



READING PASTORAL AREA

Happy Mother's Day

St John Bosco



Thought for the week

Using saliva and earth, Jesus made a paste to heal the blind man. The healing became a true conversion for the man, but created some problems for Jesus with the Jewish leaders. Because this healing took place on the Sabbath, the Pharisees accused Jesus of breaking Jewish law. The Pharisees tried to get confirmation of this action from the blind man's parents and from the blind man himself. In the end, the authorities were unable to charge Jesus with any wrong doing and had to recognize that Jesus was gaining many disciples. In order for us to follow the light of Christ, we too must open our eyes. As Jesus helped the blind man understand, it is not enough to see only with our eyes. We need also to see with our hearts and allow our every action to reflect this sight. Jesus healed the man of his blindness, but in the end the man recognized Jesus as the Messiah and worshiped.



We wish all ladies in the parish a very happy Mothering Sunday, this Sunday 30th March ~ please collect a daffodil on your way out of both weekend Masses.

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

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Envelopes: £ 338.00
Loose: £ 329.17
Standing orders: £ 293.00
Total : £ 960.17p

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

Next Retiring Collection:

For: Clergy Assistance Fund
On: 30th March 2014

Psalm Response: Year A

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

Confession

Is next available Saturday 5th April 5.30 - 6.00pm
There is no Saturday confession here at St John Bosco after our Penitential Service until Saturday 3rd May

Youth Development Leader:

Peter McGeady -
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READING DIVINE MERCY CIRCLE:

Holy Hour at English Martyrs on Sunday the 30th of March at 2.30-3.30pm. All welcome so please join us.



MASS INTENTIONS & FEAST DAYS

Date	Time	Dedication	Intention	Diary
Sat 29th	6.30pm	Vigil Mass	Rosy Collaco's int. (F & L Collaco)	
Sun 30th	10.00am	Sunday Mass	Paul Gualtieri +(Angelina & family)	
Mon 31st	6.00am	Mass of the 4th Week of Lent	Cosmas + (Bridget)	
Tue 1st	7.00pm 7.30pm	Adoration Mass of the 4th Week of Lent	Becky Janssens + (Auntie Karen)	
Wed 2nd	9.15am	Mass of the 4th Week of Lent	Bob Hauwiller + (Barry & Eileen)	8.00pm ~ PPC meeting
Thu 3rd	9.15am	Whole school Mass	Joyce + (Marian & Bill Edwards)	2.00pm ~ Over 60's Club
Fri 4th	9.00am 9.30am 7.00pm	Adoration Mass of the 4th Week of Lent Stations of the Cross	Joyce Wise + (Eileen & Barry) Led by the Altar Servers	
Sat 5th	9.00am 9.30am 6.30pm	Adoration Mass of the 4th Week of Lent Vigil Mass	Cosmas + (Bridget) Cosmas + (Bridget)	
Sun 6th	10.00am	Sunday Mass	Kevin Patrick Jordan + (Ann Jordan)	

LENTEN CHALLENGE

As part of our Lenten Challenge this year, Fr. Bon is inviting all those who can try, to *command their bodies to rise early and come for a Lenten special Mass every Monday in Lent at 6am!* After Mass there will be coffee & croissant (donations to Romania Link please). Another opportunity is an additional 30 minute Adoration on Tuesdays, at 7.00pm, followed by Holy Mass. **Stations of the Cross** will be at 7pm on each Friday evening during Lent and will be led by our church groups.

READING PASTORAL AREA LENT PENITENTIAL SERVICES

The Reading Pastoral Area Lent Penitential Services will be held on:

- Sunday 6th April 3pm: Our Lady & St Anne's
- Tuesday 8th April 7.30pm: St Joseph's
- Wednesday 9th April 7.30pm: Our Lady of Peace
- Thursday 10th April 7.30pm: St John Bosco**
- Friday 11th April 7.30pm: Christ the King
- Saturday 12th April 11am: English Martyrs
- Monday 14th April 7.30pm: St James

Bishop Philip in his Pastoral Letter talked about the importance of going to the **Sacrament of Reconciliation**. "This Lent I urge you to make good use of the **Sacrament of Reconciliation**. There is no better way to effect Lenten renewal than to meet Jesus One to one, Face to face, in the **Sacrament of Penance**, burying our sins in him and rising with him to new life. This **Sacrament** is the only means of being forgiven a mortal sin and a huge support in dealing with venial sins. Indeed on our Lenten journey with, Christ in the **desert** we will not reach Jerusalem unless we make a good confession and so I urge you to find time to celebrate this therapeutic **Sacrament** now with a priest near you."



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

ROYAL BERKSHIRE HOSPITAL CHAPLAINCY

Hospital Chaplain:

Fr Richard Maniac

TEL: 322 5111

LOCAL CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL:

St Dominic Savio Primary School,
Western Ave,

Woodley. Tel: 969 3893

Head teacher:

Mr James Broadbridge.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

The new faculties for all our
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy
Communion are now available to
collect from the Flower room this
weekend. Please collect your
copy as soon as possible.

REPOSITORY has new stock
of First Holy Communion cards
and Easter Cards. So please pop
in and have a look before & after
weekend Masses.

HOLY MASS IN TAMIL

on last Sunday of every month at
5pm. For further info, please
email tamilmass@outlook.com

COFFEE & CAKES

The next date for the
Parish Coffee & Cakes
fundraising is **Sunday
6th April**. If you can bake a cake
or help on the day, please
contact Cathy on 9272419.



NEWS & EVENTS

QUICK NEWS

The Fairtrade Fortnight Big Brew raised £97.00 and took £114.00 on their
stall ~ thank you for supporting this event.

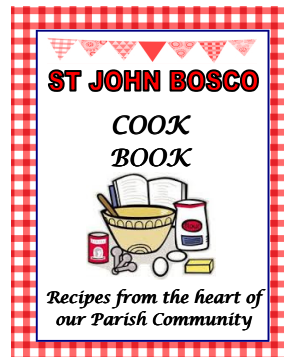
To Jerusalem a modern play for 2104. At Christ Church on
16th, 17th & 18th April from 7.30pm. Tickets FOC from Nancy
on 926 8590.

Our Lenten Almsgiving will go to **Yeldall Manor**. Our large
green Lenten Almsgiving bottle will be in the church porch
before and after all weekend Masses throughout Lent. Your
support is much appreciated ~ thank you.

Thank you to all those who helped with the Litter pick last
Saturday which was completed within 45 minutes !



LOOK ST JOHN BOSCO COOK BOOK



Priced at £5 available from
the Repository & Church
Office during opening times.

THE CHRISTIAN VOCATION OF THE LAITY

Sunday 17th May, 10am-4.30pm
This day, which will be held at St
Benet's Hall, Oxford, is open to
all. For further details, please
see: [www.st-benets.ox.ac.uk/
news](http://www.st-benets.ox.ac.uk/news).

FRAMEWORK FOR COLLABORATION:

FOCUS ON TEAMS: The Formation for
Mission (FFM) Team is led by Fr. David
O Sullivan. The Formation for Mission
Team needs the input of parish catechists.
We need ~ 5 parish volunteers to form
each of the following central teams:
children's liturgy; baptism preparation; first
holy communion & confirmation
preparation; RCIA; and courses & events.
These need to be people with parish
experience who can use their experience
at the parish level to help and encourage
others to develop excellent catechetical
programs at all levels. This will involve
around 6 Saturdays a year, with some
individual work in between. If you can help,
please talk to Fr. Bon.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The volunteer forms for our Easter
Services for Extraordinary Ministers of
Holy Communion, Altar Servers and
Readers are now on the
church notice board. If you
can help please put your
name down as soon as
possible ~ thank you.



NEXT MEETING DATES:

Traidcraft Stall

Sat 29th & Sun 30th Mar

PPC

8.00pm Wed 2nd April

Over 60's Club

2.00pm Thu 3rd April

RCIA

7.30pm Thu 3rd April

SJB Prayer Group

8.00pm Mon 7th April

First Holy Communion

Sat 10th May at 1.30pm &
Sun 11th May 10am

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

BISHOP PHILIP

LENT CATECHESIS: The Fourth
Sunday of Lent reflects on the
meeting of Jesus with
Nicodemus. Online catechesis is
offered each week to help you
take a spiritual pilgrimage with
Christ this Lent. The video is
available on
www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk
each Monday which includes the
Gospel for the coming Sunday.

Bishop Philip will be the guest
speaker at the Churches
Together in Berkshire AGM on
Mon 31.3.14 at 7.30pm at
Wokingham Methodist Church
(RG40 1XS). All
welcome to attend
and to take part.



"LIGHT" YOUR LOVE FOR JESUS IN THE SANCTUARY LAMP.

The Sanctuary Lamp we use in our church lasts a week. 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
another 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. Volunteering to light the Sanctuary Lamp can only bring a greater feeling and experience of
peace and blessings from the Lord. **If you would like to sponsor the lamp please fill in the lilac form available
from the porch and return it to the church office asap.** The next available dates are:

Week commencing **Sunday 6th April:** Lady Chapel Lamp.

Week commencing **Sunday 13th April:** Main Church Lamp

THE SANCTUARY LAMPS FOR WEEK:

March 30th - April 6th dedicated to:

Main Chapel: Joyce Wise +

Lady Chapel: Cosmas +

ST JOHN BOSCO BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

Please keep in your prayers all those with March anniversaries:

Louis Martin+ Stefan Niedzwiedzki+ Nic Morganti+ Gerry Whelan+ John Bond+
Teresa Niedzwiedzka+ George Young+ Carol Soden+ Alan Fitzgerald+
Lesley Wapshott+ Colin Dempster + Marian Wojtaszek+