

Christmas Day

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**Church Office is closed
until 8.30am Tue 03.01.12**

Advent Reflections :

Thank you to Chris Carter for running our St John Bosco Advent Reflections Group this year.

The final two reflections are to be completed individually at home and cover Christmas Day and Mary, Mother of God.

Psalm Response: Year B

Christmas Day:

**"All the ends of the earth
have seen the salvation
of God."**

Mary Mother of God:

**"O God, be gracious and
bless us."**

Next Retiring Collection:

For: White Flower Appeal
On: **1st January 2012**
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

Affirmations of Christmas Anonymous

I believe that Christmas is more than a time for parties and ornaments; it is a time for remembering Christ and the incarnation of God's love in human flesh.

I believe there are gifts more important than the ones under the Christmas tree, the things we teach our children, the way we share ourselves with friends, and the industry with which we set about reshaping the world in our time.

I believe that the finest carols are often sung by the poorest voices; from hearts made warm by the wonder of the season.

I believe in the angel's message that we should not be afraid—that the Child of Bethlehem is able to overcome all anxieties and insecurities.

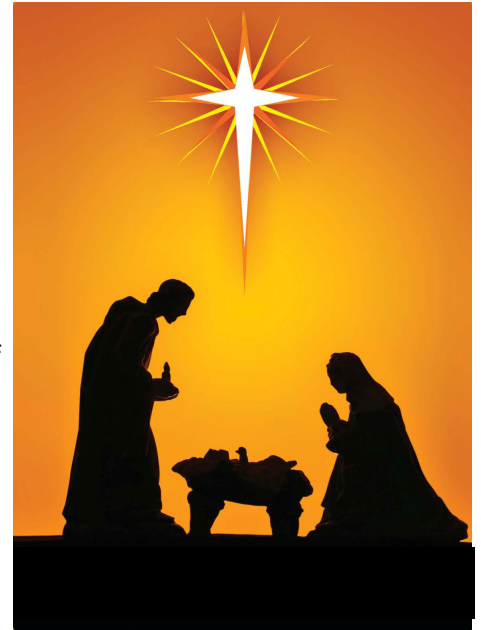
I believe in prayer and quietness as a way of appropriating Christmas—that if I wait in silence

I will experience the presence of the one born in the manger, for he lives today as surely as he lived then.

I believe in going away from Christmas as the wise men went: "another way."

I want to be different when these days are past— more centred, more thoughtful, more caring.

And I believe God will help me. Amen



CHRISTMAS OFFERING

The collections at the Christmas Masses traditionally go to Fr Chris.

This is to thank Fr Chris for all his hard work over the year, on behalf of our pastoral area, our church and us all.

THANK YOU

A huge thank you to everyone who has helped with preparing and cleaning the Church, with the Christmas Services, with music, flowers, Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers, Sacristans and anyone else who has given their time, to help make our Advent preparations and Christmas celebrations special this year.



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.



ROMANIA GROUP

Thank you to everyone who helped prepare the sales for the Extravaganza in the last few months by providing ingredients, baking, selling or buying. We made a total of £1094 which will be taken to Romania next September on the parish visit and will be used to help abandoned children and families living in extreme poverty. Thank you all for your help and support

NEXT MEETING DATES:

Baptism Preparation
Sat 7th Jan 10.30am

Finance & Admin Committee
Wed 25th Jan at 7pm

Over 60's Club
Thu 5th Jan 2pm

Prayer Group (SJB)
TBA

PPC
Wed 11th Jan 8pm

RCIA
Thu 12th Jan 7.30pm

SJB Bookworms
TBA

Traidcraft Stall
TBA

Youth Group
Fri 13th Jan 7-9pm

Newsletter:

Our next newsletter will be available the weekend of the 8th January. Please email any items for inclusion to the church office by Wed 4th January ~ thank you.

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

WELCOME	CRIB COLLECTION	EPIPHANY
<p>We look forward to welcoming Fr John Doran who will be celebrating weekday Mass here on Tue 27th, Wed 28th and Fri 30th December, and Fr Kevin Delany who will be celebrating both weekend Masses on Sat 31st December and Sunday 1st January which is the feast of Mary, Mother of God.</p> 	<p>As normal we shall be having the Crib Collection, which this year is for "The Knights of the Holy Sepulchre". Please see the collection basket beside our crib display in the church. Please do take a moment to look at our Crib this year, as a very kind parishioner has organised to have the figures repaired and repainted, and they now look splendid.</p> 	<p>The Epiphany of the Lord: Is being celebrated on Sunday 8th January and is a Holy Day of Obligation.</p> 
		<p>FOOD STORE</p> <p>Thank you to all those who have donated items to Woodley Food Store ~ our collection bin will be available again mid January, so no further donation till then please.</p>

WEEK: 24TH DECEMBER 2011 - 8TH JANUARY 2012

Date	Time	Dedication	Intention	Diary
Sat 24th Christmas Eve	5.00pm	Children's Christmas Eve Mass	All children	
	11.30pm	Carol Service followed by Midnight Mass	All parishioners	
Sun 25th Christmas Day	10.00am	Sunday Mass	All parishioners	
Mon 26th St Stephen	10.00am	Altar Servers rededication Mass to celebrate the feast of St Stephen	St John Bosco's Altar Servers	
Tue 27th	10.00am	St John	Mr Ray Wingrove's intentions	
Wed 28th	10.00am	The Holy Innocents	Peter Carabine + (Sister)	
Thu 29th		NO MASS		
Fri 30th	10.00am	The Holy Family	Brinne Gourlay + (Mrs V Craddock)	
Sat 31st	6.30pm	Vigil Mass	Brigid Dowling + (Chris & Joan Lee)	
Sun 1st Mary, Mother of God	10.00am	Sunday Mass	Cliff Nutley + (Maria & family)	
Mon 2nd	10.00am	Service of Word & Communion		
Tue 3rd	10.00am	The Holy Name of Jesus	Jenny Hill + (Mrs V Craddock)	
Wed 4th	10.00am	Liturgy of the Day	Mr & Mrs Quin (Mrs V Craddock)	
Thu 5th		NO MASS		2.00pm - Over 60's Club
Fri 6th	10.00am	Whole school Mass	Teachers & pupils at St Dominic Savio	
Sat 7th	6.30pm	Vigil Mass	Sophie sister of Krystel Jouhannard (C Gorman)	8.50am - First Holy Communion 10.30am - Baptism Preparation
Sun 8th The Epiphany of the Lord	10.00am	Sunday Mass	Elvira Monopoli + (Maria Itta)	

*Wishing everyone peace and joy this Christmas and New Year
From Fr Chris*