



READING PASTORAL AREA

St John Bosco



Thought for the week

**“This is what we are about.
We plant the seeds that one day will grow.
We water seeds already planted, knowing that they
hold future promise. We provide yeast that produces
effects far beyond our capabilities.”**

*(Quote from Archbishop Oscar Romero
martyred in San Salvador just over 30 years ago)*



ARE YOU NEW TO OUR PARISH ?

We would like to extend a very warm welcome to all new parishioners. Please take a copy of our handbook from the church porch and return the parishioner registration form to the church office as soon as possible. After Mass on Sunday 28th September please join us for tea and coffee in the church centre to meet Fr Bon and other parishioners.



PARISH REPAIR PROJECT COLLECTION

This weekend our annual “parish project” collection is for replacing the **Skylights** in our Lady Chapel. The cost for replacing each skylight, of which there are four is approx.£850 each. Replacing these will allow more light into the chapel, as well as reducing our electricity bills. Please give generously.

CATECHISTS NEEDED

We urgently need catechists to join our Sacramental preparation programs: Baptism, First Holy Communion, Confirmation and RCIA. Please consider if you have the time to help the spiritual growth of our parish community? We have excellent Coordinators for our programs but help is needed to run the sessions, full instruction will be given. If this is where your talents lie then please contact the church office as soon as possible.




ST JOHN BOSCO CHRISTMAS CARDS

As part of our on going fund raising for our parish we are asking **YOU** to design a Christmas card. This is open to adults and children. All designs must be on A4 white paper, with your name (and age if a child) on the reverse and must be submitted to the church office before 30th September. The best 10 designs will then be chosen and will be available to purchase in packs of 10 cards with envelopes from mid October. If you have any queries please contact the office.



MASS INTENTIONS & FEAST DAYS

Date	Time	Dedication	Intention	Diary
Sat 13th	6.30pm	Vigil Creation Mass	Emmanuel +	
Sun 14th The Triumph of The Cross	10.00am	Creation Mass	Care for our environment	
Mon 15th	10.00am	Service of Word & Communion		
Tue 16th	7.00pm	Ss Cornelius & Cyprian	Angelo's int. (Honey)	
Wed 17th	9.15am	St Hildegard of Bigen	Liz & Don's 50th wedding anniversary (Claire & Linda)	7.30pm ~ Scout Leaders meeting
Thu 18th	9.15am	Whole school Mass for start of term	Harold Guttridge + (Linda)	2.00pm ~ Over 60's Club
Fri 19th	9.00am 9.30am	Adoration St Januartus	Thanksgiving 50th Wedding anniversary (Don & Liz)	
Sat 20th	6.30pm	Vigil Mass	Ina Dias + (F & L Collaco)	10.00am ~ Baptism Prep
Sun 21st	10.00am 11.30am	Sunday Mass Baptisms	Rosy & Maurizio Lupo's int. (M Gomez)	

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

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Envelopes: £ 336.00

Loose: £ 393.75

Standing orders: £ 317.00

Total : £ 1046.75p

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

Next Retiring Collection:

For: Parish Repair Project

On: 14th September 2014

Psalm Response: Year A

**“Never forget the deeds of the
Lord.”**

Confession : The next Saturday
confession is this Sat 13th Sept at
5.30—6.00pm

CREATION MASS & HARVEST

OFFERING this weekend.

Thank you to all those who have
brought a vegetable or fruit
which they have grown.

The Mass intention on Sunday is
for



“Care for our environment”

DIVINE MERCY HOLY HOUR

The next Divine Mercy Holy Hour
is **Sunday 5th October at**

English Martyrs.

2.30 - 3.30 Exposition, hymns
and meditations,
refreshments afterwards.



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

WELCOME: Next weekend we welcome Fr Emmanuel Nuh to celebrate both our weekend Masses.

HERITAGE OPEN DAYS:

St James Church, Forbury, will be open at this Sunday at 12.15 for an organist recital and a history tour at 3pm.

BISHOP PHILIP EGAN will

celebrate Mass in honour of Saint Lorenzo Ruiz, Filipino-Chinese saint enshrined at St. John's Cathedral in Portsmouth on Saturday 27th September 2014 at 4:00 pm. There will be a procession of Filipino and Chinese saints from the car park to the Church starting at 3:30 pm. Filipinos and Chinese groups will bring food to share after the Mass. All are invited. For more information call Fr. Claro Conde, 07803191502

"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.**

QUICK NEWS:

NATIONAL JUSTICE AND PEACE DAY: On Sat 20th Sept at St Williams Church, Upper Redlands Road, RG1 5JJ, 10.30am – 4pm.. Please bring a packed lunch. Contact Ann Kelly, Tel: 020 7901 4864.

ALPHA COURSE: As there are now enough applicants the list is now closed. The course organisers have been very pleased with the excellent response.

JAC AGM: Everyone is invited to join JAC (Just Around the Corner) for their AGM on Monday 13th October at St James, Kingfisher Drive, Woodley. From 7.30-10pm. Refreshments will be served

FAITH IN ACTION, sub group of Reading PA meets on Monday, 22nd September in St James at 2pm.

SACRAMENTS

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

RCIA: Are you or do you know somebody interested in becoming a Catholic? Our next Journey in Faith course will start in October 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.

CONFIRMATION: Until the end of this month there is still time to join our Confirmation preparation. This is open to all young people in school years YR8 & YR9 and who live in our parish. Contact the church office for further details. Due to the departure of our youth worker, the proposed Reading area event advertised as part of the confirmation program in September, won't be going ahead.

If you have any queries please email the church office.



BISHOP'S GUIDELINES FOR FUNERALS

Bishop Philip offers the clergy and people of the Diocese of Portsmouth new "Guidelines for Funerals and for the Care of the Terminally Ill". These Guidelines should be followed when planning a funeral for a Catholic person who has died. The leaflet enables Catholics to leave instructions about their own funeral for their next of kin. In addition, some notes are given for the care of Catholics who are terminally ill. A copy of these Guidelines will be available from the church porch next weekend. Please take a copy and discuss with your immediate family so that as and when it becomes appropriate they have an idea of your wishes.

FREE2B

You are invited to join with other Christians from across Woodley for worship at 'Free2B' on Sunday 21st September at 7:00 pm at St James Church. Out theme is 'The Authority of Christ' and we plan to share what is going on in our churches and pray and worship together.

Traidcraft Stall

Sat 13th & Sun 14th September

Over 60's Club

2.00pm Thu 18th September

SJB Prayer Group

8.00pm Mon 23rd September

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.

JOB VACANCY

The Church of Christ the King is looking for a cleaner to keep the parish hall spic and span? The job is five hours a week, Contact Maria 0118 931 4469

READING PASTORAL AREA FORUM

on Wednesday, 24th September in St William of York Church at 7.30pm.

RBH VOLUNTEERS who have

offered to take Holy Communion to the sick are invited to a special meeting on Saturday, 27th Sept in St James at 10am.

KEEP IN TOUCH WITH THE LATEST NEWS!

The Diocese of Portsmouth now issues a weekly e-news with photos, news, and information from around the Diocese. Go to www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk and add your email address to receive these updates.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

ST JOHN BOSCO CAROL SERVICE AND FESTIVE DRINKS on Tuesday 9th December at 7.00pm.

The Carol Service will be held in the main church with festive drinks and mince pies in the Parish Centre afterwards. We shall be holding a Festive raffle to be drawn on the night.

This is a great chance to socialise with fellow parishioners so make sure you save the date!

THE SANCTUARY LAMPS FOR WEEK:

14th - 21st September dedicated to:

**Main Church: Thanksgiving 50th wedding ann. Don & Liz
Lady Chapel: Don & Liz 50th Wedding anniversary**

ST JOHN BOSCO BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

Please keep in your prayers all those with September anniversaries:

Peggy Murphy+ Heather Chandler+ Kathleen Henson+ Rita Jacobs+ Josie Mannion+ Laurence Keenan+ Adela Lukomska+ Yvonne Young+