

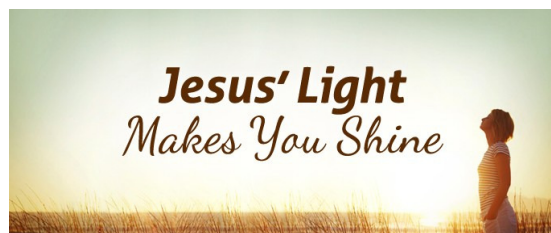
READING PASTORAL AREA

# St John Bosco



## Thought for the week

It is common for us in our times to be careful about the salt we use. However, in Jesus' day, salt was a very important commodity. It was used to pay salaries. Like us, people used salt to flavor food. But, because there was no refrigeration, salt was also used to *preserve* food. That is why, when Jesus called his disciples "salt" and "light," he declared their great importance. What was of significant importance to Jesus was the enthusiasm with which the disciples spread the Good News. Imagine taking a hike in the woods at night. A small flashlight will never do. Not even the type that takes "C" batteries will give enough light. No, you will need the heavy-duty-light-up-the-next-mile type of camping lantern. This is so don't trip on any roots or uneven ground or lose the trail. In just the same way, we are light for those around us. What they see us do and how we live our faith exhibits the magnitude of the flashlight we choose.



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

**World day of prayer for the sick is on Tuesday 11th February ~ a copy the message from Pope Francis is available from the porch. Please pray for the sick on this day.**

## MASS INTENTIONS & FEAST DAYS

**WEEKLY COLLECTION**

Envelopes: £ 398.50  
Loose: £ 244.98  
Standing orders: £296.00  
**Total : £ 939.48p**

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

**Next Retiring Collection:**

For: Catholic Education Service  
On: 16th February 2014

**Psalm Response: Year A**

**"The good man is a light in the darkness for the upright"**

**Confession**

Is next available Saturday  
15th February 5.30 - 6.00pm



**Youth Development Leader:**

**Peter McGeady** -  
Tel. 07769 258378  
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**COMMISSIONING**

At 10am Mass this Sunday all new Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion will be commissioned, also all Altar Servers not re commissioned on St Stephen's day will be re commissioned as well.



Date	Time	Dedication	Intention	Diary
Sat 8th	6.30pm	Vigil Mass	Jill O'Rourke's int. (Maria Gomez)	After 10am Sunday Mass Cappuccino Lattes & Cakes
Sun 9th	10.00am	Sunday Mass + commissioning	Paul Gualtieri + (Angelina & family)	
Mon 10th	10.00am	Service of Word & Communion		8.00pm ~ SJB Prayer Group
Tue 11th	7.00pm	Our Lady of Lourdes	David Pritchard + (Helen Pritchard)	<b>WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE SICK</b>
Wed 12th	9.00am	Feria	Thanksgiving (Terese)	8.00pm ~ PPC Meeting
Thu 13th	9.15am	Feria	Emily McLoughlin + (Rose Whittall & family)	
Fri 14th	9.15am 10.00am	Adoration (till 9.45am) Requiem Mass: Alfred Caruana		
Sat 15th	6.30pm	Vigil Mass	Thanksgiving ( H Hill)	
Sun 16th	10.00am	Sunday Mass	Jordan family int. (Helen Pritchard)	<b>TRAIIDCRAFT</b> Fighting poverty through trade

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

**The Sanctuary Lamp** is a wax candle, generally in a red glass container, kept burning day and night wherever the Blessed Sacrament is reserved in Catholic churches or chapels. It is an emblem of Christ's abiding love and a reminder to the faithful to respond with loving adoration in return. Christians can volunteer to "light" the Sanctuary Lamp (for a week, or a month, or any designated period) both as an act of their faith in the ever abiding presence of our Loving Lord in the Eucharist and to ask special favours for themselves and their loved ones during periods of particular significance in their lives. The whole assembly of the faithful prays in a special way for their intentions during that period and they make a donation to the church. **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. Already, the experience of popping in, saying a short prayer and lighting a candle is bringing a lot of strength and comfort to many people who visit our church regularly. Volunteering to light the Sanctuary Lamp can only bring a greater feeling and experience of peace and blessings from the Lord. May the Lord increase your grace, peace and love as you daily prostrate and worship him.

**If you would like to sponsor the lamp in memory or for a special occasion please fill in the lilac form available from the porch and return it to the church office asap. The form can be emailed on request.**

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

### READERS

Our Young Readers group will be reading at the Vigil Mass this Saturday and at 10am Mass this Sunday.



### WOODLEY CHURCHES TOGETHER

From 9<sup>th</sup> 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.

### ALL EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION TRAINING

Sat 1.3.14 9.30am – 1.30pm in St William of York Church. To attend please call your own church office by Thurs 20.02.14.

### HOLY MASS IN TAMIL

on last Sunday of every month at 5pm. For further info, please email [tamilmass@outlook.com](mailto:tamilmass@outlook.com)

### GRIEF TO GRACE RETREAT

April 11th-16th 2014  
– Healing the Wounds of Abuse – is a 5-day psychological and spiritual programme for anyone who has suffered degradation or violation through physical, emotional, sexual or spiritual abuse in childhood, adolescence, or as an adult. This retreat takes place at Milleret House, 20 Kensington Square, London W8 5HH. For more details phone 020 8947 6420.

# SACRAMENTS

### 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 20th February 2014, at Our Lady of Peace church.



### CONFIRMATION

All young people who made their Confirmation in 2011 and 2013 are invited to a Residential at Cold Ash, near Thatcham, from the evening of Friday 4 April to lunchtime on 6 April 2014. Must be in school years 9 and above. The cost will be £50 for the retreat including all food. 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



### NEXT MEETING DATES:

Prayer Group (SJB)

8pm Mon 10th Feb

PPC

Wed 12th Feb at 8pm

Traidcraft Stall

Sat 15th & Sun 16th Feb

Over 60's Club

2.00pm Thu 20th Feb

RCIA

7.30pm Thu 20th Feb

Liturgy Group

7.30pm Thu 20th Feb

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

# NEWS & EVENTS

### PUBLISHED ACCOUNTS

You will notice that attached to this newsletter are the St John Bosco Accounts for the last financial year (Sept 12–Aug13). As advised in the summer we are working with a deficit budget this year as our expenses exceed our income.

What you can do to help:

- ★ Increase your donations
- ★ If you are a UK tax payer please register to Gift Aid your donations.
- ★ Support our fund raising initiatives:

- ~ Buy the SJB Cook Book
- ~ Attend the Irish Evening
- ~ Sponsor a Sanctuary Light
- ~ Buy a latte & homemade Cake after Mass today
- ~ Forward any fundraising suggestions to our Finance Committee.
- ~ Join our fundraising group.

### WOODLEY JUMBULANCE GROUP

Trip to Lourdes by Jumbulance on Fri 17th October - Sat 25th. We have vacancies for three sick or unable passengers. For more information please contact John Gill 9694769.

### LENT TRAINING

All Altar Servers and Young Readers a date for your diaries;  
**Sunday 9th March**  
**4pm ~ Young Readers**  
**5pm ~ Altar Servers**  
Please do try to attend.

### REFLECTCREATE!

Why not take time out to at St. James' Church Centre Kingfisher Drive On **Sat 22.02.14 at 10am – 4pm** A Quiet Day with the opportunity to reflect and respond. Creatively using a variety of media. Cost to cover materials: £5 non refundable deposit, plus £5 on the day. Please bring your own lunch. Tea and Coffee will be provided. Limited places are available so please book early. Closing Date – 16<sup>th</sup> February 2014. Please contact Margaret Mayer for further info and a booking form Tel: 0118 966 1934.

### IRISH NIGHT

#### SATURDAY 15TH MARCH

Tickets will be on sale after Masses this weekend 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.

### OUR FAITH IN ACTION IN READING – VOLUNTEERS MORNING

on Saturday, 31<sup>st</sup> May at Christ the King Hall, 10am – 1pm. Charities and projects offering support to the needy and poor in Reading are to set up display stalls to promote their particular focus of outreach with a view to encouraging us in the seven catholic parishes in Reading to volunteer a little of our 'Time and Talent'. This is in response to the call from Pope Francis and the recent Pastoral Letter from Bishop Philip and arranged by Reading Pastoral Area Forum.

### Feast of

#### St Josephine Bakhita

8th February 2014 Day of Prayer for Victims of Human Trafficking  
We will be observing for the second year the annual Feast of St Bakhita as a Day of Prayer for Victims of Human Trafficking and those who work combat it. A Poster and Bookmark are available for download from the diocesan website. This year we will be joined by American Catholics, where the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has also designated 8th February as a Day of Prayer for survivors and victims of human trafficking. In the coming years Catholics worldwide will be encouraged to recognise this feast and join our efforts in the campaign to end Human Trafficking. This Day of Prayer will be an opportunity for people to remember and pray for the victims and survivors of trafficking throughout the world and those who work to end this form of modern slavery.



### ST JOHN BOSCO BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

Please keep in your prayers all those with February anniversaries:

**Ken Hay+ Basil Gomez+ Raymond Williamson+ Paul Gualtieri+ Edmund Sellens+ Christina Sellens+ Gladys Jacobs+ Elsie Ivers+ Donald Pocock+ Rosmary Cardoso+ Florence Grenneau+ Genowefa Klonowicz+ Daphne O'Dowd-Booth+ Colin Dempster+ David Pritchard+ Jean Bartington+**