

ST JOHN BOSCO
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BUILDING A STRONG
WORSHIPING COMMUNITY

3rd Sunday of Advent ~ 12th December

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St John Bosco

Thought for the week:

John the Baptist had disciples of his own and while in prison he sent some of them to Jesus. At John's request, the disciples asked Jesus if he was the Messiah or were they to wait for another. Jesus did not answer them directly, but pointed to the miracles he had performed in the name of God's love. Jesus did not fit the image of "Messiah," and so it was possible that people began to doubt. It would have appeared to Jesus that John began to doubt. Perhaps it was the confinement of prison that let his mind question what he once so clearly understood. But even so, Jesus affirmed John in this scripture as the greatest of all prophets. From this experience, it is reassuring to know that even when we doubt, either ourselves or God, we are still great in God's eyes. Our strength is in knowing God is with us.



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

Psalm Response:

**"Come, Lord, and
save us"**

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Envelopes: £ 441.96

Loose: £ 275.32

Total : £ 717.28

Thank you for your kind
donations.

Confession

5.30 - 6pm on
Saturday.



Next Retiring Collection:

For: Christmas Flowers

On: 12th December **TODAY!**

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.



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 **THIS:**

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.

Mulled Wine & Mince Pies:

There will be Mulled Wine and Mince pies after both the Saturday 6.30pm Vigil Mass and the 10am Sunday Mass this weekend. Come and share some festive cheer with fellow parishioners!

After Mass this Sunday our Romania Group will be selling the last of their beautiful homemade Christmas cakes, chutneys and pickles. Raffle tickets will be available to buy.

Also our Sunday Traidcraft Group will be holding their last stall before Christmas ~ so remember to stock up on any items you may need.



CONFIRMATION 2011

Our Confirmation program has started with a fantastic 28 candidates enrolling. There is a full list of dates in the church porch now ~ please collect your copy. The date of the next meeting is on Saturday 8th January at 1pm. 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!

Pick up your copy now!



St John Bosco Advent and Christmas Timetable

WEEK: 11TH - 19TH DECEMBER 2010

Date	Time	Dedication	Intention	Diary
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.
Mon 13th	9.15am	Service of Word and Communion		8.00pm - SJB Prayer Group
Tue 14th	9.15am 7.30pm	St John of the Cross Advent Penitential Service	Joseph Geary + (M Steele)	
Wed 15th	9.15am	Of 3rd week of Advent	Salomon Coronel +	2.00pm - KS2 Carol Service
Thu 16th	9.15am	Of 3rd week of Advent	Henry Belletty birthday (Rita)	7.30pm - RCIA 11.00am - Preschool Advent 7.00pm - KS2 Carol Service
Fri 17th	9.15am	Whole School Mass	Mrs Manulina Fernandes + (Lucy)	
Sat 18th	6.30pm	Vigil Mass	Marian Wojtaszek + (June)	
Sun 19th 4th Sunday Of Advent	10.00am	Sunday Mass	Cliff Nutley + (Maria & family)	

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 Ikenoba 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:

Baptismal Preparation
 Sat 22nd Jan 10.30am

Confirmation Group
 Sat 8th Jan 1.00pm

First Holy Communion
 Sat 8th Jan 8.50am

RCIA
 Thu 16th Dec 7.30pm

Prayer Group (SJB)
 Mon 13th Dec 8pm

PPC
 Wed 12th Jan 8.00pm

Traidcraft Stall
 Sun 12th Dec after Mass

Youth Group
 Fri 14th Jan 7-9pm

Altar Servers Training:

Thank you to all the Altar Servers who attended the two training sessions. Please remember to put your names down for the Christmas Services

Yeldhall Manor:

We announced at Mass last weekend that Yeldhall Manor are asking for gifts for their residents. Small items such as socks, toothbrush & paste, or other toiletries are ideal. No liqueur chocolates please. Please wrap and place a note on the outside of the contents. There is a box in the church porch for all gifts. Please return before Friday 17th December, as the gifts will be delivered to Yeldhall Manor on Saturday 18th December. Thank you for your support.

Newsletter & Church Office:

Next weekend's newsletter will be the last newsletter of 2010. The Church Office will be closed from Tuesday 21.12.10 until 8.30am Tuesday 4.01.11.

St John Bosco Christmas Card:

Please support the St John Bosco Christmas Card by signing your good wishes to fellow parishioners and making a donation which will be sent to RISC this year. Thank you to everyone for your support.

Gaudete Sunday:

This Sunday the 3rd Sunday of Advent is traditionally known as Gaudete Sunday, when the pink candle on the advent wheel is lit. The pink candle represents Joy.



Cabrini Children's Society:

All gifts for the Gift Tree must be returned this weekend, so that we can deliver them to the Cabrini Children's Society for distribution. Thank you for all the donated gifts.

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:

Any further feedback can be emailed to the church office.

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 from the church porch.

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 our Confirmation Candidates as they begin their preparation.