

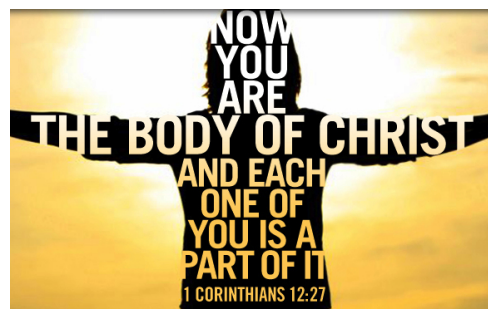
READING PASTORAL AREA

St John Bosco



ANNUAL PARISH FINANCES

This weekend, we celebrate the **Solemnity of Christ, Universal King**. It is also **National Youth Sunday**, so we thank God for our young people and all the good work they carry out within the church and in the community. Among other things, this feast points to Christ as King, Governor of his Church, in the power of the Holy Spirit, for the salvation of souls. **One aspect of governance within the church is the management of material and financial resources.** Christians work and donate to the church because of their **faith**. Some of the members also volunteer to manage the resources on behalf of the church in **faith, honesty and transparency**. As we celebrate this feast today, marking the end of the Liturgical Year, we have produced a special newsletter, detailing the financial situation of our parish this year, and pointing the way forward. Grateful thanks to all of you for such generous and joyful spirits, for what you have done in the past and will do in the future. We can never thank you enough! God bless you! (Fr. Bon)



SJB CHRISTMAS CARDS

Our St John Bosco charity Christmas cards are available to buy in packs of 10 priced at £5 per pack, from the church porch at weekends or from the church office during opening times. **All proceeds will go to our church and we have sold 93 packs, so are nearly half way to our target ~ please do support us.**

St John Bosco Carol Service

Tue 9th December at 7pm
Followed by mulled wine, mince pies & raffle in the parish centre. Save the date and bring a friend.



SOCIAL & FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

This newly formed committee is asking for volunteers & help at events for next year. If you can help please contact the church office ASAP



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Church Office is open
Tue & Fri 8am - 1pm
Wed & Thu 11am - 4pm

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Envelopes: £ 308.18
Loose: £ 510.50
Standing orders: £ 317.00
Total : £1135.68p

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

Next Retiring Collection:


For: Christmas Flowers
On: 14th December 2014

Psalm Response: Year A

“The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.”


Confession : The next Saturday confession is this Saturday 22nd Nov at 5.30—6.00pm

PRAYERS FOR OUR FAITHFUL DEPARTED


Will take place on Sunday 30th November at 6.30pm. We shall pray for all our dead and burn the petitions in the Remembrance box. 

For weekly e-news from around the Diocese. Go to www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

DIVINE MERCY HOLY HOUR

The next Divine Mercy Holy Hour is **Sunday 7th December at St James Forbury** 2.30 - 3.30pm 

MASS INTENTIONS & FEAST DAYS

Date	Time	Dedication	Intention	Diary
Sat 22nd	6.30pm	Vigil Mass	Sandra Jordan-Hayes intentions (H Pritchard)	1.30pm ~ First Holy Communion Session
Sun 23rd Christ the King	10.00am 11.30am	Mass Baptisms: Ellie Hope-Jefferson Brown, Naomi Ngima Maganjo and Harvey Boothroyd-Martin	Maria Abondanza & Salvatio Zeolla + (Mr & Mrs F Zeolla)	
Mon 24th	6.00am	St Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions	Holy Souls (H Pritchard)	
Tue 25th	7.00pm	St Catherine of Alexandria	All Souls (Brenda D'Mello)	
Wed 26th	9.15am	Feria	Charles & Joyce Wise +	
Thu 27th	9.15am	Feria		2.00pm ~ Over 60's Club 7.30pm ~ Pre Advent Talk at St John Bosco
Fri 28th	9.00am 9.30am 7.30pm	Adoration Feria Mass of Thanksgiving for Living our faith donors	Jean Bellinger intentions (R Belletty) Thanksgiving Living our faith donors	8.15pm: Thanksgiving Refreshments after Mass.
Sat 29th	6.30pm	Vigil Mass with Confirmation candidates.		2.30pm ~ Confirmation session 3
Sun 30th 1st Sunday in Advent	10.00am 6.30pm	Sunday Mass with RCIA Rite of welcome & Posada blessing Prayers for all our dearly departed	Elvira Monopoli + (Maria Itta)	

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

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

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

This weekend we will be publishing our annual Financial Statement in the form of a Financial newsletter. There will be a short presentation at both weekend Masses.

Gift Aid envelopes for 2015 are now available to collect from the church porch.

If you are a UK tax payer and would like to Gift Aid your weekly donations please fill out the declaration in our new Gift Aid booklet in the porch.

We wish our neighbouring parish of Christ the King a very happy feast day today!

Next Sunday is the First Sunday in Advent and is the start of the Church's new Liturgical year, which will be YEAR B, when most Gospel readings will be from St Mark.

"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:

READING PASTORAL AREA PRE-ADVENT TALKS:

The second talk for all Reading Pastoral Area parishioners is on:

Wednesday 26th November at St John Bosco at 7.30pm.

The theme is: "LONGING FOR THE MESSIAH: READING ISAIAH IN ADVENT".

BAMENDA COLLECTION ENVELOPES: Due to the misprint on the Gift Aid envelopes, if you wish to donate to Bamenda please bring your envelopes this weekend 22nd & 23rd November.

LIFE CHARITY CHRISTMAS FAYRE: Sat 29th Nov English Martyrs church hall in aid of Thames Valley & Chiltern Air Ambulance Svc, SVP, Life Housing & Brass for Africa. Admission 30p.

CALLING ALL YOUTH LEADERS to a special meeting on Wednesday, 3rd December at St James Presbytery at 7.30pm to plan greater co-operation between the parish groups and to plan special joint events for all in Reading.

Posada Nativity: Letters to Host families together with circulation lists for Mary & Joseph's visits are ready to be collected in the church porch. Please would parishioners who put their names down take these as soon as possible. The blessing of the Posada at the end of Sunday Mass.

FLAME 2 - SATURDAY 7TH MARCH 2015

In 2011, 8000 young Catholics gathered at Wembley Arena for Flame. Next March, CYMFED is building on this success by running Flame 2. This event is for young people from Year 10 - young adult. 5000 tickets have been sold, and the young Catholics of Portsmouth Diocese are going to be a big part of it, as they travel with Bishop Philip on our diocesan coach to Wembley for Flame 2. Places cost just £45 which will include transport, tickets and a hoody! Contact the diocese for further details.



ROMANIA LINK EXTRAVAGANZA STALL

Thank you to everyone who has generously contributed ingredients for our stall of Christmas goodies which will be at the Woodley Extravaganza on 7 December. These have now been made into delicious cakes, puddings etc ready for Christmas. We are still short of wrapped sweets and small bars of chocolate for our sweet tombola, any contributions would be very helpful. Thank you for your support.

ST JOHN BOSCO CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Thank you to everyone who has donated raffle prizes.

Raffle tickets are on sale this weekend priced at £1 per strip.

Prizes include a wonderful Christmas hamper, champagne, biscuits, a set of our Posada figures, a "Nigella" bundt Christmas cake, wine, glass bowl & vase, cookery book, jewellery, scarf & hat set, Christmas mug, toiletries, Christmas Teddy and many more items!

The draw will take place after the Carol Service on 9th December ~ winning tickets for those not attending can collect their prize from the office afterwards.

THE SANCTUARY LAMPS FOR WEEK: 23rd - 29th November dedicated to:

Main Church: Kendong Terry's intentions
Lady Chapel: Joe Darné +

ST JOHN BOSCO BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

Please keep in your prayers all those with November anniversaries:

Doreen Treacy+ Isabel Thompson+ Ernest Irving+
June Wapshott+ Georgina Irving+ Franciszek Niedzwiedzki+
Charles Wise+ Marciano Devera+ Susan Pritchard+

NEXT MEETING DATES:

First Holy Communion

1.30pm Sat 22nd Nov

9.45am Sun 23rd Nov Mass

Traidcraft Stall

Sat 22nd & Sun 23rd Nov

RCIA (Journey in Faith)

11am Sat 29th Nov

10am Sun 30th Rite of Welcome at St John Bosco

Confirmation

2.30pm Sat 29th Nov

(leading into & including Mass at 6.30pm)

Over 60's Club

2.00pm Thu 27th Nov

SJB Prayer Group

8.00pm Mon 1st Dec

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.

GOAN COMMUNITY OF READING

celebrate the feast of St Francis Xavier on Saturday, 6th Dec with a special Mass in St James Church at 12.15pm followed by a get together, music and entertainment at South Reading Community Centre, 252 Northumberland Avenue, Reading, RG2 7QR. All are welcome.

ST DOMINIC SAVIO PTA CHRISTMAS FAYRE

at the school from 11am - 2pm on Sunday 30th November. Loads of stalls and refreshments plus Father Christmas and 'Frozen' experiences, big prize raffle etc. So lots of fun for everyone!

YOUTH DISCO SUNDAY 23RD NOVEMBER

Young people (11+) from across Reading are invited to Our Lady of Peace Church Hall, 338 Wokingham Road, RG6 7DA. 7pm - 9.30pm. Entry free. (Social Club Bar open to parents). See notice board.

