

ST JOHN BOSCO
CHURCH
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40
YEARS

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BUILDING A STRONG
WORSHIPING COMMUNITY

2nd Sunday of Advent ~ 5th December

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St John Bosco

Thought for the week:

In Matthew's Gospel, we learn of John's continued warning for us to be ready for Jesus when he comes again. It is not enough that we are sons and daughters of Abraham, but by our own desire, we want to live a life pleasing to God. The Gospel challenges us to bear fruit. It was not enough for the Sadducees nor is it enough for us to simply follow the rules and rituals of our faith. The very actions of our lives must show what we believe about our faith. Sometimes we need to take some quiet "desert time" like we find in today's Gospel in order to focus our lives more intentionally on what is truly important.



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

Psalm Response:

**"In his days justice will
flourish and peace till
the moon fails."**

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Envelopes: £ 325.00

Loose: £ 317.25

Total : £ 642.25

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.



Pick up your copy now!



Advent Penitential Services:

An important part of our Advent preparation is calling to mind and repenting our sins. Our St John Bosco Advent Penitential Service is on

Tuesday 14th December at 7.30pm

Please see below for details of the other Advent Penitential Service at local churches:

Christ the King Monday 13.12.10 at 7.30pm

Our Lady of Peace Wednesday 15.12.10 at 7.30pm

St Thomas More Thursday 16.12.10 at 8pm

English Martyrs Saturday 18.12.10 at 11am

St Josephs Tilehurst Tuesday 21.12.10 at 7.30pm



Fr Chris, Fr Anthony and Fr Pat will be at all the Penitential Services at each church. Please do make a special effort to attend.

Prayer Partner Liturgy: TODAY!

The First Holy Communion Prayer Partner Liturgy is this **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 are really looking forward to welcoming you all.

CONFIRMATION 2011

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.





Volunteers needed:

Churches together in Woodley have printed their Christmas card again this year showing the times of Christmas Services. Volunteers are needed to deliver the cards in our allotted area. Please contact the church office ASAP if you can help as we have a large area to cover!



WEEK: 4TH - 12TH DECEMBER 2010

Date	Time	Dedication	Intention	Diary
Sat 4th	6.30pm	Vigil Mass	For all St John Bosco	8.50am - First Holy Communion meeting
Sun 5th 2nd Sunday Of Advent	10.00am	Sunday Mass 	Gianni Amodio + (Teresa Amodio)	11am - Altar Servers Training 3.00pm - Prayer Partner Liturgy
Mon 6th	9.15am	Service of Word and Communion		
Tue 7th	9.15am	St Ambrose	All the sick in our Pastoral Area	
Wed 8th	9.15am	Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Mick McSoley return to health (Liz & Don)	7.30pm - Confirmation "Come & See" 8.00pm - PPC meeting
Thu 9th	9.15am	St Juan Diego Cuahhtlatotzin	All the housebound	2.00pm - Over 60's Club
Fri 10th	9.15am	Of the 2nd week of Advent	Marcelo Coronel +	
Sat 11th	6.30pm	Vigil Mass	Deceased members of Piacquadio family (Mr & Mrs Zeolla)	7.30pm - Mulled wine and mince pies in the church centre ~ all welcome.
Sun 12th 3rd Sunday Of Advent	10.00am	Sunday Mass 	Rose & Tom Kearns + (Tom Kearns)	11am - Mulled wine and mince pies in the church centre ~ all welcome.

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

December

Please pray for:

**Ruby Gomez +
Robert Ashe +
Eamonn Burke +
Raymond Cook +
Peggy Pounds +
Aguida Ortiz +
Sarah Keenan +
Guillermo Larano +
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
Sun 5th Dec 3pm
Prayer Partner Liturgy
Children, parents, prayer partners,

Over 60's Club
Thu 9th Dec 2pm

RCIA
Thu 16th Dec 7.30pm

Prayer Group (SJB)
Mon 13th Dec 8pm

PPC
Wed 8th Dec 8.00pm

Traidcraft Stall
Sun 12th Dec after Mass

Youth Group
Fri 14th Jan 7-9pm

Romania Link:

Please support the Romania Group stall at the **Woodley Winter Extravaganza this Sunday 5th December.** (By the News Centre).



To guarantee the best selection of their beautiful homemade Christmas cakes, chutneys and pickles please get there early. Raffle tickets will also be available to buy. Thank you.

Cabrini Children's Society:

The "Gift Tree" is now in the Church Porch. Gifts to be collected next Sunday 11.12.10 after Mass. Recommended gift price £5. Please take a label and thank you for your support.

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.



Baptismal Leaves:

If you had a child baptised this year you can now collect your named leaf from the small silver box in the church porch.

Website:

Thank you to everyone who filled in a website questionnaire last weekend.

Carol Concert:

You are all invited to the **Cabrini Children's Society Carol Service** on 15.12.10 in the presence of Bishop John Hine. The event starts at 6.30pm at St George's Cathedral, Southwark. For more info contact Ann on 020 8668 2181.

Readers Rota:

For those not on email, paper copies of the new rota are available now.

Gift Aid envelopes 2011:

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

St Dominic Savio

PTA have organised a "Taste of Christmas from around the world" on Sun 12.12.10 with Christmas foods from different countries, Santa's Grotto & tombola stalls. From 11 - 1pm.

Portsmouth People:

Please see the latest copy for a full page report by Chris Carter on our 40th celebrations.

Please pray for all those sick & housebound across our Pastoral Area