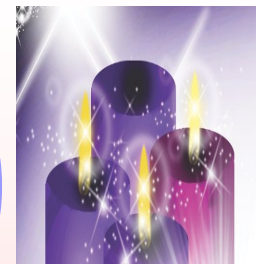




READING PASTORAL AREA

St John Bosco



GOSPEL MESSAGE

"Rejoice: the Lord is nigh." As Christmas draws near, the Church emphasizes the joy which should be in our hearts over all that the birth of our Saviour means for us. Today is known as Gaudete Sunday and refers to the first word of the Entrance Antiphon, "Rejoice". Rose vestments are worn to emphasize our joy that Christmas is near, and we also light the rose candle on our Advent wreath. In the Gospel today the Jewish leaders questioned John the Baptist asking who he was and John made it clear that he was simply announcing the one to come who would be much greater than himself. So often our identity is tied to another person. We are Jim's mum, Tom's wife, Sue's husband, or Mary's daughter. What John is, is the same thing we are, and that is a herald – the person who brings the Good News about Jesus Christ into the lives of others. In our families we do this by our faithful participation in worship, prayer, and actions.



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WEEKLY COLLECTION

Envelopes: £ 348.00

Loose: £ 272.02

Standing orders: £ 317.00

Total : £937.02p

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

Next Retiring Collection:

For: Christmas Flowers

On: 14th December 2014

Psalm Response: Year B

"My soul rejoices in my God."

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

Please see the details of all the local Advent Penitential Services which start next week.

There will be no further confession after our Penitential Service until January 2015.

Weekly e-news from the Diocese:
www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

DIVINE MERCY HOLY HOUR

The next Divine Mercy Holy Hour is **Sunday 11th January at Our Lady of Peace**
2.30 - 3.30pm



LOCAL ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICES

Confessing our sins is an important part of our Advent preparation. Please do make a special effort to attend our Advent Penitential Service.

Tue. 16th Dec. 7.30pm - St. John Bosco

OR

Wed. 17th Dec., 7.30pm - Christ the King, Whitley
Thurs. 18th Dec., 7.30pm - St. Joseph's, Tilehurst
Friday 19th Dec. 7.30pm – Our Lady of Peace
Sat. 20th Dec., 11am - English Martyrs, Reading
Sunday 21st Dec. 3pm - St. Anne's, Caversham
Monday 22nd Dec. 7.30pm - St. James



SJB CHRISTMAS CARDS

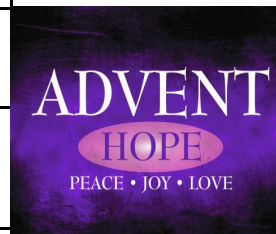
Our St John Bosco charity Christmas cards are available to buy in packs of 10 priced at £5 per pack, from the church porch at weekends or from the church office during opening times.

We need to sell 31 more packs to reach our fundraising target for this initiative.

All proceeds will go to our church ~ please support us.

MASS INTENTIONS & FEAST DAYS

Date	Time	Dedication	Intention	Diary
Sat 13th	6.30pm	Vigil Mass	Brian & Nelly + (Mrs Craddock)	11am~ RCIA at Christ the King
Sun 14th 3rd Sunday in Advent	10.00am	Sunday Mass	Eammon Burke + (Ann Burke)	
Mon 15th	10.00am	Service of Word & Communion		8.00pm ~ SJB Prayer Group
Tue 16th	9.15am 7.30pm	Mass Of the 3rd week of Advent St John Bosco Advent Penitential Service	Terence Hamil + (Mrs Craddock)	
Wed 17th	9.15am 2.30pm 6.30pm 7.30pm	Mass: Liturgy of the Day School Carol Concert (Ticket only) School Carol Concert (Ticket only) Penitential Svc at Christ the King	Manuelina Fernandez + (L Collaco)	
Thu 18th	9.15am 7.30pm	Mass: Liturgy of the Day Penitential Svc at St Joseph's	Elsie Neech + (Mrs Craddock)	
Fri 19th	10.00am 7.30pm	Mass: Liturgy of the Day Penitential Svc at Our Lady of Peace	Patricia Whalley +	10.30am—12 ~ Church Christmas cleaning
Sat 20th	11.00am 6.30pm	Penitential Svc at English Martyrs Vigil Mass	Tony & Lourdes Leitao int. (F & L Collaco)	
Sun 21st 4th Sunday in Advent	10.00am 3.00pm	Mass Penitential Svc at St Annes	Basil & Ruby Gomez + (M Gomez)	



Emergency numbers for the
Sacramental Ministry of a
priest:

Fr Bon 969 3423

Fr. Pat 931 4469

Fr. Emmanuel 966 3711

Cannon Michael 957 2149

Fr George 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

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

WOODLEY CHURCHES TOGETHER CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Thank you to all who delivered
the Woodley Churches Together
Christmas cards. All cards have
now been delivered. Your help
with this is much appreciated.

CAFOD EMERGENCY EBOLA APPEAL

Thank you to all who donated to
the Ebola appeal a fantastic
£464.38p was raised and will be
sent to CAFOD next week.

CHURCH OFFICE CHRISTMAS CLOSURE

Please note that the
church office will be closed
from Tuesday 23rd December
until Tuesday 6th January.
If you have an emergency during
this time please phone 969 3423
and Fr Bon will return your call.

"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.

NEWS & EVENTS

QUICK NEWS:

PRAYER PARTNERS: The volunteer form to be a Prayer Partner to the
First Holy Communion children is now at the back of the church. Please sign
up so that each child has a Prayer Partner. Thank you.

CHURCH CLEANING FOR CHRISTMAS: On Fri 19th Dec there will be no
Adoration and Mass will be at 10am. We then need volunteers to help clean
our church in preparation for Christmas from **10.30am till noon**. All help
would be much appreciated.

GIFT AID BOXES 2015 Can all Gift Aiders please collect your boxes from
the Church Porch if you haven't already done so ~ thank you.

BEDDING WANTED for rough sleepers in January. Single duvets, covers,
sheets, pillows, pillowcases. Put them in a black bag and drop of at the Faith
Office, behind CCA at 79 Silver Street. Contact number 0118 9872672.

ADVENT TAIZE EVENING: A service of meditative singing and prayer in
the Taizé tradition will be held at English Martyrs Church on Monday 15th
December at **8 p.m.** Refreshments will be served afterwards.

SJB PRAYER GROUP: The date of the next meeting is Mon 15th Dec at
8pm in the Parish Rooms. We are a small friendly group who welcome new
members. We will be taking a Christmas break and the first meeting of 2015
will be on Mon 12th Jan.

NEWSLETTER: Please note that next weekend's newsletter is the last this
year and will cover 3 weekends. The next new newsletter will be on 11th
January.

CHRIST THE KING CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL; is currently looking for a
temporary Year 5 teacher to start in January. Details on the notice board.

THIS WEEKEND

ROMANIA LINK

The Romania Group would like to thank everyone who visited their stall and
made purchases at the Woodley Extravaganza last weekend. **This weekend
they will be selling Christmas goodies after both weekend Masses ~ but
be quick as they only have a limited supply of items left.** They will advise
their total raised next weekend. Thank you for all the support you have given
to the orphan children and the families living in poverty in Romania.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Thank you to those who have volunteered to take Communion to the sick and
housebound on Christmas Day.

Volunteer forms for all our Christmas Masses are on the porch notice board
now ~ please sign up asap if you can help, thank you.

ST JOHN BOSCO CHRISTMAS CONCERT AND RAFFLE

Thank you to everyone who attended our Christmas Carol Concert and parish social last Tuesday. We had well
over 70 people attend and it was great to see so many happy parishioners in the parish centre. It was so full we
couldn't have fitted any more in !!! Thank you to everyone who helped with this event. Our raffle made a great
£272 which goes directly to parish funds. The draw took place during the social and these are winning tickets
with prizes to be collected from the parish office during opening times: **Peach strips:** 41-45, 101-105 & 346-347
White strips: 51-55, 56-60, 81-85, 176-180, 181-190, 221-225, 236-240, 261-262, 266-270, 341-345,
346-350, 456-460 & 571-575.

Please bring your winning tickets when you collect your prize and congratulations to all the winners !

THE SANCTUARY LAMPS FOR WEEK:

13th - 20th December dedicated to:

Main Church: Piacquodio family intentions

Lady Chapel: Mary's intentions

ST JOHN BOSCO BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

Please keep in your prayers all those with December anniversaries:

Ruby Gomez+ Robert Ashe+ Eamonn Burke+ Raymond Cook+
Peggy Pounds+ Aguida Ortiz+ Sarah Keenan+ Guillermo Larano+
Sheila Halse+ Connie Hayes+ Sarah Irving+ Arthur Jacobs+
Ralph Gomez+ Jessie Ayres+ Richard Gurney+ Sister Mary Agatha+

NEXT MEETING DATES:

RCIA (Journey in Faith)

11am Sat 13th Dec
at Christ the King hall.

SJB Prayer Group

8.00pm Mon 15th Dec
(next meeting Mon 12.01.15)

Traidcraft Stall

Sat 20th & Sun 21st Dec

Over 60's Club

2.00pm Thu 8th Jan

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.



TEA & COFFEE

Volunteers are needed to join our
Sunday tea and coffee rota.

Commitment once a
month and this is
great way to meet
other parishioners.



Contact Cathy on 01189272419.

Coffee and Cakes Fundraising
will be held next on Sun 1st Feb
~ help needed to bake cakes.

Please call Cathy (number
above) if you can bake or help.

Filipino Christmas Simbang Gabi Mass

a singing practice on
Saturday, 20th December
12noon - 5pm
at St James Church

