



READING PASTORAL AREA

St John Bosco



GOSPEL MESSAGE

We are reminded in today's gospel that the world as we know it will pass away, and God's Kingdom will come in full. Jesus tells a parable about a master who went away and left each of his servants with a specific task to do. No one knew when the owner would return, just as no one can know when God's plan will be fulfilled. The words of Jesus were quite clear to the early Christians and to us today. We must be watchful and always ready for Jesus' return. Each of us needs to stay on task with how we want to live our lives expecting Jesus' return. One way to do this during the Advent season is to slow down and hear the words of the gospel rather than getting caught up in the rush of the world around us.



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

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Envelopes: £ 229.50

Loose: £ 382.47

Standing orders: £ 317.00

Total : £928.97p

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

Next Retiring Collection:

For: CAFOD Ebola Crisis Appeal
On: 7th December 2014

Psalm Response: Year B

"Your ways, Lord, are faithfulness and love for those who keep your covenant."

Confession : The next Saturday confession is this Saturday 29th 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.

Weekly e-news from the Diocese:
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



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 ~ 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.



ST JOHN BOSCO ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS TIMETABLE

Is available from the church porch **this** weekend and details all the services & events at our church over this period. It also has details of the Advent Penitential Services at all the Reading churches. **Pick up your copy today.**

St John Bosco
2014 Advent & Christmas Timetable

This Advent
STAY AWAKE !
STAND READY !

Come, Lord Jesus

MASS INTENTIONS & FEAST DAYS

Date	Time	Dedication	Intention	Diary
Sat 29th	6.30pm	Vigil Mass with Confirmation candidates.	Angelo's intentions (Jestin & Honey)	2.30pm ~ Confirmation session 3
Sun 30th 1st Sunday in Advent	10.00am	Sunday Mass with RCIA Rite of welcome & Posada blessing	Elvira Monopoli + (Maria Itta)	
	6.30pm	Prayers for all our dearly departed		
Mon 1st	10.00am	Service of Word & Communion		8.00pm ~ SJB Prayer Group
Tue 2nd	7.00pm	Of the 1st Week of Advent	Private intention (Jestin)	
Wed 3rd	9.15am	Whole school Advent Mass	Sr Joseph's intentions (Michael Vossler)	
Thu 4th	9.15am	Of the 1st Week of Advent	Eamon Burke + (Anne)	
Fri 5th	9.00am	Adoration	Henry Belletty's intentions (Rita)	
	9.30am	Of the 1st Week of Advent		
Sat 6th	6.30pm	Vigil Mass	Fr Bon & all SJB parishioners for a blessed & grace filled Christmas (Helen Pritchard)	
Sun 7th 2nd Sunday in Advent	10.00am	Mass	Gianni & Teresa Amodio + (Mulligan family)	

ADVENT
HOPE
PEACE • JOY • LOVE



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

WOODLEY CHURCHES TOGETHER CHRISTMAS SERVICES

We are appealing for volunteers
to deliver the Woodley Churches
Together Christmas card which
details all the Christmas services
at all the Woodley Churches.

The cards will be available from
the church porch next weekend.
Please take a pack and sign your
name next to the route/roads you
will be delivering too.

**Please do help if you can as
last year we were very short of
helpers which meant the few
who did volunteer had a very
large area to cover.** Your help is
much appreciated.

This 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:

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: The blessing of the Posada will take place at the end of
Sunday Mass today, whereupon Mary & Joseph will make their way to the
first host family.

ST DOMINIC SAVIO PTA CHRISTMAS FAYRE: at the school from 11am – 2pm on
Sun 30th Nov. Stalls & refreshments plus Father Christmas and lots of fun.

SOCIAL & FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE: Is asking for volunteers & help at
events for next year. If you can help please contact the church office ASAP.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS EVE MASS: We are looking for children to
volunteer to read, welcome and take up the offertory and Baby Jesus. Please
email the church office if your child would like to help and your details will be
passed to the leader for this Mass, ASAP.

CHURCH CLEANING FOR CHRISTMAS

On Friday 19th December there will be no
Adoration and Mass will be at 10am.
We then need volunteers to help clean our
church in preparation for
Christmas from **10.30am till noon.**

All help would be
much
appreciated.



WASHING THE CHURCH LINEN

We need new volunteers to
help wash and iron the
church linen once a week. If
you can help please contact
the church office as soon as
possible. Full instructions
will be given. If 4 people
come forward it would just
be once per month per
person ~ thank you.

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
or 6 strips for £5.**

Prizes include a wonderful Christmas hamper, champagne, biscuits, a set of our
Posada figures, a "Nigella" bundt Christmas cake, wine, glass bowl & vase,
toiletries, 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 during opening times.

GIFT AID BOXES 2015 ~ Can all Gift Aiders please collect your boxes from the
Church Porch if you haven't already done so ~ thank you. The new Gift Aid
booklet has the declaration inside if you wish to start using Gift Aid.

NEXT MEETING DATES:

Confirmation

2.30pm Sat 29th Nov
(leading into & including Mass at
6.30pm)

RCIA (Journey in Faith)

11am Sat 29th Nov
10am Sun 30th Rite of Welcome
at St John Bosco

SJB Prayer Group

8.00pm Mon 1st Dec

Traidcraft Stall

Sat 6th & Sun 7th Dec

Over 60's Club

2.00pm Thu 11th Dec

First Holy Communion

1.30pm Sat 10th Jan
9.45am Sun 11th Jan Mass

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.

CAFOD EMERGENCY EBOLA APPEAL

Following CAFOD's appeal for
prayers for Ebola they are now
asking all parishes to hold an
emergency appeal for the Ebola
crisis. The collection will take
place in our parish next Sunday
6th and 7th December.

PRAYER PARTNERS

The volunteer form to be a Prayer
Partner to the First Holy
Communion children is now at
the back of the church.
Please sign up so that each child
has a Prayer Partner. Thank you.



THE SANCTUARY LAMPS FOR WEEK:

30th November 30th - 6th December dedicated to:

Main Church:

Lady Chapel:

ST JOHN BOSCO BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

Please keep in your prayers all those with December anniversaries:

**Ruby Gomez+ Robert Ashe+ Eamonn Burke+ Raymond Cook+
Peggy Pounds+ Aguida Ortiz+ Sarah Keenan+ Guillermo Larano+
Sheila Halse+ Connie Hayes+ Sarah Irving+ Arthur Jacobs+
Ralph Gomez+ Jessie Ayres+ Richard Gurney+ Sister Mary Agatha+**

