



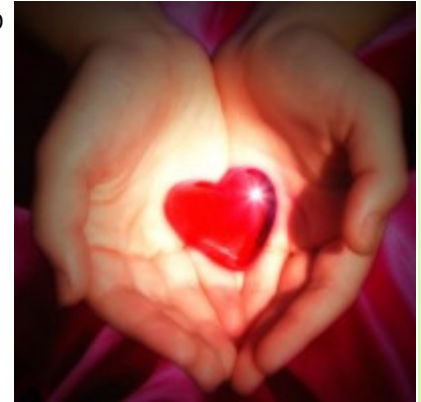
READING PASTORAL AREA

St John Bosco



Thought for the week

Matthew's Gospel this week and to come highlight what seem to be an unattainable ideal. What Jesus asks of his followers requires an extraordinary interior conversion of heart. Mere external compliance seems impossible; only love as the basis for action could render possible the ethic proposed here by Jesus. Jesus' teaching — how he deliberately pushes his hearers beyond mere observance of the Law to a way of following the commandments that springs from a radical love of God and neighbor — is our focus. Life is full of choices for us. Every choice we make involves an exercise of free will, which is how we grow in goodness and mature in faith.



Today is Education Sunday please pray for all parents, teachers, schools, colleges, universities, pupils and students.

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

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Envelopes: £ 442.05

Loose: £ 278.96

Standing orders: £296.00

Total : £ 1017.01p

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

Next Retiring Collection:

For: Catholic Education Service
On: 16th February 2014

Psalm Response: Year A

They are happy to follow God's law!

Confession

Is next available Saturday
22nd February 5.30 - 6.00pm



Youth Development Leader:

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LENTECHALLENGE

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!* Another opportunity is an additional 30minute Adoration on Tuesdays, at 7.00pm, followed by Holy Mass. Try it and see how it feels! Informs friends who might be interested. Only forty days, and this will be over!

MASS INTENTIONS & FEAST DAYS

Date	Time	Dedication	Intention	Diary
Sat 15th	6.30pm	Vigil Mass	Thanksgiving (H Hill)	
Sun 16th	10.00am	Sunday Mass	Jordan family int. (Helen Pritchard)	
Mon 17th	10.00am	Service of Word & Communion		8.00pm ~ SJB Prayer Group
Tue 18th	7.00pm	Feria	Joyce Wise	
Wed 19th	9.15am	Feria	Mike & Anita Dodd's int. (Mary & Frank)	8.00pm ~ PPC Meeting
Thu 20th	9.15am	Feria		
Fri 21st	9.00am 9.30am	Adoration St Peter Damian	Sheila Webb's int. (Maureen Ramsden)	
Sat 22nd	6.30pm	Vigil Mass		
Sun 23rd	10.00am	Sunday Mass	Jim Worth + (Harman family)	



LENTE TALKS

The Reading Pastoral Area churches will be holding three talks in March on the importance of Scripture in the Liturgy and the Church. They will examine the ways in which the Old Testament informs the New, how our knowledge of God deepens as we follow its narrative, and finally the role of Scripture in the daily life of Christians. At:

Our Lady & St Ann's Caversham (12th March)

Our Lady of Peace Earley (19th)

St Joseph's, Tilehurst (26th).

From 7.30 - 9.00pm.

Each will be followed by reflection, discussion and prayer. Please see the poster in the porch



SLOW MASS

Mass with a Commentary.

Saturday 22nd February 2014 as part of our ongoing learning. While mass is being celebrated, we will have some additional commentary projected on the wall, informing us about what is happening. There will also be a few words spoken on the subject which may extend the mass' duration by about 10 minutes.



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 & 6pm

DELEGATION TO BAMENDA

On Friday Bishop Philip & the Portsmouth delegation left for the pastoral trip to Bamenda to celebrate the 40th Anniversary of collaboration between our 2 dioceses. Please pray for the Bishop and the 27 people of the delegation along with Archbishop Cornelius and the Diocese of Bamenda.



ALL EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION TRAINING

Sat 1.3.14 9.30am – 1.30pm in St William of York Church. To attend please call your own church office by Thurs 20.02.14.

HOLY MASS IN TAMIL

on last Sunday of every month at 5pm. For further info, please email tamilmass@outlook.com

COFFEE & CAKES

The parish coffee and cake sale raised £95.87. Thanks very much to all who baked cakes and helped run it. The next date is **Sunday 9th March**. If you can bake a cake or help on the day, please contact Cathy on 9272419 or email cathytharman@hotmail.com.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

The next meeting will take place at 1.30pm on Saturday 8th March



RCIA GROUP

will be meeting next at 7.30pm on 20th February 2014, at Our Lady of Peace church.



CONFIRMATION

All young people who made their Confirmation in 2011 and 2013 are invited to a Residential at Cold Ash, near Thatcham, from the evening of Friday 4 April to lunchtime on 6 April 2014. Contact the church office for further details.



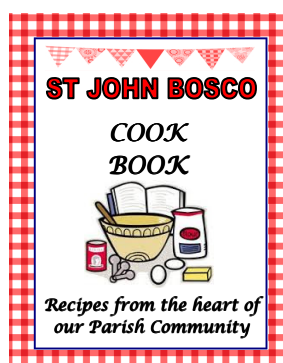
FUNERAL

Please pray for Joyce Wise, an active and enthusiastic member of our parish, who sadly passed away on Tuesday. Please keep Joyce's family in your thoughts and prayers at this sad time. The funeral will take place here at St John Bosco with refreshments afterwards in the parish centre ~ date and time to be confirmed.



NEWS & EVENTS

LOOK ON SALE 9TH MARCH



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

We are asking our church groups to lead one of the Friday evening Stations of the Cross through Lent. Please contact the church office if your group would like to help with this, as soon as possible.



IRISH NIGHT

SATURDAY 15TH MARCH
VIGIL MASS WILL BE AT 6PM

Tickets are on sale after Mass priced at: £7 adult, £4 child & £20 family ticket. Please see the forms on the notice board for volunteers for the cooking. If you have any items to donate to the raffle to be held on the evening please see Pia. Irish coffees will be available. If you can play the fiddle or accordion, please see Pia.



SIGNIFICANT WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

The Diocese's Significant Anniversaries Mass & Reception will be celebrated at 11 am on Sat 28.06.14 at St Bede's, Basingstoke for those celebrating their 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th and 60+ anniversaries in 2014. Bishop Philip will preside at the Mass. Attendance is by invitation; if you are celebrating one of these anniversaries, contact the Bishop's Office 023 9282 0894.

"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 in memory or for a special occasion please fill in the lilac form available from the porch and return it to the church office asap. The form can be emailed on request.

SUPPORT THE HOLY SEE

You may have heard recently that a UN Committee launched criticism against Catholic moral teaching. Please support the Holy See, in particular its presence at the UN, by signing the online petition at <http://defendtheholyysee.org/>

FAIR TRADE FORTNIGHT & BIG BREW

24th February - 9th March 2014

There will be a Fair Trade Big Brew in our Parish Centre on Friday 28th February from 10am - 12.

Our Traidcraft Stall will be selling a large range of Fair Trade products so please pop in and support us during Fair Trade Fortnight.



NEXT MEETING DATES:

Traidcraft Stall
Sat 15th & Sun 16th Feb

Over 60's Club
2.00pm Thu 20th Feb

RCIA
7.30pm Thu 20th Feb

Liturgy Group
7.30pm Thu 20th Feb

SJB Prayer Group
8.00pm Mon 24th Feb

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

LENT TRAINING

All Altar Servers and Young Readers a date for your diaries;
Sunday 9th March
4pm ~ Young Readers
5pm ~ Altar Servers

St John Bosco Pagoda Sale

We are looking for a small group of people to organise a Pagoda Sale in Woodley Precinct this summer. If you can help please contact the church office as soon as possible ~ thank you.

ST JOHN BOSCO BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

Please keep in your prayers all those with February anniversaries:

Ken Hay+ Basil Gomez+ Raymond Williamson+ Paul Gualtieri+
Edmund Sellens+ Christina Sellens+ Gladys Jacobs+ Elsie Ivers+
Donald Pocock+ Rosmary Cardoso+ Florence Grenneau+
Genowefa Klonowicz+ Daphne O'Dowd-Booth+ Colin Dempster+
David Pritchard+ Jean Bartington+