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WEEKLY COLLECTION

Envelopes: £ 303.51

Loose: £ 275.02

Total : £ 578.53

Thank you for your kind
donations.

If you are a UK tax payer and
would like to Gift Aid your
weekly donations, at no extra
cost to you, please take a GIFT
AID booklet from the porch &
return forms to the office.

Psalm Response: Year B

“Heal my soul for I
have sinned
against you.”

Next Confession:

Saturday 5.30-6.00pm

Next Retiring Collection:

For: Cabrini Children's Society

On: 19th February **THIS WEEKEND**

Please see the collection
baskets in the church porch
after both weekend Masses.

Emergency numbers for the
Sacramental Ministry of a
priest

Fr Chris 969 3423

Fr. Pat 931 4469

Please call your own priest first.

LODDON VALLEY

WEEKEND MASS TIMES:

CHRIST THE KING

Sat 6.30pm & Sun 10am

OUR LADY OF PEACE

Sun 9am, 11.30am & 5pm

ST JOHN BOSCO

Sat 6.30pm & Sun 10am

St John Bosco

Building a strong worshipping community

Thought for the week

Great faith and forgiveness are at the center of today's gospel reading. A paralyzed man had four friends of deep faith. So great was their faith in Jesus that they lowered their friend on his mat from the roof of the house where Jesus was. In ancient times, people believed that diseases and deformities were caused by sins. Forgiveness of those sins would render the person healthy again. Jesus' problem came when he forgave the man his sins, the Jewish leaders considered the action blasphemous as they didn't

recognize Jesus' authority as the Son of God. Today's gospel helps us all recognize the value of true, faithful and believing friends. Take time to consider our own friends and the people with whom we spend our time, we should thank God for the people who share our values and faith. We know it's true that people who share faith with us and understand us can be there to support us. Ask yourself what you could try to change or improve in yourself that would make you an even better friend.



LENT 2012

Next Wednesday
the 22nd

February is Ash
Wednesday, a day
of fasting and
abstinence and
the start of Lent. We shall have
Mass here at 10am and 7pm.
On Friday evenings at 7pm we
shall be holding Stations of the
Cross throughout Lent, each
Friday this will be lead by a
different church group. Next
Friday 24th February the Stations
of the Cross will be lead by the
Divine Mercy group.



Please take a
copy of our
Lenten 2012
Calendar. This
year is has the
theme of "the
common good"
and it is hoped it
has something for everyone.
Our Lenten Almsgiving this year will
go to the local
branch of The
Samaritans ~ please
see the green
collection bottle after
all weekend Masses during Lent.



Details of the Lent Penitential
Services in all the local churches
will follow soon.
We shall be holding our "Hunger
Lunch" again on Good Friday from
12 noon till 2pm ~ please join us.
During Lent we are collecting any
old Missals to donate to
the Jesuit Missions, as they take
them abroad for distribution when
performing
their
missionary
work ~ please
see the bin in
the porch.



FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT 27.02 - 11.03



Be one of the very first to make
your step for Fairtrade count by
adding it to the on line Step-o-
meter !They're aiming for 1.5
million steps for Fairtrade by the

end of 2012. Full details are
online. Each step supports
farmers and workers take their
own steps towards a brighter
future. A step can be anything you
do to support Fairtrade, from
swapping your sugar to Fairtrade,
to hosting your own chocolate
tasting event! Visit their website:
fair-trade.org.uk for ideas. Our
Traidcraft stall will be open at both
Masses this weekend and the 3rd
& 4th March. Please support
Fairtrade Fortnight 2012.

IRISH NIGHT

We shall be
holding our annual St Patrick's
Irish Night celebration at and with
Christ the King parish this year, on
Sat 17th March 7.30-11.30pm.
Tickets are on sale this weekend
at £3 with £3 on the night for food.
There will be traditional
Irish dancing, Irish stew,
soda bread, Irish music
and an Irish raffle.
Tickets are limited so don't
delay !



NEXT MEETING DATES:

Baptism Preparation
Sat 3rd March 10.30am

Finance & Admin Committee
April date TBC

Over 60's Club
Thu 1st March 2pm

PPC
Wed 9th Mar 8pm

Prayer Group (SJB)
Mon 20th Feb 8pm

RCIA
Thu 23rd Feb 7.30pm

SJB Bookworms
March ~ date TBC

Traidcraft Stall
Sat 18th & Sun 19th Feb

Youth Group
Fri 24th Feb 7-9pm

PASTORAL AREA NEWSLETTER :

From the 1st weekend in Lent our newsletter will be changing, and we will be having a Loddon Valley Parish newsletter each weekend, which will cover all 3 churches.

LENTEN FAST DAY IS FRIDAY 2ND MARCH ~
Gift Aid envelopes will be available next weekend.

New Readers Rota is available now from the porch.

The Samaritans will be giving a short talk after Mass this weekend.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL
Open Meeting at 7.30pm on Mon 20.02.11 at Our Lady of Peace Church. If you would like to come along and see how we operate, you are welcome to join us for a cup of tea/coffee and biscuits.

FRIDAY PENANCE
Remember **MEAT FREE** Friday !



TEA & COFFEE
Please join us after Mass every Sunday and Friday for tea and coffee in the church centre ~ all most welcome.



St John Bosco Church Book of Remembrance
For the month of February please pray for:

Basil Gomez+ Raymond Williamson+ Rosmary Sim Cardoso+ Paul Gualtieri+ Edmund Sellens+ Christina Sellens+ Genowefa Klonowicz+ Donald Pocock + Ken Hay+ Colin Dempster+ David Pritchard+ Gladys Jacobs+ Jane (Jean) Bartington+ Daphne O'Dowd-Booth+ Elsie Ivers+

FAIRTRADE EASTER EGGS

Out of 80 million Easter Eggs sold in the UK every year, the Real Easter Egg is the first and only Fairtrade Chocolate Easter Egg to mention Jesus and the events of Holy Week on the box. A donation from every



Egg will go to support the work of the charity Traidcraft Exchange. These can be ordered at our Traidcraft Stall.

NEWSLETTER



We would like to increase the number of people who receive their newsletter by email to over 250. This will cut down on costs and go towards our Live Simply award. Last week **ONLY 2** new people signed up putting our total at 191 Please email the office requesting to be sent the newsletter : st.john-bosco_01@tiscali.co.uk

STUDY GROUP

A Study Group on Catholic Social Teaching will meet 6 Tuesday evenings in Lent., at the church centre. We will explore how we can formulate our views over issues such as poverty, public trust, the environment and more. Discussions will centre around the 1996 Bishops' statement "The Common Good". The Group will meet 7.30 till 8.30, with the first on 21.2.12. Please sign the poster in the church porch or give your name to the church office.

NEXT WEEK

THE LIVING STONES

Is a Catholic group of adults in their 20's and 30's that meet weekly for either prayer and reflection or socials. We will be holding a Lenten group every Thursday, 7.30pm till 9pm at St James town centre in the Barberi room from the 1st till 29th (1st,8th,15th,22nd and 29th). No need to book, just turn up. For more information please email catholiclivingstones@hotmail.co

CABRINI CHILDRENS SOCIETY

This weekend, the Annual Collection for Cabrini Children's Society takes place. Cabrini provides support and care to some of the most vulnerable children, young people and families in our community. This includes providing extended schools clubs; nursery care; counselling in schools; residential care for adults with learning disabilities and catechetical programmes for children and young people with special needs. 2012 is Cabrini's 125th anniversary so help Cabrini to continue its fantastic work in your diocese for a further 125 years by supporting this appeal. Please donate what you can to help give the next generation the chance they deserve.



THIS WEEKEND

WEEK: 18TH - 26TH FEBRUARY 2012

Date	Time	Dedication	Intention	Diary
Sat 18th	6.30pm	Vigil Mass	Maria Gomez thanksgiving (Francis & Lucy)	
Sun 19th	10.00am	Family Sunday Mass	Patrick Joseph & Abina Grey + (Ann & Roy)	
Mon 20th	10.00am	Service of Word & Communion		8.00pm - SJB Prayer Group
Tue 21st	10.00am 10.30am	St Peter Damian Adoration Holy Hour	Colin Dempster + (Marie & Jane Dempster)	7.30pm - "The Common Good" Study Group
Wed 22nd	10.00am 7.00pm	ASH WEDNESDAY MASS ASH WEDNESDAY MASS	All parishioners All parishioners	
Thu 23rd		NO MASS There is Mass at Our Lady of Peace Church at 10.00am		7.30pm - RCIA Group
Fri 24th	10.00am 7.00pm	After Ash Wednesday Stations of the Cross	Harvey Gray + (Gray family)	7.00-9.00pm Youth Group
Sat 25th	6.30pm	Vigil Mass	Nigel Patrick Rodricks + (Rosemary)	8.50am - First Holy Communion meeting
Sun 26th	10.00am	Sunday Mass	Parents (Rebecca Soden)	

Please remember to pray for all the RCIA Candidates as they make their Rite of Election at Portsmouth Cathedral next Saturday 25th February.

