

3rd Sunday  
in Advent  
11.12.11  
Issue: 999



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Charity Number 246871

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**Church Office is open**  
Tue - Fri 8.30am - 1.30pm

### WEEKLY COLLECTION

Envelopes: £ 346.01

Loose: £ 313.20

**Total : £ 659.21**

Thank you for your kind  
donations.

Please can all those who took a  
Gift Aid form home to sign,  
return them to the church office  
as soon as possible.

**Psalm Response: Year B**

**"My soul rejoices  
in my God."**

### Confession

Sat 5.30-6.00pm

### Next Retiring Collection:

For: Christmas Flowers

On: 11th December 2011

Please see the collection  
baskets in the porch after  
Mass

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

Priest: Fr Chris Whelan

# St John Bosco

Building a strong worshipping community

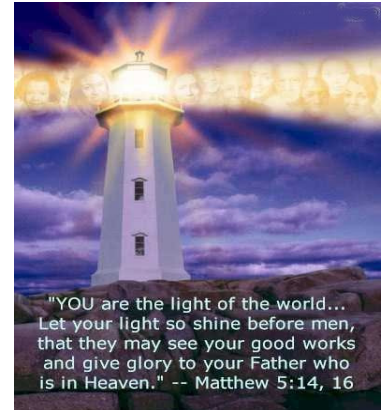


## Thought for the week

The Jewish leaders questioned John the Baptist asking who he was, suggesting that he was the Messiah, Elijah, or a prophet. John made it clear that he was simply announcing the one to come who would be much greater than himself. So often our identity is tied to another person. We are Jim's mum, Tom's wife or Mary's daughter. John made it clear he was not the Messiah, a prophet, or Elijah returned. What John is, is the

same thing we are, and that is a herald—the person who brings the Good News about Jesus Christ into the lives of others. Just like John claimed that he was a witness to testify to the light, make plans to bring the Light of Christ into the world. Light candles at your evening meal. When you have finished eating, turn out all the lights so that you see only by the light of the candles. Think of one action that we will do this week to

announce Jesus among us.



## PENITENTIAL SERVICES

A reminder of all the Advent  
Penitential Services at the  
Reading Churches:

**Wed 14th Dec**

Christ the King 7.30pm

**Thur 15th Dec**

St John Bosco, 7.00pm &

St Annes, 7.30pm

**Fri 16th Dec**

Our Lady of Peace 7.00pm

**Sat 17th Dec**

English Martyrs 11.00am

**Mon 19th Dec**

St James 7.30pm



## MULLED WINE & MINCE PIES

There will be mulled wine and  
mince pies after both  
weekend Masses this  
Saturday 10th and  
Sunday 11th December.  
Please come along for  
some  
festive  
cheer !



## Altar Servers

In an addition to our Advent  
& Christmas timetable, there  
will be a special Mass on  
Monday 26th December,  
which is the feast of  
St Stephen, at 10am.  
At this Mass all our Altar  
Servers will be renewing their  
promises, and where  
appropriate new cords and  
medals will be presented.  
Please can ALL of our Altar  
Servers, make sure that

where possible they attend  
this Special Mass.



## CRISIS AT CHRISTMAS

The St John Bosco Christmas Card  
will be supporting our local **Crisis at  
Christmas**. Please sign our card,  
and donate the amount you would  
have spent on cards, to **Crisis at  
Christmas**. **Crisis** opens centres  
between 23 & 30 December offering  
homeless people companionship,  
care, hot food and  
warm clothing at a time  
of year which can be  
particularly lonely for  
those without a home



**NEXT MEETING DATES:**

**Baptism Preparation**  
Sat 7th Jan 10.30am

**Finance & Admin Committee**  
Wed 25th Jan at 6.30pm

**Over 60's Club**  
Thu 15th Dec 2pm

**PPC**  
Wed 14th Dec 8pm

**Prayer Group (SJB)**  
Mon 12th Dec 8pm

**RCIA**  
Thu 22nd Dec 7.30pm

**SJB Bookworms**  
TBA

**Traidcraft Stall**  
Sun 18th Dec

**Youth Group**  
Fri 13th Jan 7-9pm

**JAC (Just Around the Corner):** Thank you for your donations last weekend to JAC, which totalled **£ 354.01**

**St Joseph's College**  
Entrance examination for Year 7 is on Wed 4.1.12 ~ call 0118 969 1000 for further details.

**Jumbulance Group:**  
ADVANCE NOTICE  
Woodley Jumbulance Group, after our successful holiday to Brittany last August, we have booked to go to Holland in 2012. From 19th August to 26th. Further information will be available in the New Year.

**FRIDAY PENANCE**  
Remember **FISH** every Friday !



**ADORATION**  
Adoration is held every Tuesday after weekday Mass until 11.30am in the Lady Chapel. All welcome.





**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 December please pray for:*

*Ruby Gomez + Robert Ashe + Eamonn Burke +  
Raymond Cook + Peggy Pounds + Aguida Ortiz +  
Guillermo Larano + Sheila Halse + Sarah Keenan +  
Arthur Jacobs + Sister Mary Agatha +  
whose anniversaries are recorded in the book of Remembrance*

<p><b>YELDHALL MANOR</b></p> <p>To support the residents of Yeldhall Manor please donate any toiletries, socks, hats, scarves, gloves, paper, pens, any other stocking fillers suitable for men, wrapped with a sticker on with details of what is enclosed. There will be a collection box in the church porch until Tuesday 13th December, shortly afterwards the gifts will be delivered to Yeldhall Manor. Please see poster on the church notice board for further details, thank you for your support.</p>	<p><b>ROMANIA GROUP</b></p> <p>Thank you to everyone who supported our Romania Group at last weekend's Winter Extravaganza. This weekend after both Masses they will be selling Christmas Cakes, Christmas Chutneys and other festive goodies. This is your last opportunity to buy any of their lovely Christmas food, so please do support them.</p> 	<p><b>GIFT AID</b></p> <p>Please can parishioners with Gift Aid numbers 1, 7, 58 and 73 collect their box with envelopes for 2012 from the church porch as soon as possible.</p>
<p><b>CAROL SERVICE</b></p>	<p><b>VOLUNTEERS NEEDED</b></p>	<p><b>VOLUNTEERS NEEDED</b></p> <p>Readers, Eucharistic Ministers and Altar Servers are needed for our Christmas Services. Please put your name down on the forms on the church notice board <b>ASAP</b></p>
<p>You are all invited to attend Cabrini Children's Society Carol Service on 14th December 2011 in the presence of Bishop John Hine. The event starts at 6.00pm at St George's Cathedral, Westminster Bridge Road, Southwark. For more information contact Ann on 020 8668 2181, email <a href="mailto:ann.hoggan@cabrini.org.uk">ann.hoggan@cabrini.org.uk</a> We look forward to seeing you there.</p>	<p>It is that time of year again when we are asking for volunteers to help deliver the Woodley Churches Together Christmas Card, which gives details of all the Christmas Services in Woodley. Please see the box in the porch, which has the cards pre-sorted into roads, please take a pack and deliver as soon as possible ~ thank you.</p>	<p><b>GIFT TREE</b></p> <p><b>Please remember to return your gifts for the Cabrini Children's Society by the 14.12.11 ~ thank you</b></p> 

## WEEK: 10TH - 18TH DECEMBER 2011

Date	Time	Dedication	Intention	Diary
Sat 10th	6.30pm	Vigil Mass	Marian Wojtaszek + (June)	Mulled wine and mince
Sun 11th Third Sunday of Advent	10.00am	Sunday Mass	Thanksgiving (Cora West)	pies after both weekend Masses
Mon 12th	10.00am	Service of Word & Communion		6.30pm - Scouts Carol Service and Social afterwards 8.00pm - Prayer Group in the Lady Chapel
Tue 13th	10.00am	St Lucy	All Dearly Departed (Teresa Amondio)	7.30pm - Advent Reflections
Wed 14th	10.00am	St John of the Cross	Kieran Wilder + (Trulli family)	6.30pm - School Carol Service 8.00pm - PPC Social
Thu 15th	7.00pm	Advent Penitential Service	There is Mass at Our Lady of Peace Church at 10am Thursdays	2.00pm - Over 60's Club
Fri 16th	10.00am	Whole School Mass	Teacher & pupils at St Dominic Savio	
Sat 17th	6.30pm	Vigil Mass	Manuelina Fernandes + (F & L Collaco)	
Sun 18th Fourth Sunday of Advent	10.00am 11.30am	Sunday Mass Baptism: Conor Malone	Jean & Dennis Harman + (Harman family)	

