

ST JOHN BOSCO
CHURCH
CELEBRATING

40
YEARS

1970 - 2010

BUILDING A STRONG
WORSHIPPING COMMUNITY

23rd Sunday of Ordinary time ~ 5th September

Issue 946

St John Bosco

Thought for the week:

We are approaching the start of Autumn, and most who have been away for the summer have returned, hopefully refreshed and relaxed. With a new school year just about to start and all of our church groups meeting after the summer break, it is a busy time for all. Fr Chris hopes everyone will join him in thanking Fr Carmel for celebrating Mass during August. As we all return here with renewed spirit, let us listen to God's word and bear witness with renewed vigour, purpose and understanding. Let us do this in the ministry of God's message of love.



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The Church Office is open
next week:
Tue—Fri 8.30am - 1.30pm

Psalm Response:
**"Oh Lord, you have
been our refuge from
one generation to the
next ."**

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Envelopes: £ 297.50
Loose: £ 280.18
Total : £ 577.68
Thank you for your kind
donations.

Confession
is available Saturday
from 5.30—6pm



Next Retiring Collection:

For: Portsmouth Cathedral
On: 26th September

Please see collection baskets in
church porch after Mass.

TEA & COFFEE

There is tea and
coffee after
Sunday Mass and
Friday Mass in the
Church Centre



New to our church ?

If you are new to our church
please introduce yourself to
one of our welcomers and to
Fr Chris. Copies of our
handbook are available from
the church porch. Why not
join us for tea after Sunday
Mass in the church centre ?

Papal Visit:

HYDE PARK - VIGIL COFTON PARK - MASS

Information has just been made available that the travelcard is now NOT part of the Pilgrim Pack for Hyde Park, therefore the price has been reduced to £5 per person. You will have to purchase your own travel card. If you have already paid £10 please contact the church office for a refund.

PLEASE can everyone who has reserved a place at either of the above Papal events send their payment into the church office IMMEDIATELY.

If you do not pay, we shall still have to pay for the place you have reserved, although your name will be removed from the attendee list.

We have been advised that all attendees will have to have photo ID at both events. Further information regarding the coach to Cofton Park is not yet available but will be communicated as soon as it is.

RCIA:

Are you or someone
you know interested
in becoming a
Catholic ?

Our St John Bosco
RCIA (Rite of
Christian Initiation
of Adults) program
2011 will be starting
this October 2010.
With a view to being
received into the
Church at the Easter
Vigil 2011.
For further details or
an informal chat
please contact either
Fr Chris at the
church office or
call Keith Chappell
on 969 2993.



Pakistan Flood Appeal:

Thank you to everyone who supported the Emergency Collection for the CAFOD Pakistan Flood Appeal, held here at St John Bosco on the weekend of the 14th and 15th August. A fantastic **£740.16p** was donated and immediately sent to CAFOD. If you would like to make a donation please phone the CAFOD Pakistan Flood Donation line on: **0500 858 885** ~ thank you.






Traidcraft:

Following their summer break the Traidcraft stall is back to its regular fortnightly slot after 10am Mass, beginning on 5 September. Please let any of the team know if there's something you would especially like us to order in.



WEEK: 4TH - 12TH SEPTEMBER 2010

Date	Time	Dedication	Intention	Diary
Sat 4th	6.30pm	Vigil Mass	Alexander Sermon + (Genevieve Chan)	10.30am - Baptism Preparation Course
Sun 5th	10.00am	Sunday Mass	For all St John Bosco parishioners	
Mon 6th	9.15am	Service of Word and Communion		
Tue 7th	9.15am	Feria	George Johnson + (Chris & Lada)	
Wed 8th	9.15am	Nativity of our Lady	All pupils returning to school	8.00 - PPC Meeting
Thu 9th	10.00am	St Peter Claver	All pupils and students starting a new school, 6th Form, college and university.	
Fri 10th	9.15am	Feria	Georgi Shustov get well (Chris & Lada)	7.00—9.00pm Friday Youth Group 
Sat 11th	6.30pm	Vigil Mass	Margaret Monica FitzGerald (Michael FitzGerald)	
 Baptism		Sunday Mass with Baptism of Bethan Gibson.	Benet get well soon	

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

SEPTEMBER

Please pray for:

**Peggy Murphy +
Heather Chandler +
Kathleen Henson +
Rita Jacobs +
Josie Mannion +
Laurence Keenan +
Yvonne Young +**

whose anniversaries are recorded in the book of Remembrance

Emergency numbers for the Sacramental Ministry of a priest

Fr Chris Whelan 969 3423
Fr. Bruce Barnes 931 4469
Fr. Anthony Ikhenoba 966 3711
Fr. Vincent Flanagan 934 0854
Please call your own priest, but if an emergency does arise, and your own priest is unavailable, please try one of the other priests on the numbers above.

LODDON VALLEY WEEKEND MASS TIMES:

CHRIST THE KING
Sat 6.30pm & Sun 10am

OUR LADY OF PEACE
Sun 9am, 11am & 5pm

ST JOHN BOSCO
Sat 6.30pm & Sun 10am

ST THOMAS MORE
Sat 6.30pm & Sun 10.30am

OUR LADY OF PEACE WARGRAVE:
Sun 9am

NEXT MEETING DATES:

Baptism Preparation
Sat 4th Sept 10.30am

Over 60's Club
Thu 16th Sept 2pm

PPC
Wed 8th Sept 8.00pm

Traidcraft Stall
Sun 5th Sept after Mass

Youth Group
Fri 10th Sept 7-9pm
Pop Quiz and Hot Dog evening.

Fransiscan Youth Centre:

Has opened in Cold Ash, Newbury, next to the Fransican Missionary Sisters Convent. They welcome visitors and groups.

The local Carmelite Priory runs many retreats July - Dec 2010 ~ phone for further details 01865 730183, Boars Hill, Oxford.

Exam results:

We include in our bidding prayers this weekend all the young people in our pastoral area who received their exam results at the end of August. We give thanks to God and hope that all your hard work has brought you the results you hoped for.



Photographs:

All First Holy Communion photographs are available to collect from the church office during opening times (Tue - Fri 8.30am - 1.30pm)

Bethan Rose Gibson:

Bethan Gibson is being Baptised during 10am Mass on Sunday 12th September. Debs and Chris would like to invite parishioners into the church centre for cake and refreshments following Mass ~ everyone is most welcome!

Fatima Pilgrimages:

29th September (6 days) and 11th October (8 days). For more information please contact Fr John Doran Tel: 0118 940 6766.

CELEBRATING CHRIST THE HEALER:

At St John's Cathedral on Sat 11th Sept 9.30am-4.00pm. During the day there will be the opportunity to attend 2 workshops. Cost £10. Book by phone: 01329 835583. Stating workshop choices and any special requirements. See details on church notice board. Don't delay!

Romania Trip:

On 5th Sept parishioners will visit Cluj Napoca, Romania. After a lot of hard work fundraising, and thanks to the generosity of many parishioners, the magnificent sum of **£7500** has been raised and this will be used to help abandoned children living in an orphanage in Cluj Napoca and also families living in abject poverty. On our return we will report on how the money has been distributed. Very many thanks to everyone who has supported the Romania Link during the year. Please pray for the success of this trip.

Blessed Hugh Faringdon

I am delighted to be able to share with you the results for this years GCSE examinations. Of the 27 subject examinations taken only 4 did not improve on last years results. The overall percentage of pupils gaining 5A* - C was 81%, this is a fantastic result. I can assure you that with your prayers we will be continuing on our journey of sustained improvement. Blessed Hugh Faringdon School is now a real choice for Catholic parents.

John Samuel - Chair of Governors

CAFOD:

An Understanding CAFOD day will be held on Sat 25 Sept at St Peter and St John Parish Hall, 1 Caesar's Camp Road, Old Dean, Camberley GU15 4ED from 10am until 3pm. Booking ESSENTIAL on 01252 329385

LIFE IS 40!

This year LIFE is celebrating its 40th anniversary, and has planned a nationwide fundraising challenge - "Forty Feat". On the weekend of 24-26 Sept the country will be challenged to come up with the most ingenious feat to be completed 40 times, e.g. swim 40 lengths, cycle 40 miles, bake 40 small cakes, knit 40 booties, etc. Participants will ask for sponsors, and must register online at lifecharity.org.uk/40feat or by post to LIFE, 1 Mill Street, Leamington Spa, CV31 1ES. Sponsor Forms will be sent to all who register. Prizes will be awarded to who raises the most money and to the person who completes the most original feat!

Welcome back everyone after the summer break!