



READING PASTORAL AREA

# St John Bosco



## Thought for the week

The vineyard owner hired five groups of laborers. Each subsequent group began work later in the day. When the owner hired the first group, they agreed on a fair wage. At the end of the day, he called in the workers and began paying them, the last ones first. Of course, the early morning crew saw the later ones getting a full day's wage and excitedly anticipated a bonus for themselves. When they were paid, they received only the negotiated amount. "It's not fair!" was their cry. How many times a day do our children point out that someone got more than they did? Enough, I'm sure, for us to know that today's Gospel illustrates a human response! But our human ways are not God's ways. God's generosity is sometimes beyond our understanding. But imagine what a world it would be if we rejoiced in generosity and good fortune of others.



### ARE YOU NEW TO OUR PARISH ?

We would like to extend a very warm welcome to all new parishioners. Please take a copy of our handbook from the church porch and return the parishioner registration form to the church office as soon as possible. After Mass on Sunday 28th September please join us for tea and coffee in the church centre to meet Fr Bon and other parishioners.



### READERS & YOUNG READERS

Would you like to become a reader at our weekend Masses ? We are looking for adults and young people to join our weekend Readers rotas. All the young people who made their First Holy Communion in June have been emailed asking if they would like to volunteer. There will be a training session in October for new and existing Readers and Young Readers ~ more details to follow. So if this ministry is something you would like to volunteer for, please email the office with your contact details and if a young person your age, as soon as possible.



### ST JOHN BOSCO CHRISTMAS CARDS

As part of our on going fund raising for our parish we are asking **YOU** to design a Christmas card. This is open to adults and children. All designs must be on A4 white paper, with your name (and age if a child) on the reverse and must be submitted to the church office before 30th September. The best 10 designs will then be chosen and will be available to purchase in packs of 10 cards with envelopes from mid October. If you have any queries please contact the office.



## MASS INTENTIONS & FEAST DAYS

| Date     | Time               | Dedication                        | Intention                             | Diary  |
|----------|--------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|
| Sat 20th | 6.30pm             | Vigil Mass                        | Ina Dias + (F & L Collaco)            |  |
| Sun 21st | 10.00am<br>11.30am | Mass<br>Baptism: Tabitha Lowe     | Rosy & Maurizio Lupo's int. (M Gomez) |  |
| Mon 22nd | 10.00am            | Service of Word & Communion       |                                       | 8.00pm ~ SJB Prayer Group                            |
| Tue 23rd | 7.00pm             | St Pio of Pietrelcina             | Hyacinth's intentions                 | 7.30pm ~ FHC Catechists meeting                      |
| Wed 24th | 9.15am             | Our Lady of Walsingham            | Pauline Siveter + (Gordon)            | 7.30pm ~ Reading Forum meeting at St William of York |
| Thu 25th | 9.15am             | Feria                             | Mary & Francis' intentions            |  |
| Fri 26th | 9.00am<br>9.30am   | Adoration<br>Ss Cosmas & Damian   | People in conflict zones (Rita)       |  |
| Sat 27th | 6.30pm             | Vigil Mass                        | Yvonne Young + (Ashley)               |  |
| Sun 28th | 10.00am<br>11.00am | Sunday Mass<br>Blessing of statue | Paul Gibb + (Chris & Lada Carter)     |  |



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

**WEEKLY COLLECTION**

Envelopes: £ 268.15

Loose: £ 315.15

Standing orders: £ 317.00

**Total : £ 900.30p**

Parish Project collection raised:  
**£ 609.77p**

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

**Next Retiring Collection:**

For: Portsmouth Cathedral

On: 28th September 2014

**Psalm Response: Year A**

**"The Lord is close to all who call him."**

**Confession :** The next Saturday confession is next Sat 20th Sept at 5.30—6.00pm

**BLESSING & WELCOME**

Next Sunday 28th Sept straight after Mass we will be welcoming & blessing our new statue of our Lady, outside the church.



**DIVINE MERCY HOLY HOUR**

The next Divine Mercy Holy Hour is **Sunday 5th October at**

**English Martyrs.**

2.30 - 3.30



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 & 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

**WELCOME:** This weekend we  
welcome Fr Emmanuel Nuh to  
celebrate both our weekend  
Masses.

#### DISCOVERING PRIESTHOOD DAY

Those who are discerning the  
priesthood are invited to St  
John's Seminary, Womersley, on  
1st Nov 2014, 10am - 5pm.  
Lunch provided. Contact: Fr.  
John Chandler: [jchandler@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:jchandler@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

#### ANCHOR CATECHISTS TRAINING

22nd Sept 10am-1pm, St  
Edward the Confessor,  
Chandler's Ford. Come and find  
out about this interactive faith  
formation for adults. See  
Diocesan website for further  
details.

#### MACMILLAN COFFEE

**AFTERNOON, 2-4 Sun 5th Oct,**  
78 Reading Road, Woodley,  
refreshments.

#### "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:

**CREATION MASS & HARVEST OFFERING:** Thank you to everyone who  
contributed to making this annual Mass such a joyful occasion. Whilst the  
intention of the harvest offering is to give thanks to God for his bounty, we  
also remind ourselves that we are co-creators and not exploiters by sharing  
what we have with the homeless. Thank you.

**READING PASTORAL AREA FORUM** on Wednesday, 24<sup>th</sup> September in  
St William of York Church at 7.30pm.

#### MEN'S BREAKFAST READING CHURCHES MEN'S GROUP

8.15.am for 8.30.am on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2014 at Reading Blue Coat  
School. Subject "Ethics in Biology-a Christian Perspective?" Bring a friend  
or neighbour or work colleague to hear this challenging talk. To book (£8 per  
head) contact: John Broady, Tel 0118-954-3879 Please book by 14<sup>th</sup> October

# SACRAMENTS

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:** The next First Holy Communion  
program will start in October and is open to all young people in  
school YR3 and above who live in our parish. Enrolment forms are  
available **NOW** from the church porch.

**RCIA:** Are you or do you know somebody interested in becoming  
a Catholic? Our next Journey in Faith course will start in  
October with a view to being received into the Church at the  
Easter Vigil. Please email your details to the church office as soon  
as possible.

**CONFIRMATION:** Until the end of this month there is still time to join our  
Confirmation preparation. This is open to all young people in  
school years YR8 & YR9 and who live in our parish. Contact the  
church office for further details. .

**If you have any queries please email the church office.**



RCIA



#### BISHOP'S GUIDELINES FOR FUNERALS

When a Catholic dies, a requiem mass should be offered.

This is the case even for those who during their lifetime rarely  
practiced their Catholic faith. Catholics believe that when a person  
dies, it is a priority to offer Mass, because it is the Sacrifice of Christ  
and in the Mass the Church pleads to the Lord, asking him to forgive  
the sins and weaknesses of the dead person and to admit them into the  
communion of the saints. The principle reason we offer the Mass is to ask the  
Lord to join our loved one with the Death of Christ so that they might also  
share in his Resurrection.



#### CATECHISTS NEEDED

We urgently need catechists to join our Sacramental preparation programs:  
Baptism, First Holy Communion, Confirmation and RCIA. Please consider if  
you have the time to help the spiritual growth of our parish community? We  
have excellent Coordinators for our programs but help is needed to run the  
sessions, full instruction will be given. If this is where  
your talents lie then please contact the church office  
as soon as possible.

becoming a  
catechist

#### NEXT MEETING DATES:

#### SJB Prayer Group

8.00pm Mon 22nd September

#### Traidcraft Stall

Sat 27th & Sun 28th September

#### Over 60's Club

2.00pm Thu 2nd October

#### 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.

#### LIVING WELL WITH DEMENTIA

Come along between 3pm and  
7:30pm to this **Free** event for  
people with dementia, their  
families, friends & anyone who is  
working with or supporting those  
with dementia. Hear from key  
speakers, engage in a debate  
around the defining issues for  
people with dementia and their  
families, get creative with some  
exciting craft activities, and  
become a Dementia Friend.

When: **Thu 25<sup>th</sup> Sept 2014**  
**3:30pm-7:30pm**

Where: **The Reading Best**  
**Western Moat House Mill Lane,**  
**Sindlesham**

#### Blessed Hugh Faringdon

#### Catholic School

#### Year 7 Entry 2015

#### Open Day

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2014**

**Morning 9am - 12pm**

**Evening 6pm - 8.30pm**

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and add your email address to  
receive updates.

#### DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

#### ST JOHN BOSCO CAROL

#### SERVICE AND FESTIVE

#### DRINKS on Tuesday 9th

**December at 7.00pm.**

The Carol Service will be held in  
the main church with festive drinks  
and mince pies in the Parish  
Centre afterwards. This is a great  
chance to socialise with fellow  
parishioners so make sure you  
save the date!

#### THE SANCTUARY LAMPS FOR WEEK:

**21st - 28th September dedicated to:**

**Main Church & Lady Chapel: Thank you Fr Bon & friends  
for birthday celebration (Elizabeth)**



#### ST JOHN BOSCO BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

**Please keep in your prayers all those with September anniversaries:**

**Peggy Murphy+ Heather Chandler+ Kathleen Henson+ Rita Jacobs+  
Josie Mannion+ Laurence Keenan+ Adela Lukomska+ Yvonne Young+**