

ST JOHN BOSCO
CHURCH
CELEBRATING

40
YEARS

1970 - 2010

BUILDING A STRONG
WORSHIPPING COMMUNITY

1st Sunday of Advent ~ 28th November

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St John Bosco

Thought for the week:

We all normally have more work to do in a day than will ever get done. Some of us work outside our homes while some stay at home. In either case there are always bills to pay, laundry to wash, meals to prepare, errands to run and things to fix. Unless we deliberately set aside time to prepare ourselves and our families for

Jesus' return, we will continue with the busyness of everyday life like the people of Noah's time and the workers in the field and at the mill. Especially at this time of year, it is easy to get caught up in the demands centred around Jesus' birth rather than his return.



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The Church Office is open
Tuesday - Friday
8.30am - 1.30pm

Psalm Response:

"I rejoiced when I heard
them say: Let us go to
God's house."

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Envelopes: £ 337.10

Loose: £ 319.99

Total : £ 657.09

Thank you for your kind
donations.

Confession

5.30 - 6pm on
Saturday.



Next Retiring Collection:

For: Christmas Flowers

On: 12th December

Please see collection baskets in
porch after Mass.

TEA & COFFEE

There is tea and
coffee after Sunday
Mass and Friday
Mass in the Church Centre
- all are most welcome.



CONFIRMATION 2011

Confirmation 2011 will take place here at St John Bosco on Tuesday 28th June 2011 with Bishop Crispian.

Our Confirmation program starts on December 8th with our "Come & See" meeting. Enrolment forms are available from the church porch NOW and is open to all young people who attend St John Bosco church and are in school YR8 or YR9.

The emphasis of our program is involvement and includes an overnight retreat on the 29th January. Please return your forms at the **meeting on the 8th December which is for candidates and one parent.** Any queries please contact the church office.



Website Questionnaire:

Fr Chris and the St John Bosco website team are issuing a questionnaire to gather your views on the new church website this weekend. It is your website, so please help us make sure it continues to serve your needs. Please take a moment to complete a form ~ thank you.

Cabrini Children's Society:

The "Gift Tree" is now in the Church Porch. Gifts to be collected Sunday 11th December after Mass. Recommended gift price £5. Please take a label and thank you for your support.



Advent:

This Sunday is the 1st Sunday of Advent and we shall light the first candle on our Advent wheel.

St John Bosco
Advent & Christmas timetable is available now from the porch.



St John Bosco Advent and Christmas Timetable

Christmas Services:

Eucharistic Ministers, Readers and Altar Servers are needed to volunteer for the Christmas Services. Please see the volunteer forms on the Church notice board from this weekend. If you can help please put your name down as soon as possible - all help is much appreciated, thank you.





Traidcraft Stall:

will be open after Mass this **Saturday 27th** and **Sunday 28th** November. Please have a look at the Christmas goodies !

TODAY!

WEEK: 27TH NOVEMBER - 5TH DECEMBER 2010

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

Date	Time	Dedication	Intention	Diary
Sat 27th	6.30pm	Vigil Mass 	Donato Fiore + (Mrs C Fiore)	
Sun 28th 1st Sunday Of Advent	10.00am	Sunday Mass 	Eamonn Burke + (Anne Burke)	11am - Altar Servers Training 1.45-3.00pm Youth Group Sno Tubing
Mon 29th	9.15am	Service of Word and Communion		8.00pm - SJB Prayer Group
Tue 30th	9.15am	St Andrew	Ted Barter + (Sue Barter)	
Wed 1st	9.15am	Of the 1st week of Advent		
Thu 2nd	9.15am	Of the 1st week of Advent		7.30pm - RCIA Meeting
Fri 3rd	9.15am	Whole school Advent Mass	Mrs Maria Collaco + (Lucy Collaco)	7.00-9.00pm Youth Group Party
Sat 4th	6.30pm	Vigil Mass	For all St John Bosco Parishioners	
Sun 5th 2nd Sunday Of Advent	10.00am	Sunday Mass	Gianni Amodio + (Teresa Amodio)	11am - Altar Servers Training

December
Please pray for:
**Ruby Gomez +
Robert Ashe +
Eamonn Burke +
Raymond Cook +
Sarah Keenan +
Sheila Halse +
Arthur Jacobs +
Sister Mary Agatha +**
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:

Confirmation Group
Wed 8th Dec 7.30pm
First Holy Communion
Sat 4th Dec 8.50am
Children's meeting.
Sun 5th Dec 3pm
Prayer Partner Liturgy
Children, parents, prayer partners,
Over 60's Club
Thu 9th Dec 2pm
RCIA
Thu 2nd Dec 7.30pm
Prayer Group (SJB)
Mon 29th Nov 8pm
PPC
Wed 8th Dec 8.00pm
Traidcraft Stall
Sat 27th Nov after Mass
Sun 28th Nov after Mass
Youth Group
Sun 28th Nov 1.45-3pm
Sno Tubing, Bracknell.

Romania Link:

Please support the Romania Group stall at the **Woodley Winter Extravaganza on Sunday 5th December.**



The Romania Group will also be selling raffle tickets and any Christmas Goodies (cakes and chutneys etc) not sold at the Extravaganza, at both weekend Masses the following weekend 11th and 12th December.

Lift to Church:

One person needed to join an existing rota giving a disabled parishioner from Howth Drive a lift to church. The commitment is one week in five. For more information call John Gill; 9694769

Car Share Weekend:

Our Climate Change Group have organised a Car Share this weekend ~ thank you to everyone who has joined in !



Parish Christmas Card:

Please support the Christmas Card by signing your good wishes to fellow parishioners and making a donation which will be sent to RISC this year thank you

CAFOD Volunteers wanted:

Could you help us promote CAFOD campaigns at your church ? Support and help provided - to find out more contact CAFOD on 01252 329385.

CAFOD World Gifts:

If you're stuck for ideas this Christmas or want to try and give your friends, colleagues and loved ones something really meaningful, why not consider buying a CAFOD World Gift and help people fight poverty and injustice all over the world! Gifts start from as little as £7. For a catalogue please visit cafod.org.uk/worldgifts or freephone 0800 14 000 14

Gift Aid envelopes 2011:

There are a number of boxes remaining to be collected. Please collect yours as space is limited in the porch.

Prayer Partner Liturgy:

A reminder for all First Holy Communion Prayer Partners that there is a special Liturgy **NEXT Sunday 5th December at 3pm.** After the Liturgy refreshments will be served and there will be plenty of opportunity to meet your Prayer Partner and their family. The children really look forward to meeting their partners and welcoming you all.

Altar Servers Training:

Fr Chris will be holding two training sessions for new and existing altar servers after 10am Sunday Mass this Sunday 28th and next 2nd December. **Please can ALL altar servers attend.**

Help wanted:

There will be mulled wine and mince pies after both weekend Masses on the 11th & 12th December, in the church centre. Help needed to set up, serve and tidy away. If you can help please contact the church office asap ~ thank you

Pastoral Area Prayer Evening:

Will now be held on the **first Thursday of the month** at Our Lady of Peace & Bl. D. Barberi church, Earley. The next one is on **2.12.11** from **8 to 9pm**. For information please contact the office at Our Lady of Peace.

Sing for CAFOD & Christian Aid:

Carols, Readings, Music for Advent **THURSDAY 9th DECEMBER 7.30 p.m.** Our Lady of Peace & Blessed Dominic Barberi Church. Followed by mince pies and mulled wine

Please pray for our RCIA Candidates who made their Rite of Welcome last weekend.