

St John Bosco

Thought for the week:

Matthew recounts the circumstances of Jesus' birth by telling us the story of Mary's engagement to Joseph and the child she carried originating from the Holy Spirit. This reality made no sense to Joseph, but he did not want to dishonour Mary so he planned to quietly divorce her. An angel came and told Joseph not to be afraid, that Mary's child was conceived by the Holy Spirit and that they should call him Emmanuel meaning, "God is with us." It is important that we remind ourselves and those around us, that God is with us always. Like a loving parent, God is there when we call out. As we light the fourth candle on our Advent wreaths, recall one time during this Advent season when we were confused, unsure, or frightened about something. Reflect on how God helped us at that time.



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The Church Office is closed
until Tuesday 4th January at
8.30am

Our 40th Celebrations:

It cannot have escaped anyone's notice that we all, here at St John Bosco church, have been celebrating the 40th Anniversary of our church this year. Our celebrations have been very varied and hopefully everyone found something that they enjoyed and could participate in. I would like to thank everyone who has helped organise and run the events, and everyone who has come along to make all the events such a success. Our Worshiping Community has grown together and grown stronger during 2010, thank you all.

Fr Chris

Christmas Offering:

The collections at the Christmas Masses traditionally go to our Fr Chris. This is to thank Fr Chris for all his hard work over the year, on behalf of our church and us all.

Thank you:

A huge thank you to everyone who has helped with preparing and cleaning the Church, with the Christmas Services, with music, flowers, Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers, Sacristans and anyone else who has given their time, to help make our Advent preparations and Christmas celebrations special this year.

Sacramental programmes:

Our Sacramental programmes continue in early January:

Baptismal Preparation:
Sat Jan 22nd at 10.30am

Confirmation:
Sat Jan 8th at 1pm

First Holy Communion:
Sat Jan 8th at 8.50am

RCIA:
Thu 6th Jan at 7.30pm



RCIA



Psalm Responses:

4th Sunday of Advent:
"Let the Lord Enter! He is the King of glory."

8am Mass Christmas Day

"This day new light will shine upon the earth: the Lord is born for us."

10am Mass Christmas Day

"All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God."

The Holy Family

"O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways."

The Epiphany of the Lord

"All the nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord."

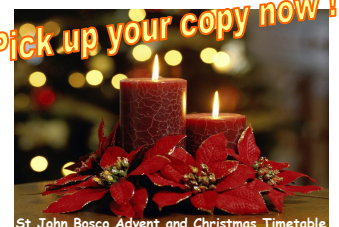
Children's Christmas Eve Mass:

Any children who would like to read a bidding prayer or help with welcoming and the offertory at the Children's Christmas Eve Mass, please see Claire Willoughby after Mass this Sunday.

All children attending the Children's Mass on Christmas Eve are invited to dress up as anyone from the Nativity, But no wings please!

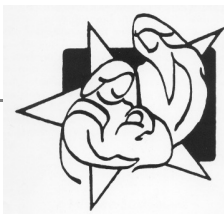





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St John Bosco Advent and Christmas Timetable

WEEK: 18TH DECEMBER 2010 - 9TH JANUARY 2011

Date	Time	Dedication	Intention	Diary
Sat 18th	6.30pm	Vigil Mass	Marian Wojtaszek + (June)	
Sun 19th 4th Sunday Of Advent	10.00am	Sunday Mass	Cliff Nutley + (Maria & family)	
Mon 20th	9.15am	Service of Word and Communion		
Tue 21st	9.15am	Liturgy of the day	James Minogue + (M O'Gorman)	
Wed 22nd	9.15am	Liturgy of the day	Mr Pat Walsh + (Mrs Walsh)	
Thu 23rd	9.15am	Liturgy of the day	Jenny Kelly + (Mrs Walsh)	
Fri 24th Christmas Eve	5.00pm 11.30pm	Children's Christmas Eve Mass Carol Service followed by Midnight Mass	All children For all St John Bosco parishioners	
Sat 25th Christmas Day	8.00am 10.00am	Dawn Mass Christmas Day family Mass	For all St John Bosco Parishioners For all St John Bosco parishioners	
Sun 26th The Holy Family	10.00am	Sunday Mass	For all families	
Mon 27th	10.00am	Service of Word and Communion		
Tue 28th	10.00am	The Holy Innocents	Lisa Clements + (Maddy Lawrence)	
Wed 29th	10.00am	St Thomas of Canterbury	Ovidiu & Sarah (Barry & Eileen)	
Thu 30th	10.00am	Liturgy of the day	Briane Goulay + (Mrs Walsh)	
Fri 31st	10.00am	Liturgy of the day	Fr Titus & family (Barry & Eileen)	
Sat 1st	6.30pm	Vigil Mass	John & Mary Knox + (Knox family)	
Sun 2nd The Epiphany of the Lord	10.00am	Sunday Mass	Ella Ormiston + (Tom Ormiston)	
Mon 3rd	9.15am	Service of Word and Communion		
Tue 4th	9.15am	Liturgy of the day	Special intention	
Wed 5th	9.15am	Liturgy of the day	Mr Lucien & family (Barry & Eileen)	
Thu 6th	9.15am	Liturgy of the day	Mr & Mrs Quinn + (Mrs Walsh)	7.30pm - RCIA Meeting
Fri 7th	9.15am	Whole School Mass	Dana & family (Barry & Eileen)	
Sat 8th	6.30pm	Vigil Mass with Confirmation Candidates	Michael Antao + (F Collaco)	8.50am - First Holy Communion 1.00pm - Confirmation meeting
Sun 9th	10.00am	Sunday Mass	Elvira Monopoli + (Maria Itta)	

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:
Baptismal Preparation
 Sat 22nd Jan 10.30am

Confirmation Group
 Sat 8th Jan 1.00pm

First Holy Communion
 Sat 8th Jan 8.50am

RCIA
 Thu 6th Jan 7.30pm

Prayer Group (SJB)
 TBC

PPC
 Wed 12th Jan 8.00pm

Youth Group
 Fri 14th Jan 7-9pm

**The Epiphany of the
Lord:** Is being celebrated
 on Sunday 2nd January
 and is a Holy Day of
 Obligation.

Romania Link: Thank you everyone who contributed in any way to the Extravaganza stall. The final amount raised amounted to £1069.50, a little bit down on last year, but still a very good start to our fund raising this year. We have just a few small Christmas cakes, puddings and jars of chutney remaining. If anyone would like any of these items please phone, 9692019. Thank you for your support with this effort.

Thank you: For all the gifts donated to the Cabrini Children's Society and to Yeldhall Manor. All gifts have been delivered for distribution.

The Pastoral Prayer

Evening: Now meets on the first Thursday of the Month. The next one being held on the 6th January from 8 to 9pm, at Our Lady of Peace Church. For info please phone Our Lady of Peace Office on: 966 3711.

*Watch out for
New Years
Resolutions
on the
1st January!*

St Joseph's Convent:

Entrance Assessment will take place at 9:00am on Wednesday 5th January 2011. For further info please contact the Registrar on 0118 966 1000
 There are a number of Presentation Trust Bursaries available for up to 75% of cost for all Catholic children applying to St Joseph's College for entry into Year 7 Sept 2011 - Application forms from the Registrar.

Wishing everyone peace and joy this Christmas and New Year From Fr Chris