

READING PASTORAL AREA

St John Bosco



Thought for the week

The reading today from Matthew's Gospel takes place early in Jesus' ministry. Several ideas are clear. First of all, Matthew strived to connect his Gospel for the early Christians to their Jewish heritage. He made several references in his Gospel like the one today in which prophecies of old are fulfilled in Jesus. The second thing was that Jesus learned of John the Baptist's arrest and resolved to begin his ministry away from Herod. Finally, Jesus called with some urgency, his first four disciples. The common thread to all this was that God's Kingdom was at hand. There are few people in the world who understand the immediacy of today's Gospel like a parent does! The demands of the day are genuinely important, from the first stirrings of the morning, into the commitment-filled day, to the evening and bedtime routine. A huge part of our day requires a "stop-on-a-dime" reaction from us. Many things we "stop-on-a-dime" for are important, but have we thought today how the urgency of our day-to-day decisions compares to the urgency of Jesus calling his disciples? With what urgency do we call our children to discipleship? How do they recognize us as disciples of Jesus?



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 next week:
 Tue to Fri 8am - 1pm**

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Envelopes: £ 367.50
 Loose: £ 456.39
 Standing orders: £296.00
Total : £ 1119.89p

*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

**"The Lord is my light and my
 help."**

Confession

Is next available Saturday
 8th February 5.30 - 6.00pm



Youth Development Leader:

Peter McGeady -
 Tel. 07769 258378
 pmcgeady@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

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



MASS INTENTIONS & FEAST DAYS

Date	Time	Dedication	Intention	Diary
Sat 25th	6.30pm	Vigil Mass	Richard Gurney + (Angela King & Sr Jo)	
Sun 26th	10.00am	Sunday Mass	Augustis Maire + (Bridie & Bob)	
Mon 27th	10.00am	Service of Word & Communion		
Tue 28th	7.00pm	St Thomas Aquinas	Son's recovery (Winnie Karombo)	
Wed 29th	9.15am	Feria	Rosaria Fox's int. (Gregory Fox)	7.30pm Scout meeting
Thu 30th	9.15am	YR5 Mass	Ken Hay + (Chris Hay)	7.30pm Live Simply Group
Fri 31st ST JOHN BOSCO	10.00am	St John Bosco Mass	St John Bosco parishioners	Please join us for coffee and celebration cake for our patronal feast day after 10am Mass today
Sat 1st	6.30pm	Vigil Mass	Allan Patton + (Peter Patton)	
Sun 2nd Presentation of Lord in the temple	10.00am	Sunday Mass	Thanksgiving Eucharistic Ministers (Linda Guttridge)	

PRIESTS & PREACHER WEEKEND 25TH & 26TH JANUARY 2014

Please give a warm welcome to Fr George Ngwa at the Saturday Vigil Mass and Fr Michael Stanier at our Sunday Mass. We also welcome David Fulford from St James church Woodley to preach here at St John Bosco as part of the Woodley pulpit swap on 25/26 January. David is a licensed lay preacher (lay reader, local lay minister) at St James and preaches at St James about 8 times a year. He also occasionally preaches at St Johns Woodley and the Airfield Church, and is also fairly involved with the Church Mission Society and occasionally does preaching slots on World Mission.

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.

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!

2014 LENTEN ALMSGIVING

Our Finance Committee are asking for nominations for local charities for our Lenten Almsgiving. Please email or write to the church office by Fri 09.02.14, with any nominations. The Lenten Alms charity will be announced shortly afterwards.



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.



SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM

There are no baptisms booked for February and no baptisms take place during Lent. The next Sunday available for baptisms will be 27th April at 11.30am.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

The next meeting will take place at 1.30pm on Saturday 8th March



RCIA GROUP

will be meeting next at 7.30pm on 6th February 2014, at Our Lady of Peace church.



NEXT MEETING DATES:

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

Over 60's Club
2.00pm Thu 6th Feb

RCIA
7.30pm Thu 6th Feb

PPC
Wed 12th Feb at 8pm

Liturgy Group
7.30pm Thu 20th Feb

LATEST NEWS FROM ST JOHN BOSCO

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 email it to the office by 31.01.14.



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 with Irish dancers.

FROM NEXT WEEKEND: Tickets will be on sale after Masses priced at: £7 adult, £4 child & £20 family ticket. Please see the forms on the notice board for volunteers for the cooking. If you have any items to donate to the raffle to be held on the evening please see Pia. Irish coffees will be available. If you can play the fiddle or accordion please see Pia.



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



WOODLEY CHURCHES TOGETHER

From 9th March – 12 April WCT are running some Lent Groups. If you would like to lead a group or join a group please phone the church office asap. Also the latest R E Inspire booklet is available from the church porch.

VACANCIES

St Dominic Savio school has some vacancies please see the school notice board in the church porch for details.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

All new ministers will be commissioned at the 10am Sunday Mass on February 9th. Each year on Corpus Christi all Ministers will be re commissioned. This year it falls on Sunday 22nd June. **ALL MINISTERS please see the training available at St James on page 3 of this newsletter.** The new rota for the next 4 months has been emailed, paper copies are available from the church porch.

2014 DIRECTORIES

A small supply of the 2014 Portsmouth Diocese directories are available from the Repository now. Priced at £3.50 each.

TRAINING

All Altar Servers and Young Readers a date for your diaries;
Sunday 9th March there will be training:
4pm ~ Young Readers
5pm ~ Altar Servers
We shall be training for Lent so please do try to attend.

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+



PASTORAL AREA NEWS

POST CONFIRMATION YOUTH RETREAT

All young people who made their Confirmation in 2011 and 2013 are invited to a Residential Retreat for young people who are members of our Reading Parishes. This is taking place at Cold Ash, near Thatcham, from the evening of Friday 4 April to lunchtime on 6 April 2014. This invitation is for all those who are in school years 9 and above. The Retreat is taking place within Lent and this will be the theme of the Retreat and has been timed to be at the start of the school Easter holiday.

The Retreat Centre is run by a group of Franciscan Sisters and Brothers and the centre itself is set in the countryside with lots of animals such as llamas, pigs, sheep, goats, a dog and hopefully some baby rabbits at this time of year. We will also have some of our confirmation catechists from the Reading Parishes who will be there for the whole weekend.

The accommodation is mainly in single rooms with a few rooms which have bunk beds. We are hoping to get a group of at least 25 to 30 from the parishes across Reading but the centre can take up to 50.

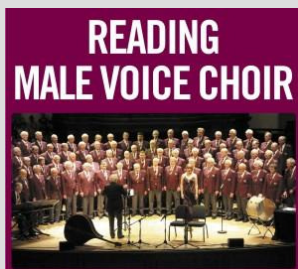
The cost will be £50 for the retreat including all food. Transport will be organised from Reading.

Please contact your church office for an application form which must be returned to English Martyrs Church Office, along with a deposit of £15, as soon as possible.



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 notice board in the church porch and in the parish centre.



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

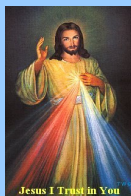


READING DIVINE MERCY CIRCLE:

****Change of Venue for Feb & March Divine Mercy Holy Hours****

The next Holy Hour will be held at **St Thomas More parish** in Twyford on the 2nd of Feb. at **2.30-3.30pm**.

Our Lady of Peace in Earley will host the 2nd of March Holy Hour at **2.30-3.30pm**



All welcome so please join us.

FAITH IN CONFLICT:

Talk by Monsignor John Nelson: A View from the Front Line. All welcome; booking necessary. [0118 378 4313/](tel:01183784313) events@reading.ac.uk. 7.30pm, Tuesday 28 January. G11 or Henley Business School, Whiteknights campus. For more info: chaplaincy@reading.ac.uk.

WALKING THE CAMINO DE SANTIAGO PILGRIMAGE FROM READING

Saturday, 13th – 20th September 2014. 20 people led by Fr Pat Madden and Fr Paul Martin. Flight to Santiago, one week, 20 -25 kilometres per day. Information evening 14th February in St James Church, 7.30pm. Thousands of people do this walk every year. The most famous pilgrimage after Jerusalem and Rome. Special connection with Reading Abbey. Info from Fr John 957 4171. Email: stjames@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

TRAINING FOR NEW EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Saturday, 1st March, 9.30am – 1.30pm in St William of York Church, Upper Redlands Road, RG1 5JT. Led by Fr John O'Shea. All ministers wishing to attend please call your own church office by Thurs 20th February so you can be registered.



OTHER NEWS / EVENTS

JOB OPPORTUNITY: MARRIAGE AND FAMILY CATECHESIS DEVELOPMENT WORKER

Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales is seeking to appoint a part-time Marriage & Family Catechesis Development Worker for three years, to support and resource the faith formation needs of couples, parents and families. This post arises from, and is informed by, the findings of an earlier pilot project: Partners in a Shared Task. The new post will be located within the MFL Project Office and is a particularly exciting opportunity, given the forthcoming Synod on family and evangelisation. The successful applicant will be a skilled, knowledgeable, experienced and prayerful adult educator, catechist and family minister.

This post aims to promote a broader understanding and appreciation of the evangelising role and mission of the Christian family. The post holder will develop a national catechetical framework to support diocesan and parish ministry in serving the lifelong faith formation needs and responsibilities of couples and families.

The Marriage & Family Catechesis Development Worker reports to the Marriage and Family Life Project Officer but will liaise closely with other CBCEW staff involved in Catechesis and Evangelisation.

Salary: £25k plus pension contribution
0.6 FTE (3 days per week)
Contract: 3 years

How to Apply: Please send a letter of application explaining both your interest in the post and your suitability for the post, particularly in relation to the experience, knowledge, skills and attributes identified in the job description, together with a copy of your CV, to Michaela.Kelly@cbcew.org.uk by the closing date of February 7th 2014.

Successful applicants will be invited for interview at 39 Eccleston Square on February 20th. All queries about the post should be directed to Elizabeth.Davies@cbcew.org.uk

MARYFIELD CONVENT – CATHOLIC RESIDENTIAL CARE HOME

London Rd., Hook, Hampshire, RG27 9LA Tel: 01256 762394
Maryfield is a residential care home that provides care and comfort to members of all religious denominations. Mass is celebrated daily in the convent chapel and the sisters and staff provide continuous quality care, twenty four hours a day, seven days a week. We presently have vacancies. If you would like to arrange a visit, or require further information, please call: 01256 762394

FRIDAY NIGHT FISH & CHIPS WITH CHRISTIAN AID

Guest speaker Sarjon Toma from Iraqi Christian Aid partner REACH Wycliffe Baptist Church, 223 Kings Road, Reading RG1 4LS **Friday 14 March, 7pm**. An evening to hear about your impact in Iraq and beyond, as well as discussing faith, hope, conflict, and the role churches can play in building peace this Christian Aid Week. Suggested donation £6 for fish & chips. RSVP essential, to book your place call 01865 246818 or email oxford@christian-aid.org.

PART-TIME EDUCATION OFFICER

A vacancy has arisen for a part-time Education Officer to work in the Diocesan Department for Schools which is located at Park Place Pastoral Centre, Wickham, Hampshire. The full advert, job description, application and Equal Ops forms for this post are on the Diocesan Website Vacancies Page.

BISHOP PHILIP

Interest in the Church continues to grow particularly in Pope Francis and more locally from Bishop Philip Egan. Bishop Philip will be the guest speaker at the Churches Together in Berkshire AGM on Monday 31st March at 7.30pm at Wokingham Methodist Church (RG40 1XS). He will then be joined by Bishop Andrew Proude, (Bishop of Reading) and leaders of the Methodist and URC Churches for a panel taking questions. All would be very welcome to attend and to take part in the evening.



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

