



READING PASTORAL AREA

St John Bosco



GOSPEL MESSAGE

The Messiah is foretold in Second Isaiah and the words of John the Baptist continue the foretelling during Advent. Just as the Jewish exiles were filled with hope and led home, John the Baptist filled his followers with hope if they would only first repent and then share the Good News. He told the people to accomplish this by turning away from their sinful actions and words. Like John the Baptist, we should be the heralds of the Good News to all around us. Also like John, we may stand out as "different" when we try to do this. We must hold steadfastly to our values and others will come to recognize the value and sincerity of our message and example.



KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS

Please collect your free window/door poster to display during Advent and over Christmas as a reminder to people who pass your house of the real meaning of Christmas.



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Tue & Fri 8am - 1pm

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Envelopes: £ 312.50

Loose: £ 324.93

Standing orders: £ 317.00

Total : £954.43p

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

"Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help."

Confession : The next Saturday confession is this Saturday 6th Dec at 5.30—6.00pm

MAINTENANCE TEAM

Thank you to all the members of our Maintenance Team for the fantastic job of replacing the fencing around the church and for the excellent care given to our church grounds this year

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



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.





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 support us.

MASS INTENTIONS & FEAST DAYS

Date	Time	Dedication	Intention	Diary
Sat 6th	6.30pm	Vigil Mass	Fr Bon & all SJB parishioners for a blessed & grace filled Christmas (Helen Pritchard)	 TRADCRAFT fighting poverty through trade
Sun 7th 2nd Sunday in Advent	10.00am	Sunday Mass	Gianni & Teresa Amodio + (Mulligan family)	2.30pm ~ Divine Mercy Holy Hour at St James Forbury.
Mon 8th	10.00am	The Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary		
Tue 9th	9.15am 7.00pm	St John Diego Cuatlatlaoztzin Christmas Carol Service		7.30pm ~ Mulled wine & mince pies following Carol Service
Wed 10th	9.15am	Of the 2nd Week of Advent		
Thu 11th	9.15am	St Damasus I	Jenny Hill +	2.00pm ~ Over 60's Club
Fri 12th	9.00am 9.30am	Adoration Our Lady of Guadalupe	Fr Bon's int. (F & L Collaco)	
Sat 13th	6.30pm	Vigil Mass	Brian & Nelly + (Mrs Craddock)	
Sun 14th 3rd Sunday in Advent	10.00am	Mass	Eammon Burke + (Ann Burke)	

ADVENT
HOPE
PEACE • JOY • LOVE

THIS WEEKEND

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

THIS WEEKEND

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 **this 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 WEEKEND

CAFOD EMERGENCY EBOLA APPEAL

CAFOD's emergency appeal for the Ebola crisis will take place in our parish

THIS weekend 6th and 7th Dec

"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:

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.

CHURCH CLEANING FOR CHRISTMAS: On Fri 19th Dec 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.

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.

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.

BEDDING WANTED for rough sleepers in January. Single duvets, covers, sheets, pillows, pillowcases. Put them in a black bag and drop off at the Faith Office, behind CCA at 79 Silver Street. The contact number there is 0118 9872672.

ADVENT TAIZE EVENING: A service of meditative singing and prayer in the Taizé tradition will be held at English Martyrs Church on Monday 15th December at **8 p.m.** Refreshments will be served afterwards. All are warmly welcome. For more information, please phone 0118 9596305.

SJB PRAYER GROUP: The date of the next meeting is Mon 15th Dec at 8pm in the Parish Rooms. We will be taking a Christmas break and the first meeting of 2015 will be on Mon 12th Jan. Please note there is an error in the Advent and Christmas timetable we will not be meeting on the 8th Dec.

THIS WEEKEND

ROMANIA LINK EXTRAVAGANZA STALL

This Sunday (7 Dec) the Romania group will be selling all the essential Christmas goodies at the Woodley Extravaganza in the shopping precinct. The ingredients you have generously contributed in the last weeks are now Christmas cakes, puddings, mince pies, chutney, pickled onions etc. We will also be selling hand crafted candles, made by a parishioner, which will make lovely presents. It would be wonderful if parishioners could visit the stall and perhaps pick up something good for Christmas. You will find us near the News Centre in the shopping precinct on Sunday, between 10.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m. This is one of our major fund raising event of the year. Thank you for all the support you have given to the orphan children and the families living in poverty in Romania.

ST JOHN BOSCO CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

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 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.

LOCAL ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICES

Tue. 16th Dec. 7.30pm - St. John Bosco
Wed. 17th Dec., 7.30pm - Christ the King, Whitley
Thurs. 18th Dec., 7.30pm - St. Joseph's, Tilehurst
Friday 19th Dec. 7.30pm - Our Lady of Peace
Sat. 20th Dec., 11am - English Martyrs, Reading
Sunday 21st Dec. 3pm - St. Anne's, Caversham
Monday 22nd Dec. 7.30pm - St. James

**THE SANCTUARY LAMPS FOR WEEK:
7th - 13th December dedicated to:
Main Church:
Lady Chapel: Fr Bon's intentions**

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+

NEXT MEETING DATES:

Traidcraft Stall
Sat 6th & Sun 7th Dec

RCIA (Journey in Faith)
11am Sat 13th Dec
at Christ the King hall.

Over 60's Club
2.00pm Thu 11th Dec
(last meeting on 2014
next meeting Thu 08.01.15)

SJB Prayer Group
8.00pm Mon 15th Dec
(next meeting Mon 12.01.15)

First Holy Communion
1.30pm Sat 10th Jan
9.45am Sun 11th Jan Mass

Confirmation
2.30pm Sat 17th January leading into
6.30pm Vigil 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



TEA & COFFEE

A reminder that we have tea and coffee after Friday and Sunday Masses in our Parish Centre.

Everyone is welcome so please do pop in!



Volunteers are needed to join our Sunday tea and coffee rota. Commitment once a month and this is great way to meet other parishioners. Contact Cathy on 01189272419.

Coffee and Cakes Fundraising will be held next on Sun 1st Feb ~ help needed to bake cakes. Please call Cathy (number above) if you can bake to help.