

READING PASTORAL AREA

# St John Bosco



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DIOCESAN TRUST Registered  
Charity Number 246871**

Administrator: Catherine Ledgard

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

**WEEKLY COLLECTION**

Envelopes: £ 311.60

Loose: £ 283.29

Standing orders: £ 317.00

**Total : £ 911.89p**

Last weekend the Sea Sunday  
Collection raised: £ 261.14p

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

**Next Retiring Collection:**

For: Verona Fathers Mission Appeal  
On: 24th August 2014

**WANTED- cash counters to  
help out for a couple of hours  
after Sunday Mass or Monday  
morning. Please contact the  
office if you can help.**

**Psalm Response: Year A**  
"O Lord, you are good and  
forgiving."

**Confession**

The next Saturday confession  
is this Saturday 19th July at 5.30pm

**DIVINE MERCY HOLY HOUR**

The next Divine Mercy Holy Hour is

**Sunday 3rd August at**

**Christ the King, Whitley.**

2.30 - 3.30 Exposition, hymns  
and meditations Refreshments  
are served afterwards.



## This Sunday's Gospel Message

This Gospel is a way of explaining why there is good and evil in the world today. As Jesus explained in the parable, the weeds (or evil) are allowed to grow with the wheat (or good). Only at the harvest (the end time) would God separate the good from the evil just as the farmer will separate the wheat from the weeds in Jesus' parable. How do we answer when asked why bad things happen to good people? This parable of the wheat and the weeds may be a way of explaining why God allows evil, like the weeds, to grow next to goodness in our world today. Evil will not really be gone until the fullness of God's Kingdom. Consider ways that you can help control the spreading of these weeds. What actions will you take?




**WW1 REQUIEM MASS SUNDAY 3RD AUGUST**

Bishop Philip has asked that Sunday Mass on the 3rd August across the diocese be a Requiem Mass for all those who lost their lives in World War 1. If you have any photos of relatives who served in World War 1 please drop them into the church office to be part of a display at the Memorial Mass ~ thank you.

**PASTORAL CARE SERVICES**

So much outstanding practice already takes place in our local parishes that could be made more widely available. The Pastoral Care Services team is appealing for parishioners who have experience in caring for the dying, the homeless, those with disabilities, the elderly and housebound and for the sick. Please see the poster on the notice board. Please consider joining one of the Diocesan Pastoral Care Teams. If you would like to talk about this contact Fr Peter Hollins on 01730 262290 or [pcs@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:pcs@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

## MASS INTENTIONS & FEAST DAYS

Date	Time	Dedication	Intention	Diary
Sat 19th	6.30pm	Vigil Mass	Thanksgiving (Bridget)	10am Baptism Preparation Course.
Sun 20th	10.00am	Sunday Mass	Benet Gillespie's intentions (The choir)	
Mon 21st	10.00am	Service of Word & Communion		<b>We wish all YR6 school leavers good luck in their new schools in September. We wish all pupils, teachers and parents a happy summer holidays as school breaks up this Wednesday.</b>  
Tue 22nd	7.00pm	St Mary Magdalen	William Egan + (St John Bosco parish)	
Wed 23rd	11.00am	Whole school Mass end of term & YR6 leavers	YR6 pupils	
Thu 24th	9.15am	St Sharbel Makhluif	Liam Murphy + (Frank & Mary)	
Fri 25th	9.00am 9.30am	Adoration St James	Dolly Tobin + (Tomms family)	
Sat 26th	6.30pm	Vigil Mass	Alissandra Nista & Giani Amodio + (T Amodio)	
Sun 27th	10.00am	Sunday Mass	Abina Joseph & Patrick Grey + (Ann & Roy)	

**We Warmly welcome Fr George Ngwa who will be celebrating Mass here until 1st August.**

# 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

**QUICK NEWS:**  
**CAFOD INTERNATIONAL EVENING:** Our thanks to all who attended and participated in the Reading Pastoral Area evening at the Irish Centre on Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> July organised by the parish CAFOD reps. The amount raised was £1,475. All the entertainers were from our parish communities.  
**OUR SYMPATHY AND PRAYERS:** To Bishop Philip and his family on the recent death of his father, William who died in hospital after a short illness. May he rest in peace. The 7pm Mass this Tuesday is for the repose of his soul.  
**NATIONAL JUSTICE AND PEACE DAY:** On Sat 20<sup>th</sup> Sept at St Williams Church, Upper Redlands Road, RG1 5JJ, 10.30am – 4pm. Opportunity to hear about Justice and Peace activities from around the country. Please bring a packed lunch. See noticeboard. Contact Ann Kelly, Tel: 020 7901

**Fair Trade** Please stock up on 26/27 July as this will be the last Fair Trade Stall until 13 September. Many thanks to all of you who continue to support us, your contribution really does help to change people's lives for the better. Hope you all have a lovely summer. Mary Johnston and team

**THE PASSAGE** David Dimbleby will be appealing on Radio 4 on behalf of The Passage – the homelessness charity based in Victoria. Do listen to hear more about the work of this Catholic Charity. The broadcasts are on Sunday 27 July at 7.55 & 21.26 and Thursday 31 July at 15.27



**READING CATHOLIC ALPHA**  
Fridays, 7.30pm – 9.30pm, 10 weeks, starts 19 September, St James Church, Forbury Road, RG1 3FD. Aim – to explore our Christian faith and develop a deeper union with Jesus Christ. **Taster session Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> Sept, 12noon – 1pm.** Application forms from the church porch

**CAFOD PORTSMOUTH**  
Will be holding a meeting for all supporters on Saturday 13 September from 10am until 1.30pm at St Bede's RC Primary School (Popley Way, Basingstoke, RG24 9DX). To book a place please ring 01252 329385 or email [portsmouth@cafod.org.uk](mailto:portsmouth@cafod.org.uk) Speakers include Sarah Smith-Pearse (Communications Officer for Latin America and the Caribbean) who will be talking about the agency's work in Peru and Sophie Dodgeon (Head of Campaigns) who will outline the new climate change campaign.



**BISHOP PHILIP'S REQUEST**  
In the Bishop's pastoral letter on the feast of Ss Peter and Paul he requested that all of us say the following prayer three times every morning over the summer to unite ourselves afresh with Christ: **"Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, I implore the grace to love you daily more and more"**.

**Over 60's Club**  
2.00pm Thu 24th July  
**Traidcraft Stall**  
Sat 26th & Sun 27th July  
**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.**

**RCIA**  
Are you or do you know somebody interested in becoming a Catholic? Our next Journey in Faith course will start in September with a view to being received into the Church at the Easter Vigil. Phone the parish office for further details.

**PETER McGEADY**  
The priests and people of the parishes in Reading would like to thank Peter McGeady who has been our Youth Development Leader for the past 2 years. He has established youth groups in all our parishes, offered training and advise to our youth leaders and helped to co-ordinate the PA procedures for Confirmation in all our parishes. We thank him for his contribution and wish him every success in the future.

**FIRE SAFETY TRAINING**  
Over 50 people from the parishes in the Reading PA attended the training session on Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> July. All have been trained in the use of fire extinguishers and in the appropriate arrangements for Fire Drills at Mass. It is now a requirement for all our parishes to have a Fire Drill at Mass at least once a year. Those who attended will advise other parish Welcomers and Stewards on the appropriate procedures for Fire Drills etc.



**WANTED**  
Volunteers who are Eucharistic Ministers to take Holy Communion to patients in the Royal Berkshire Hospital. Please contact the parish office for the appropriate application form. For further information on what's involved please contact Fr John O'Shea on 0118 957 4171 or email [stjames@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:stjames@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)



**LIFE GROUP**  
The Reading & District Life Group will be having a sale of goods in the Pagoda at Woodley shopping precinct next Friday 25th July. They will be selling toiletries, jewellery, bric-a-brac, textiles, and books etc. Please try to visit their stall.



**"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.**

**THE SANCTUARY LAMPS FOR WEEK:**  
20th - 27th June dedicated to:  
**Main Church: Fr Bon's Feast Day**  
**Lady Chapel: Francis Brannigan +**

**ST JOHN BOSCO BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE**  
**Please keep in your prayers all those with JULY anniversaries:**  
Maura Cox+ Ken Webb+ Maggie Beresford+ Bernard Joy+ Joseph Darné+  
John Davis+ Zofia Niedzwiedzka+ Tony Jacobs+ Margaret Bond+  
Bridget Pocock+ Eileen Murphy+

