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READING PASTORAL AREA

St John Bosco

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70 YEARS
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PLEASE NOTE: Church Office is open next week: Mon—Fri: 8.30am to 1.30pm

WEEKLY COLLECTION
Envelopes £177.50
Loose £264.75
Standing orders: £510

Thank you for your generous contributions. Your donations make the life and work of the parish possible.

Next Special Collection:
16/17th April—Clergy Training

Responsorial Psalm: Year C
3rd Sunday of Easter, 10th April
"I will praise you. Lord, you have rescued me"

Confessions
Are on a Saturday
5.30—6.00pm

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Words of Pope John-Paul II (now St John-Paul), during his homily, on the occasion of his visit to Westminster Cathedral in 1982:

"In this England of fair and generous minds, no one will begrudge the Catholic community pride in its own history. So I speak last of another Christian name, less famous but no less deserving honour. Bishop Richard Challoner guided the Catholics of this London district in the eighteenth century, at what seemed the lowest point of their fortunes. They were few. It seemed they might well not survive. Yet Bishop Challoner's bravery raised his voice to prophesy a better future for his people.

And now, two centuries later, I am privileged to stand here and to speak to you, in no triumphal spirit, but as a friend, grateful for your kind welcome and full of love for all of you. Bishop Challoner's courage may remind all of us where the seeds of courage lie, where the confidence of renewal comes from. It is through water and the Holy Spirit that a New People is born, whatever the darkness of the time"

MASS INTENTIONS & FEAST DAYS

Date	Time	Dedication	Intention	Diary
Sat 9th Apr	**6.30pm**	**3rd Sunday of Easter**	Deceased of the Colfer Family + (Bridget Foley)	9.30am Marriage Prep FHC
Sun 10th Apr	**10.00am**	**3rd Sunday of Easter**	Gina & Katie Short (Helen Pritchard)	FHC
Mon 11th Apr	**10.00am**	**Service of Word & Communion**		8pm, Prayer Group
Tues 12th Apr	**5.00pm** **7.00pm**	**Adoration** **Tuesday of the 3rd Week of Easter**	Paul Gualtieri + (Mum, Dad and Family)	12.30pm CTW
Wed 13th Apr	**9.15am**	**Of the 3rd Week of Easter**	Marianna Cairella + (Rosamaria Pinder)	
Thurs 14th Apr	**9.15am**	**Of the 3rd Week of Easter**	Fr Bon Thanksgiving (Helen Pritchard)	2pm, Over 60's club
Fri 15th Apr	**9.00am**	**Adoration & Friday of the 3rd Week of Easter**	Thanksgiving (Fr Bon)	
Sat 16th Apr	**6.30pm**	**4th Sunday of Easter**	Yvonne Young + (Ashley Young)	**Romania** QUIZ NIGHT
Sun 17th Apr	**10.00am**	**4th Sunday of Easter**		Baptisms

YEAR OF MERCY
2015 –2016

NEWS & EVENTS

Part of the 70th anniversary celebrations

Emergency numbers for the Sacramental Ministry of a priest:
Fr Bon 969 3423
Fr. Pat 931 4469
Fr. Stan 966 3711
Canon Michael 957 2149
Canon John O'Shea 957 4171
Please call your own priest first.

READING CHURCHES WEEKEND MASS TIMES:

CHRIST THE KING
Sat 6.30pm & Sun 10am

ENGLISH MARTYRS
Sat 6.30pm, Sun 9.30am, 11.30am & 5pm

OUR LADY OF PEACE
Sun 9am, 11am & 5pm

ST JAMES
Sat 6pm, Sun 11am

ST JOHN BOSCO
Sat 6.30pm & Sun 10am

PRAYERS FOR FR JOHN

Fr John O'Shea is having his second hip operation on Mon 11 Apr and will be out of action for 5/6 weeks. Please keep him in your prayers as well as all the parishioners of St James

PLEASE PRAY

for Sean Aguiar, James Jones Charlie Jennings, and Joshua Godfree who are being baptised Sunday, 17th Apr, may the Lord watch over them and their families.

WALKING THE CAMINO DE SANTIAGO PILGRIMAGE FROM READING

Wed 14th—21st Sept 2016.
25 people.
Flight: Stanstead to Santiago. 20-25 km per day. 200,000+ people do the Camino every year. Cost £230 inc flights & coaches. Closing date 11th April. Application forms from Fr John or parish office.

AFRO CARIBBEAN EVENT

Pentecost Celebrations
Saturday, 14th May, after Mass,
Tickets £6.50 Adult and £3.50 4-15yrs,
St Dominic Savio, Jnr School Hall
Afro Caribbean food and fun events,
All Welcome

One of Fr Bennett's memories of St John Bosco life

'The Youth Retreats of which there were 44 in total between June 1976 and February 1983 and which just over 100 different young people attended were very close to my heart, as were the Friday Folk (the imaginatively named group of young folk music enthusiasts who met on a Friday!) who actually won some sort of award at a local music festival. I hope these two youth enterprises did the participants good but they certainly did me good and revealed a deep spirituality within these young people. They were symbols of a grassroots spirituality throughout the whole parish that was more evident in Woodley than in some other nameless places.
In 1982 I celebrated the Silver Jubilee of my ordination and the parish, which always seemed to know how to party, provided a great evening for me with a concelebrated Mass and great goings-on in St. Dominic's afterwards. Photographs and mementoes I still have.
I still remember many people in Woodley with great affection and pray for them be they living or dead and ask forgiveness for my derelictions in the parish. I am grateful and honoured to have been part of the St. John Bosco journey.'

Now let's have yours.....

Please pass any memories you may have to the Parish Administrator, Thank you

Storm Damage

Not only did Hurricane Katie wreak havoc in Woodley precinct but it also brought down the solar panels from the church roof. We are currently investigating getting them replaced through our insurance.

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Important Note!

The basis of Gift Aid is that the donor must pay sufficient Income Tax (or Capital Gains Tax) to cover the tax that the parish will reclaim on his or her donations. The increases in personal allowances in recent years, together with the new savings tax relief announced by the Chancellor in this year's budget, could result in you as a donor falling out of the tax net altogether. We therefore need to remind you that you must let us know if you cease to pay tax or we could be liable to make up the tax shortfall to HMRC

YOUTH ALPHA COURSE (11-18)

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE
Will begin on 24th April 2016, to run for a total of 8 sessions. Please, encourage your child/children to attend.

Fr. Ivano Millico will give a presentation at Our Lady of Peace on Thursday 28th April, 7.30pm, on **"The Door of Mercy"** in the life and words of Pope Francis. Fr. Ivano, of the Diocese of Westminster and from the Neo Catechumenal Way, is the author of the recent booklet The Door of Mercy published by CTS. The "Door of Mercy" is the door of our community, of our local church, "the space where Christian life matures, to experience the mercy of God."
All welcome

NEXT MEETING DATES:
8pm, 11th April, Prayer Group
12.30pm, 12th Apr, CTW
2.00pm, 14th Apr, Over 60's

3rd Woodley St John Bosco Scout Group: Term Time Only
Beavers: Mon 6.00 - 7.00 pm
Cubs: Thu 6.30 - 8.30pm
Scouts Mon 7.30 - 9.30pm

Living our Faith

Copies of he April edition of the Living our Faith Newsletter are available in the porch Please feel free to take a copy.

Prayer Group

Will resume again on Monday April, 11th at 8pm in the Parish Centre. Any new members will receive a warm welcome.

MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

16th/17th April

Readers

Saturday
Chris Hughes
Angela King

Sunday
Nick Lamb
Helen Pritchard

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Saturday
D Cramp
M Eames

Sunday

M Stanbridge	A + Altar
M Moreira	B + Altar
J Jeyakumar	C + Altar
J Moriera	D + Altar
L Guttridge	Altar only

THE SANCTUARY LAMPS FOR WEEK:

10th to 16th April is dedicated to:
Main Church:
Lady Chapel:

ST JOHN BOSCO BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

Please keep in your prayers all those with Anniversaries in April
John Jerome Devlin + Kevin Jordan + Susan Joy + Becky Janssens + Robert Booth + Terence Manzi + Alan Booth + Ina Dias + John Knox + Harry Foster +