



### THE SANCTUARY LAMPS FOR WEEK:

12<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> June dedicated to:

Main Church: Bridget's birthday

Lady Chapel: Cosmas +

### ST JOHN BOSCO BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

**Please keep in your prayers all those with JULY anniversaries:**

Maura Cox+ Ken Webb+ Maggie Beresford+ Bernard Joy+ Joseph Darné+  
John Davis+ Zofia Niedzwiedzka+ Tony Jacobs+ Margaret Bond+  
Bridget Pocock+ Eileen Murphy+