

ST JOHN BOSCO
CHURCH
CELEBRATING
40
YEARS
1970 - 2010

BUILDING A STRONG
WORSHIPPING COMMUNITY

29th Sunday of Ordinary time ~ 17th October

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St John Bosco

Gospel Message:

Mass for Creation:

Next Sundays Mass is a Mass for Creation and the Mass intention is for the Environment. Please see below the words of Benedict XVI he made at the meeting with representatives of other religions on his recent visit to the UK:

"In the Christian faith, the higher good is expressed as love for God and love for our neighbour. And so we engage with the world wholeheartedly and enthusiastically, but always with a view to serving that higher good lest we disfigure the beauty of creation by exploiting it for selfish purposes."



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The Church Office is now
CLOSED until Tuesday 9th
November.

Psalm Response:

**"Our help is in the
name of the Lord who made
heaven and earth."**



NEW ALTAR SERVERS:

Fr Chris would like to invite all the YR4 children who made their First Holy Communion at St John Bosco in June this year, to become Altar Servers. This is an important ministry and requires a commitment to attend Mass each weekend. Please see the enrolment forms in the church porch, to be returned to the church office.



Prayer Partners:

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to be a Prayer Partner for our First Holy Communion children. Please collect your named envelope from the church porch this weekend. Please put the date of the Prayer Partner Liturgy in your diaries now:

3pm Sunday 5th December.



CAFOD MEMORIAL MASS:

The CAFOD Portsmouth Office will be holding a Memorial Mass at Douai Abbey, Upper Woolhampton, RG7 5TQ, on Sunday 7 November at 3pm, to remember and hold in prayer all deceased CAFOD supporters from our diocese and to celebrate their lives, faith and compassion. Everybody is welcome to attend. If you would like to remember a loved one (even if you cannot attend the Mass), please send their names to portsmouth@cafod.org.uk or phone the CAFOD office on 01252 329385 by Oct 29th and they will be included in our Book of Remembrance



St John Bosco Romania Link:

We are preparing all our Christmas 'goodies' to sell at the Woodley Winter Extravaganza in aid of our Romania Link, helping abandoned children and families living in poverty. The chutney etc is already underway and cakes and puddings will soon follow. It would be a great help if you could provide some ingredients so that we can make this year's stall the best ever. There is a list of items needed in the porch so please sign up and use the box provided for your donated ingredients. Thank you for your continued support.



Married Couples Day:

There is a Married Couples day at Christ the King on Sat 23.10.10 from 10am—4pm. Phone 931 4469. All couples most welcome !

Confession

5.30 - 6pm on
Saturday.



Next Retiring Collection:

For: Mission Sunday
On: 24th October

Please collect an envelope this weekend for return next.


TEA & COFFEE

There is tea and coffee after Sunday Mass and Friday Mass in the Church Centre - all are most welcome.



Copies of the latest issue
Oct/Nov of the
Portsmouth People are
available from the church
porch.

WEEK: 16TH—24TH OCTOBER 2010

Date	Time	Dedication	Intention	Diary
Sat 16th	6.30pm	Vigil Mass	Ken Webb + (Marie)	
Sun 17th	10.00am After Mass	Sunday Mass Pray the Rosary (Lady Chapel)	Richard & Irene Gillespie + (Benet Gillespie)	
Mon 18th	9.15am	Service of Word and Communion		
Tue 19th	9.15am	Ss John de Brebeuf, Isaac Jogues & Companions	Richard Gillespie + (Benet)	
Wed 20th	9.15am	Feria	Irene Gillespie + (Benet)	
Thu 21st	9.15am	Year 5 Mass	40th Wedding Anniversary of Archie & Jenny (Archie)	
Fri 22nd	9.15am	Feria	Judy & Terry Rogers 50th Golden Wedding (Benet)	
Sat 23rd	6.30pm	Vigil Mass	John Hodder + (Maria Hodder)	
Sun 24th	10.00am After Mass 6.30pm	Sunday Mass for Creation Pray the Rosary (Lady Chapel) United Service Churches Together in Woodley (at St John Bosco)	For the environment (St John Bosco Climate Change Group)	

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

October

Please pray for:
Sidney Crawford +
Jim Foley +
Nigel Keel +
Michal Zolobajluk +
Jean White +
Richard Gillespie +
Irene Gillespie +
Phyllis Crawford +
Daniel Murphy +
Jean Harman +
James Crowther +
Leslie & Anne Wells +
 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:
Baptism Preparation
 Sat 15th Jan 10.30am

First Holy Communion
 Sat 6th Nov 8.50am
 Children's meeting.

Over 60's Club
 Thu 28th Oct 2pm

RCIA
 Thu 4th Nov 7.30pm

Prayer Group (SJB)
 Mon 1st Nov 8pm

PPC
 Wed 10th Nov 8.00pm

Traidcraft Stall
 Sun 17th Oct after Mass

Youth Group
 Fri 5th Nov 7-9pm

CONFIRMATION 2011:

Our Confirmation programme for 2011 will be starting in the New Year. It is open to all young people in School YR8 and YR9, who attend St John Bosco church. Enrolment forms will be available 21.11.10. Please discuss Confirmation with your young person to ensure that they are making an informed commitment to this important sacrament. They should only enrol if they choose to and not because anyone else wants them to. We are also looking for helpers for the programme who have made their own Confirmation within the last 5 years. If you would like to help please email the church office or speak to Fr Chris as soon as possible.

20th Anniversary Celebrations CIRDIC:

The Churches in Reading Drop In Centre will be celebrating its 20th Ann on Sun 24.10.10 at 6 p.m. A service of thanksgiving will be held at St. Saviour's Church, Berkeley Avenue followed by a reception in CIRDIC, which is near to St. Saviour's. Anyone who has been involved with CIRDIC over the years, making use of its services, donating or volunteering is very welcome to attend. For more info please see p.12 of the Oct/Nov. "Portsmouth People" magazine".

UNITED SERVICE:

The Churches Together in Woodley United Service is here at St John Bosco next Sunday 24.10.10 at 6.30pm and is being lead by Fr Chris.

Blessed Dominic Barberi:

A request has gone to Reading Borough Council to seek permission to erect a memorial plaque to Bl Dominic Barberi on the apartment buildings which have replaced 'The Railway Tavern' lately known as 'The Duke of Edinburgh' in Caversham Road where he died on 27th August 1849. This plaque would replace the one lost when the pub was demolished. (Dominic Barberi received John Henry Newman into the Catholic Church at Littlemore in 1845). Comments, suggestions to Fr John O'Shea, tel 0118 957 4171.

Governor vacancies:

St Dominic Savio Primary school has vacancies for Foundation Governors. Please see the notice board for further details or enquire at the school office.

Mass count:

Mass Counts taking place at all weekend Mass through out October.

PILGRIMAGE:

READING PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND, Sat 22.10.11 - Sat, 29.10.11 (Half term) or Sept—Nov 2011

Trip of a lifetime to the most sacred places on earth Jerusalem and Galilee. Led by Fr John O'Shea. 40 - 50 people. Info meeting at 7.30pm on Wed 20.10.10 in St James Church, Forbury Road. For further info call 957 4171

REPOSITORY:

New stock has arrived in our Repository including Christmas Cards, Children's Books and Advent Calenders and Candles.

MONTH OF OUR LADY:

October is the Month of our Lady and as is traditional we shall be saying the Rosary after Sunday Mass in the Lady Chapel, to be lead by different people. Please do come along and join us!



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Please pray for the First Holy Communion children as they begin their preparation.