

# St John Bosco

BUILDING A STRONG  
WORSHIPPING COMMUNITY

## Gospel Message:

It's unlikely that the lepers in today's Gospel weren't happy about being healed from a dreaded disease that isolated them from their family and friends, but only one (an unlikely one, at that!) came back to thank Jesus and give praise to God. Jesus wondered where the others were and why they didn't think to praise God for their healing. Maybe they were too busy, too excited, too preoccupied, or too thoughtless. How do we feel in our own lives when we experience a lack of gratitude from our partner, children, relatives or friends? It is unlikely that everyone we care for, help or look after will be there every time with a big hug or thank you, yet our love for them does not diminish because of their carelessness, just as God's healing did not disappear from the lepers. Likewise, even though we forget to thank God and praise him for all our rich blessings, healings, and mercy, the gift of love keeps coming, just as our love continues for our own loved ones.



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

## Psalm Response:

**“The Lord has shown his  
salvation to the  
nations.”**



## NEW ALTAR SERVERS:

Fr Chris would like to invite all the YR4 children who made their First Holy Communion at St John Bosco in June this year, to become Altar Servers. This is an important ministry and requires a commitment to attend Mass each weekend. Please see the enrolment forms in the church porch, to be returned to the church office.

## ALTAR SERVERS TRAINING:

We shall be holding two training sessions for current and new Altar Servers at 11.30am on Sunday 28.11.10 and 05.12.10. Please make a note of these dates in your diary, all Servers are expected to attend.

## PRAYER PARTNERS:

THIS weekend 9th & 10th October we are asking for Prayer Partners for the new group of First Holy Communion children ~ there is a form up in the back of the church, above the hymn books. Being a Prayer Partner means praying for your partner as they prepare for First Holy Communion and attending a special liturgy on Sun 5.12.10 where you will meet your partner. You will also be provided with a prayer card to collect from the church porch on the 17.10.10 thank you. First Holy Communion enrolment is now closed.



## St John Bosco Romania Link:

We are preparing all our Christmas 'goodies' to sell at the Woodley Winter Extravaganza in aid of our Romania Link, helping abandoned children and families living in poverty. The chutney etc is already underway and cakes and puddings will soon follow. It would be a great help if you could provide some ingredients so that we can make this year's stall the best ever. There is a list of items needed in the porch so please sign up and use the box provided for your donated ingredients. Thank you for your continued support.



## Married Couples Day:

There is a Married Couples day at Christ the King on Sat 23.10.10 from 10am—4pm. Phone 931 4469. All couples most welcome !

## Confession

5.30 - 6pm on  
Saturday.



## Next Retiring Collection:

For: Mission Sunday  
On: 24th October

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 - all are most welcome.



Copies of the latest issue Oct/Nov of the Portsmouth People are available from the church porch.

## WEEK: 9TH—17TH OCTOBER 2010

Date	Time	Dedication	Intention	Diary
Sat 9th	6.30pm	Vigil Mass	Jim Foley + (Bridget Foley)	
Sun 10th	10.00am After Mass 	Sunday Mass Pray the Rosary (Lady Chapel)	Yvonne Young + (Ashley Young)	
	11.30am	Baptism: Benjamin Crean		
Mon 11th	9.15am	Service of Word and Communion		
Tue 12th	9.15am	Feria	Denise (Evans family)	
Wed 13th	9.15am	St Edward the Confessor	All sick and housebound parishioners	7.00pm - Finance meeting 8.00pm - PPC Meeting
Thu 14th	9.15am	St Callistus I	Sister Mary Joseph's intentions	2.00pm - Over 60's Club 7.30pm - RCIA Meeting
Fri 15th	9.15am	St Teresa of Avila	St John Bosco catechists	7-9pm Friday Youth Group
Sat 16th	6.30pm	Vigil Mass	Ken Webb + (Marie)	
Sun 17th	10.00am After Mass 	Sunday Mass Pray the Rosary (Lady Chapel)	Richard & Irene Gillespie + (Benet Gillespie)	 <b>TRAIDCRAFT</b> Fighting poverty through trade

## BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

### October

Please pray for:  
**Sidney Crawford +**  
**Jim Foley +**  
**Nigel Keel +**  
**Michal Zolobajluk +**  
**Jean White +**  
**Richard Gillespie +**  
**Irene Gillespie +**  
**Phyllis Crawford +**  
**Daniel Murphy +**  
**Jean Harman +**  
**James Crowther +**  
**Leslie & Anne Wells +**  
 whose anniversaries are  
 recorded in the book of  
 Remembrance

### Emergency numbers for the Sacramental Ministry of a priest

Fr Chris Whelan 969 3423  
 Fr. Pat Madden 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 13th Nov 10.30am

#### **First Holy Communion**

Sat 6th Nov 8.50am

Children's meeting.

#### **Over 60's Club**

Thu 14th Oct 2pm

#### **RCIA**

Thu 14th Oct 7.30pm

#### **Prayer Group (SJB)**

Mon 18th Oct 8pm

#### **PPC**

Wed 13th Oct 8.00pm

#### **Traidcraft Stall**

Sun 17th Oct after Mass

#### **Youth Group**

Fri 5th Nov 7-9pm

**RCIA**

### CONFIRMATION 2011:

Our Confirmation programme for 2011 will be starting in the New Year. It is open to all young people in School YR8 and YR9, who attend St John Bosco church. Enrolment forms will be available 21.11.10. Please discuss Confirmation with your young person to ensure that they are making an informed commitment to this important sacrament. They should only enrol if they choose to and not because anyone else wants them to. We are also looking for helpers for the programme who have made their own Confirmation within the last 5 years. If you would like to help please email the church office or speak to Fr Chris as soon as possible.

### CHURCH PARKING:

The church forecourt is for disabled drivers with a disabled parking badge ONLY. No other cars should be parked in this area. At NO time should this area be used for school parking. Due to two serious incidents work has started to cordon off this area. It will be open for disabled drivers with a disabled parking badge, attending Mass ONLY, between 9-10am weekdays, 6-7.30pm Sat and 9.30-11.30am Sun. At the weekend the school gates are open for parishioners attending Mass to park their cars. If you park on the road please be considerate to our neighbours ~ thank you.

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### Governor vacancies:

St Dominic Savio Primary school has vacancies for Foundation Governors. Please see the notice board for further details or enquire at the school office.

### Mass count:

Mass Counts are taking place at all weekend Mass through out October.

### PILGRIMAGE:

READING PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND, Sat 22.10.11 - Sat, 29.10.11(Half term) or Sept—Nov 2011

Trip of a lifetime to the most sacred places on earth Jerusalem and Galilee. Led by Fr John O'Shea. 40 - 50 people. Info meeting at 7.30pm on Wed 20.10.10 in St James Church, Forbury Road. For further info call 957 4171

### REPOSITORY:

New stock has arrived in our Repository including Christmas Cards, Children's Books and Advent Calendars and Candles.

### MONTH OF OUR

#### LADY:

October is the Month of our Lady and as is traditional we shall be saying the Rosary after Sunday Mass in the Lady Chapel, to be lead by different people. Please do come along and join us!



### 20th Anniversary Celebrations CIRDIC:

The Churches in Reading Drop In Centre will be celebrating its 20th Ann on Sun 24.10.10 at 6 p.m. A service of thanksgiving will be held at St. Saviour's Church, Berkeley Avenue followed by a reception in CIRDIC, which is near to St. Saviour's. Anyone who has been involved with CIRDIC over the years, making use of its services, donating or volunteering is very welcome to attend. For more info please see p.12 of the Oct/Nov. "Portsmouth People" magazine".

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Eucharistic Ministers please collect a copy of the new rota from the porch if you have not received a copy by email.

*Please pray for the First Holy Communion children as they begin their preparation.*