



READING PASTORAL AREA

St John Bosco



YEAR OF FAITH IN ACTION 2014


LET THE CHILDREN COME TO ME (Mk 10:13-16)

In this *Year of Faith in Action*, the Parish Pastoral Council would like us to focus on the *Pastoral Care of Children*. Children are such an important and indispensable part of every family, community and society. A family with children is full of hope and a community with lots of children teems with life. Similarly, a church full of children cries out with life, laughter, fun, ambition and excitement. Society presents schemes and programs which provide lots of entertainment and relaxation for children but some of them draw children away from Christ. Parents with too many commitments are increasingly under pressure to give up praying with the children or accompanying them to church. Some children are also beginning to find less fun, little gain, in believing, praying and practising the faith. Within such a climate, the words of Jesus come again in a fresh and strong manner: **let the children come to me!**

As we enter this year, let us all focus on children, our children. Where are our children? Do they attend church with us? Do they pray at all? Do they believe in God? Do they have a faith at all? What are their interests? Is Jesus Christ important to them? Do they feel they need him? Do they feel he cares for and about them? One thing is clear: Jesus needs the children and wants them. That is why he says: **let the children come to me**. He wants to put his hands on them and give them his blessing. Children have a special place in God's heart. *Their angels are always in his presence*. Do you work with children within the parish or elsewhere? Yours is a *ministry, a sacred service, which sanctifies the children you serve and enriches you as well*.

What are we doing as a parish in the pastoral care of children? Are there ways by which we can do better? How can we get more and more young people involved? We welcome ideas and initiatives that might keep this theme alive in our parish this year.

MASS INTENTIONS & FEAST DAYS

Date	Time	Dedication	Intention	Diary
Sat 18th	6.30pm	Vigil Mass	Pamela Evans + (Helen Mole)	
Sun 19th	10.00am 11.30am	Sunday Mass with First Holy Communion children and their prayer partners. Baptisms: Ocean McConnell, Meadow Taylor-Carson and Megan Coles & Daniel Carey.	Paul Hicks + (Bridie & Bob Hicks)	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion meetings: 5pm ~ New Ministers 6pm ~ All Ministers
Mon 20th	10.00am	Service of Word & Communion		
Tue 21st	7.00pm	St Agnes	Rosaria Fox int. (Gregory Fox)	
Wed 22nd	9.15am	St Vincent		
Thu 23rd	9.15am	Feria	Eammon Burke + (A Burke)	2.00pm Over 60's Club 7.30pm RCIA at OLOP 8.00pm Finance Committee
Fri 24th	9.00am 9.30pm	Adoration St Francis de Sales	Patrick Joseph & Abina Grey + (Roy & Ann)	
Sat 25th	6.30pm	Vigil Mass	Richard Gurney + (Angela King & Sr Jo)	
Sun 26th	10.00am	Sunday Mass	Augustis Maire + (Bridie & Bob)	

PEACE SUNDAY 19TH JANUARY

Please pray for peace today:

Eternal God, in whom the whole family of earth is one, breathe your spirit into our hearts that we may establish a global community of trust and fellowship, justice and peace. Illumine the darkness of our minds that we may see your light, think your thoughts, and serve your glory by advancing the greater good of all people; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



Week of Prayer FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

18th ~ 25th JANUARY 2014

Please collect one of our prayer cards for Christian Unity from the church porch. There is a prayer for each of the eight days.



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Administrator: Catherine Ledgard

**Church Office is open
next week:**

Tue to Fri 8am - 1pm

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Envelopes: £ 285.30

Loose: £ 295.56

Standing orders: £287.00

Total : £ 867.86p

*Thank you for all your kind
donations ~ it is much
appreciated.*

Next Retiring Collection:

For: Catholic Education Service
On: 16th February 2014

Psalm Response: Year A

**"Here I am Lord ! I come to do
your will."**

Confession

Is next available Saturday
1st February 5.30 - 6.00pm



Youth Development Leader:

Peter McGeady -
Tel. 07769 258378

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Marriage Care is one of the charity options at Woodley Waitrose this month. This Catholic organisation supports couples preparing for marriage and those having difficulty in their relationship. A number of our parishioners volunteer for the Reading branch and would appreciate your green tokens being dropped in the Marriage Care box



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 (Latin) & 6pm

LOCAL CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL:

St Dominic Savio Primary School,
Western Ave, Woodley.
Tel: 969 3893
Head teacher:
Mr James Broadbridge.

HOLY MASS IN TAMIL
to be celebrated on last Sunday
of every month at 5pm, starting
from 26th Jan at St. James RC
Church, Reading (Forbury
Gardens). For further info,
please contact the St James
parish office on [01189574171](tel:01189574171) or
email tamilmass@outlook.com

**READING CHRISTIAN
MEN'S GROUP BREAKFAST**
Is on Sat 8th February, the
speaker is Colin Matthews, Chief
Exec of Heathrow Airport. At
Reading Blue Coat School, at
8.15 for 8.30 breakfast. Please
book by Tue 4th February by
contacting John Tel: 986-1917

LIVE SIMPLY GROUP
Will be holding their next meeting
in the Parish Centre at 7.30pm on
Thursday 30th January.
Any parishioners wishing to
attend will be most welcome.
We are looking for new members
to join our
active group
and
welcome
new ideas
and
suggestions.



BAPTISM
Please pray for Ocean
McConnell, Meadow
Taylor-Carson, Megan
Coles and Daniel Carey
who are
being
baptised this
weekend.

**FIRST HOLY
COMMUNION**
Following the meeting held on
Sat 18.01.14 for parents and
children, all Prayer Partners
are invited to 10am Mass this
Sun 19.01.13 with
tea and coffee
afterwards in the
parish centre.

**RCIA
GROUP**
will be meeting
next at 7.30pm on
Thur 23rd Jan, at
Our Lady of Peace
church.

NEXT MEETING DATES:

Over 60's Club
2.00pm Thu 23rd Jan
RCIA
7.30pm Thu 23rd Jan
Finance & Admin Committee
Thu 23rd Jan at 8pm
Baptism Preparation
Sat 25th Jan 10.00am
Prayer Group (SJB)
8pm Mon 27th Jan
Live Simply Group
Thu 30th Jan at 7.30pm
Traidcraft Stall
Sat 1st & Sun 2nd Feb
PPC
Wed 12th Feb at 8pm

OTHER NEWS / EVENTS

SJB RECIPE BOOK
The PPC would like
to put together a
book of recipes to
reflect the
friendship and
diversity of our parish. The book
will be on sale at the beginning
of Lent. If you have a favourite
recipe you would like to share,
with a little note of its history or
why you or your family like it,
please hand it in to the office or
leave in the box in the church.

IRISH NIGHT
A date for your diaries
SATURDAY 15TH MARCH
We are pleased to announce that we
shall once again be hosting a
**St Patrick's celebration here at
St John Bosco. Details and tickets etc
will be confirmed nearer the time, but
please do make a note of the date now.**

COFFEE & CAKES
In order to
raise funds for
the parish, we
are planning
on
holding a
coffee
(cappuccinos,
lattes, hot
chocolates) and cake sale after
Sunday mass on the following
dates: 9th Feb, 9th Mar, 6th April
and 4th May. We are looking for
more people to help organise this
and to bake or sell cakes after
mass. Please contact Cathy
Harman on 9272419 or cathytharman@hotmail.com if you can help
or if you are happy to bake a
cake. Many thanks

GIFT AID ENVELOPES
Please collect any remaining
2014 Gift Aid envelope boxes
from the church porch as soon
as possible.

GET INVOLVED 2014
All our church groups would
welcome new members,
helpers and volunteers; from
flower arrangers, choir,
cleaners, maintenance team,
children's liturgy, altar servers,
readers, bakers through to
coffee rota. To join in for 2014
call the office !

**CAFOD SUPPORTERS'
MEETING**
Sat 8 Feb, 10am-1.30pm, St
Bede's Catholic Primary School,
Popley Way, Basingstoke RG24
9DX. For all CAFOD supporters
to get together and hear about
plans for next Lent and the
latest CAFOD news and
updates. Booking essential by
3rd Feb: 01252 329385

2014 LENTEN ALMSGIVING
Lent will start on Ash Wednesday 5th
March 2014. Our Finance &
Administration Committee are asking for
nominations for local charities for our
Lenten Almsgiving. Please email or write to
the church office by Fri 28.01.14, with any
nominations. The Lenten Alms
charity will be announced shortly
afterwards. The green Lenten
Alms collection bottle will in the
porch at all Lent weekend
Masses.

**FREE CONCERT FOR PHILIPPINES
TYPHOON APPEAL**
with Reading Male Voice Choir and the
Magnificat Filipino Choir on Saturday ,
1st February at St James Church,
Forbury Road. Free entry, retiring
collection in aid of the Typhoon Appeal.
Parking in Forbury Retail Park.
Information from
kevin.boylekjb@gmail.com or tel:
926 7100. Please see the poster on the
parish noticeboard in the church porch
and in the parish centre.

**EXTRAORDINARY
MINISTERS OF HOLY
COMMUNION**
Please remember the
important meetings this
Sunday 19th January:
5pm New ministers
6pm All ministers
in the
main
church.

**BUILDING PROJECT
UPDATE:**
We have submitted our plans to
the Diocesan Capital Expenditure
Committee, once approved they
will be passed to the Living Our
Faith Impact Committee.

ST JOHN BOSCO BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE
Please keep in your prayers all those with January anniversaries:
The Drinal Family+ Victoria Silvester+ Ella Louise Ormiston+ Ellen Colfer+
Elvira Monopoli+ Czeslaw Lukomski+ Helena Bridgeman+ Paul Hicks+
Marjorie Bryant+ Jim Worthe+