

4th Sunday
in Advent
18.12.11
Issue: 1000



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DIOCESAN TRUST Registered
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**Church Office is closed
until Tue 03.01.12**

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Envelopes: £ 304.45

Loose: £ 291.79

Total : £ 596.24

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

**"I will sing for ever
of your love, O
Lord."**

Next Confession:

Sat 17th Dec 5.30-6.00pm

Next Retiring Collection:

For: Crib Collection

On: **December 2011**

Please see the collection
basket beside the Crib on the
Altar.

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

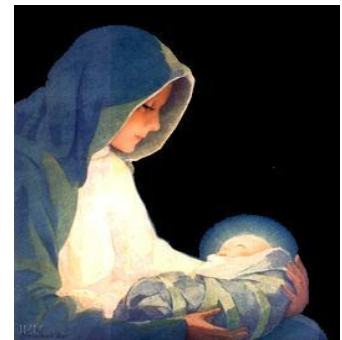


Thought for the week

Jesus' birth is foretold in this gospel where Gabriel comes to Mary and announces that within her she has the king that Israel has long awaited. To have found favor with God surprises Mary, a woman with none of the qualities valued in her society. She was female, young, poor, and didn't even have a husband or child to give her existence credibility. Not only did this puzzle her, but she knew she was a virgin and

carrying a child didn't logically fit. Gabriel explained that the baby she carried was conceived through the gift of Jesus with a willing and thankful heart. She is a good model for us as we approach this busy and hectic time of year. Take a few minutes today to thank God for the gift of Jesus and the promise he brings to each of us. Along with Mary, we might be thankful for the gift of our

own children and focus today on what is really valuable about these gifts.



WCT CHRISTMAS CARD

Thank you to those who have volunteered to help deliver the Woodley Churches Together Christmas Card, which gives details of all the Christmas Services in Woodley. We still need more help so 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. The article on the Christmas

card has gone live on the network website. <http://www.the-network.info/> Look out in the local papers too as it may appear in those as well. The winning design was drawn by Chloe De'Mello from our church, and this great photo of Chloe with Fr Chris is on the website as

above and is also on our website. Well done Chloe for the great design.



Altar Servers

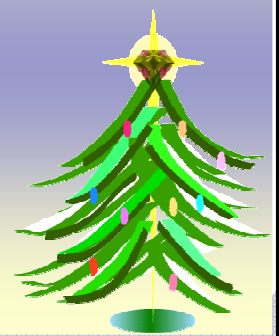
In an addition to our Advent & Christmas timetable, there will be a special Mass on Monday 26th December, which is the feast of St Stephen, at 10am. At this Mass all our Altar Servers will be renewing their promises, and where appropriate new cords and medals will be presented. Please can ALL of our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

where possible they attend this Special Mass.



CHILDREN'S MASS

All children attending the 5pm Children's Mass on Christmas Eve are invited to dress up as anyone from the Nativity, But no wings please !



NEXT MEETING DATES:

Baptism Preparation
Sat 7th Jan 10.30am

Finance & Admin Committee
Wed 25th Jan at 6.30pm

Over 60's Club
Thu 5th Jan 2pm

PPC
Wed 11th Jan 8pm

Prayer Group (SJB)
TBC

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*

Thank You	Penitential Services	GIFT AID
Thank you all for the Christmas Gifts you have donated to the Gift Tree which supports the Cabrini Children's Society, who distributes the presents to local disadvantaged children. Thank you all for the gifts you made to Yeldhall Manor, the gifts mean allot to the residents who have very little themselves.	The last Penitential Services are: Sat 17th Dec English Martyrs 11.00am Mon 19th Dec St James 7.30pm Tues 20th Dec St Joseph 7.30pm. Please do make the effort to attend as part of your Advent preparation.	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.
CRISIS AT CHRISTMAS	NEWSLETTER	VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
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 23 & 30 December offering homeless people companionship, care, hot food and warm clothing at a time of year which can be particularly lonely	The newsletter next weekend is the last newsletter of 2011. Although the church office is closed it will be emailed to all those who receive their newsletters by email, and will be handed out on Christmas Eve. This newsletter is already full. Please email any items for the first newsletter of 2012 by Wed 4th January 2012, thank you.	CAFOD THANK YOU from CAFOD Lynda and Laura from the CAFOD Portsmouth office would like to thank all parishioners for their support and generosity throughout the year and wish everyone a blessed a peaceful Christmas and a joyful New Year.



WEEK: 17TH - 25TH DECEMBER 2011

Date	Time	Dedication	Intention	Diary
Sat 17th	6.30pm	Vigil Mass	Manuelina Fernandes + (F & L Collaco)	
Sun 18th Fourth Sunday of Advent	10.00am	Sunday Mass	Jean & Dennis Harman + (Harman family)	
	11.30am	Baptism: Conor Malone		
Mon 19th	10.00am	Service of Word & Communion		
Tue 20th	10.00am	Liturgy of the Day	Mrs Mary Lonergan + (M O'Gorman)	7.30pm - Advent Reflections
Wed 21st	10.00am	Liturgy of the Day	Mr Ray Wingroves intentions	
Thu 22nd		NO MASS	There is Mass at Our Lady of Peace Church at 10am Thursdays	7.30pm - RCIA
Fri 23rd	10.00am	Liturgy of the Day	Pat Walsh + (Mrs V Craddock)	
Sat 24th Christmas Eve	5.00pm 11.30pm	Children's Christmas Eve Mass Carol Service & Midnight Mass	All children All parishioners	
Sun 25th Christmas Day	10.00am	Christmas Day Family Mass	All parishioners	

