



READING PASTORAL AREA

# St John Bosco



## Thought for the week

Jesus points out the path to an untroubled heart: 'Believe in God, believe also in me.' The faith of the disciples is to be grounded in his care for them both in the present and into the future: 'I go to prepare a place for you... I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also'. In this context, Jesus makes three claims: 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life.' If the disciples know Jesus, then they also know the way to God whom Jesus images in tender parental terms as 'Father'. He speaks of their mutual indwelling. If Philip, his persistent questioner, does not believe this, then maybe he can believe on account of the 'works' of Jesus, works that are also the works of God. Those who believe have the power to do these and even greater works. This seems extraordinary, but is really just a matter of believing with untroubled hearts that the power comes from God.



**WELCOME** ~ This weekend we welcome Fr Emmanuel Odememe to celebrate our Saturday Vigil Mass and Fr Michael Stanier to celebrate our Sunday Mass.

## MASS INTENTIONS & FEAST DAYS

Date	Time	Dedication	Intention	Diary
Sat 17th	4.00pm	Wedding: Shivashanker Shivagnanam and Christena Jeyakumar	John & Mary Knox + (Toms family)	
	6.30pm	Vigil Mass		
Sun 18th	10.00am	Sunday family Mass	Fr Bon's 16th Ordination Anniversary (Finance & PPC)	
Mon 19th	10.00am	Service of Word & Communion		
Tue 20th	6.45pm	Rosary	Cosmas Awah + (Bridget)	Confirmation Come & See Session straight after Mass
	7.00pm	St Bernadine of Siena		
Wed 21st	9.00am	Rosary		7.30pm ~ Liturgy Group
	9.15am	St Christopher Magallanes & Companions		
Thu 22nd	8.45am	Rosary		
	9.00am	St Rita of Cascia		
Fri 23rd	9.00am	Exposition/Rosary	Patricia Martin + (Elizabeth)	
	9.30am	Of 5th Week of Easter		
Sat 24th	6.30pm	Vigil Mass	SJB Parishioners	Saturday 24th 10.30am Walk of Witness at Highwood.
Sun 25th	10.00am 11.30pm	Sunday Mass Baptisms: Joseph Johnson, Levin and Limoni Groucotts	Helen Pritchard's int. (Maria Gomez)	

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

### WEEKLY COLLECTION

Envelopes: £ 344.00

Loose: £ 405.19

Standing orders: £ 317.00

**Total : £ 1066.19p**

Last weekend the Clergy Assistance fund collection raised £ 195.77.

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

### Next Retiring Collection:

For: World Communications

On: 1st June 2014

### Psalm Response: Year A

**"May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you."**

### Confession

The next Saturday confession is next Saturday 25th May

### Youth Development Leader:

**Peter McGeady -**

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### DIVINE MERCY CIRCLE:

Divine Mercy Holy Hour on the 8th of June Our Lady of Peace, Earley From 2.30pm - 3.30pm.

All are most welcome

Refreshments afterwards



### CONFIRMATION 2015

Will start with Mass and an introductory

**"Come & See" Session THIS Tuesday 20th May 2014 at 7pm until 8.30pm**

(candidate & at least 1 parent). The preparation program is open to all young people who will be school year YR8 & YR9 in May 2015. The enrolment forms and full dates list will be available at this session. The Confirmation Ceremony for all candidates from our Reading Pastoral Area will be at

**Portsmouth Cathedral on Sat 16th May 2015 at 3pm.**

We ask all eligible young people to start thinking about Confirmation now in preparation for the "Come & See" Session.



**There will be a short talk after both weekend Masses by Keith Chappell regarding the Reading Pastoral Area Our Faith in Action Volunteering Fair on Saturday 31st May.**

# 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

**ST JOHN BOSCO COOK BOOK**

Suggested donation £5 per copy available from the Repository & Church Office during opening times. Thank you to all those who have supported this, we have raised **£837** so far!



**QUICK NEWS**

**GIFT AIDERS:**

Gift Aid statements for the last tax year will be compiled shortly, in order to keep costs down we shall only prepare a copy for those who request it ~ please contact the church office asap if you need one.

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION:** please check your email for the new rota or pick up a paper copy from the porch.

**FR DELANEY:** There is a card for everyone to sign in the porch this weekend for Fr Kevin on his 50 years in the Priesthood.

**HEADTEACHER:** St Paul's Catholic Primary School in Tilehurst, Reading, is seeking to appoint a Headteacher to start in January 2015. The full advert, application form and further details can be found on the school's website at <http://sp-web.myvle.co.uk/>.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY**

Urgently need new members for our Children's Liturgy team to provide our parish children with their Liturgy of the Word at the 10am Mass each Sunday. Previous experience is not required – just bring your enthusiasm and willingness to bring the gospel to life for the children. If you are interested in contributing to the life of our parish in this way please get in touch with Maeve Chappell Tel: 0118 9692993.

**THE GREAT ST JOHN BOSCO BAKE OFF**

on Saturday 31st May 2104, 4—6pm in the Parish Centre ~ full details on the notice board NOW! All entry forms must be returned by this weekend. Adults one 8" cake and under 14's 6 cup cakes/ muffins per entry.

Get practicing your best cake recipes.



**Bishop Philip's message on the European Elections**

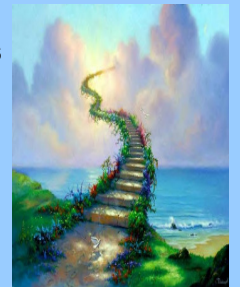
Last week, I issued a message to the clergy and people of the diocese about the upcoming European elections on Thursday 22nd May. In the message, I urge people to participate in the elections by casting their vote, and above all, to vote with discernment. I am calling people to research each parliamentary candidate's vision of the "human person and human society", and to ascertain whether this is consistent with our stated beliefs. "Rather than falling back onto our customary party affiliations, finding out the views of our politicians on the human person should help us to weigh up whom to vote for."

Please pray for all the children at Our Lady of Peace & Blessed Dominic Barberi who will be making their First Holy Communion this weekend.

**OUR FAITH IN ACTION IN READING – VOLUNTEERS MORNING** on Saturday 31st May at Christ the King Hall, 10am – 1pm ~ see attached flyer for further details.

**CREATION WALK**

10.30 am on Saturday, 24th May at Highwood on Kingfisher Drive. The walk, which is very short, invites us to reflect on what the Bible says about how our actions impact on the lives of others. Contact Rita on 9696219.



**'Fundamentalism in Five Dimensions'**

presented by Prof Martyn Percy (Principal of Ripon College Cuddesdon and recently appointed Dean of Christ Church, Oxford). 7.30pm, Monday 16 June, at Zero Degrees, 9 Bridge Street, Reading. Free event; all welcome. For more info: [chaplaincy@reading.ac.uk](mailto:chaplaincy@reading.ac.uk);

**A Day of Reflection and Prayer**

for Readers and Choir Members in Reading Parishes on Saturday, 21st June 10.30am-3.30pm at Christ the King Catholic Primary School, Lulworth Road, Reading RG2 8LX. Please complete an application form and return it to the parish office before 16th June

**Diocesan Communication:**

Diocese E News is available on each Tuesday. If you would like to keep up with what is happening across our Diocese then you can subscribe on the Portsmouth Diocese website at: [www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk). Portsmouth People magazine is suspended until September for a re launch and new look.

**"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 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. **Please fill in the lilac form from the porch and return it to the church office asap.**

**LIVING OUR FAITH BUILDING PROJECT**

Our building project has now had official planning application drawings (as per the plan shown to the parish last year) and will be submitted to Wokingham District Council Planning Department shortly. A copy of these are available to view in the porch. Please keep an eye out in the newsletter as we shall give updates as this project progresses, which will greatly improve our parish facilities.

**THE SANCTUARY LAMPS FOR WEEK:**  
18th—25th May dedicated to:  
Lady Chapel: Cosmas Awah +



**COFFEE & CAKES**

The next date for the Parish Coffee & Cakes fundraising is **Sunday 6th July**. If you can bake a cake or help on the day, please contact Cathy 9272419.



**ST JOHN BOSCO BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE**

**Please keep in your prayers all those with MAY anniversaries:**  
Ronald Lawrence+ Marian Lawrence+ Jenny Dowse+  
Gertrude Cloet+ Bryan Cunningham+ Lorelie Indopia+  
Elizabeth Zolobajluk+ Patricia Williamson+ Dennis Harman+