



READING PASTORAL AREA

St John Bosco



This Sunday's Gospel Message

Jesus compared the Kingdom to a valuable treasure. First it was a buried treasure and second it was like a rare and priceless pearl. These findings were more valuable than anything we have known previously and that is what the Kingdom will be, too. When we finally understand the Kingdom of God, it will be like finding the greatest treasure we can imagine. However, it will be God who sorts out the good from the bad. Judgment is not ours. We have our own opinions on what is valuable or what has little value. Sometimes we do this with body language and facial expressions. Sometimes we show this by what we choose to spend our time, money and energy on. Think about your actions for just one day and make a mental list of what you have shown to be "jewels" in your life. Be honest and if necessary, make some adjustments as a result of this reflection.



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

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Envelopes: £ 227.30
Loose: £ 291.14
Standing orders: £ 317.00
Total : £ 835.44p

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

Psalm Response: Year A
"Lord, how I love your law !"

Confession
The next Saturday confession is this Saturday 26th July at 5.30pm

Fr George Ngwa has been staying at St John Bosco for the last 5 weeks and it has been a pleasure to welcome him. Please thank Fr George for celebrating Mass here whilst Fr Bon is away.

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.



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

MASS INTENTIONS & FEAST DAYS

Date	Time	Dedication	Intention	Diary
Sat 26th	6.30pm	Vigil Mass	Alissandra Nista & Giani Amodio + (T Amodio)	
Sun 27th	10.00am	Sunday Mass	Abina Joseph & Patrick Grey + (Ann & Roy)	THE DIVINE MERCY RETREAT Run by Marian Fathers will take place on Saturday, 16 August 2014 - 11:00 am - 4:00 pm at Portsmouth Cathedral PO1 3HG. All welcome - bring your family & friends to the Merciful Jesus. For information: DIVINE MERCY APOSTOLATE Tel: 020 8998 0925
Mon 28th	10.00am	Service of Word & Communion		
Tue 29th	7.00pm	St Martha	Alan's intentions (Mary Smyth)	
Wed 30th	9.15am	St Peter Chrysologus	Special intention (Mary & Frank)	
Thu 31st	9.15am	St Ignatius of Loyola		
Fri 1st	9.30am 10.00am	Adoration St Alphonsus Liguori	Hichey family intention (Mr Wheeler)	
Sat 2nd	6.30pm	Vigil Mass	John Andrews intentions (Friends)	
Sun 3rd	10.00am	Sunday Mass	In memory of all those who lost their lives in WW1 +	

We wish everyone a very happy and relaxing summer holiday



NEWS & EVENTS

NEXT MEETING DATES:

Over 60's Club
2.00pm Thu 4th September

Traidcraft Stall
Sat 13th & Sun 14th September

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.

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:

AUGUST MASS TIMES: During August all weekday Mass times will be at 10am. On a Friday there will be Adoration from 9.30am until Mass at 10am.

NATIONAL JUSTICE AND PEACE DAY: On Sat 20th 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 4864, Email: admin@justice-and-peace.org.uk

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM: The next Baptism Preparation Course is on Saturday 20th September at 10am. The next date for Baptisms to take place is at 11.30am on Sunday 21st September.



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



CONFIRMATION: The Confirmation program has already begun. Their next meeting is on Saturday 18th October at 2.30pm. There will be a Youth Event during September ~ date, time and venue to be advised. All those still to return their enrolment forms and donations please do so as soon as possible.




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. Please email your details to the church office as soon as possible.



If you have any queries about any of our Sacramental programmes please email the church office.

WELCOME

During August we welcome Fr John Doran who will be celebrating our weekday Masses and Fr Adrian Walker who will be celebrating our weekend Masses. Please make them feel welcome in our parish.

URGENT 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.



FIRE SAFETY TRAINING

Over 50 people from the parishes in the Reading PA attended the training session on Saturday, 12th 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. For further info please contact Fr John O'Shea on 0118 957 4171

ASSISTED DYING BILL

Thank you to all those who attended a Holy Hour or who prayed before the Blessed Sacrament or in your own homes last Thursday. Let us continue to pray for the safeguarding of the sanctity of all human life.

NEWSLETTER

The newsletter next weekend, 3rd August, will cover the whole of August. If you have any items for inclusion please email them to the church office by next Tuesday. The next new newsletter will then be on Sunday 7th September.

"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.

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, 7th Sept, 12noon – 1pm. Application forms from the church porch

BISHOP PHILIP'S REQUEST

"Let us keep in our daily prayers and Masses our persecuted brothers and sisters, especially the Christians of Mosul. Let us pray to the Holy Spirit, that, as Pope Francis prayed on Sunday, "this violence may be conquered with peace".

THE SANCTUARY LAMPS FOR WEEK:

20th - 27th July dedicated to:

Main Church: Lesley Hughes +
Lady Chapel:



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+