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St John Bosco

Building a strong worshipping community

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The Church Office is open
Tuesday - Friday 8.30am - 1.30pm

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Envelopes: £ 295.64
Loose: £ 364.07
Total : £ 659.71
Thank you for your kind
donations.

Psalm Response: Year A
"The Lord is my light and
my help."

Confession
5.30 - 6.00pm on Saturday.

Next Retiring Collection:
For: Catholic Education Svc
On: 20th February
Please see collection baskets
in porch after Mass.

**Emergency numbers for the
Sacramental Ministry of a
priest**
Fr Chris 969 3423
Fr. Pat 931 4469
Fr. Anthony 966 3711
Fr. Vincent 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.

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

Thought for the week

The reading today from Matthew's Gospel takes place early in Jesus' ministry. Several ideas are clear. First of all, Matthew strived to connect his Gospel for the early Christians to their Jewish heritage. Matthew made several references in his Gospel like the one today in which prophecies of old are fulfilled in Jesus.

The second thing was that Jesus learned of John the Baptist's arrest and resolved to begin his ministry away from Herod. Finally, Jesus called with some urgency, his first four disciples. The common thread to all this was that God's Kingdom was at hand. Reflect upon how the urgency of our busy lives

and day-to-day decisions compares to the urgency of Jesus calling his disciples? How do others recognize us as disciples of Jesus?



Discipleship

Youth Worker Roadshow

There will be a "Youth Worker Roadshow" here at St John Bosco on Tuesday 8th February at 7.30pm. This is to make a presentation to all parishioners across all the churches in Reading area, about the benefits a Youth Worker could make to the youth of our church and across both Pastoral Areas. The Roadshow is open to

all parishioners, and especially those with teenage children. Where ever possible It is requested that all PPC members, and Finance Committee members attend. The Roadshow will be visiting all the churches in Reading, so if you are unavailable on the 8th February, you can still attend one of these other

meetings instead. There will be a presentation of what the Youth Worker role will encompass and the aims it would like to achieve, along with the opportunity to ask questions at the end. Please do make the effort to come along and Fr Chris hopes to see as many people at the Roadshow as possible.

CONFIRMATION 2011

Our Confirmation Retreat is next weekend. Parents of Confirmation candidates we **urgently** need volunteer drivers to take to and collect from the retreat, at 9am Saturday

29.01.11. and 3.30pm Sunday 30.01.11. Please phone or email the church office if you can help, as soon as possible. Thank you.



St John Bosco Church Book of Remembrance

For the month of January please pray for:

*The Drinal Family + Ellen Colfer + Ella Louise Ormiston +
Helena Bridgeman + Marjorie Bryant +*

whose anniversaries are recorded in the book of Remembrance

NEXT MEETING DATES:

Baptism Preparation
Sat 22nd Jan 10.30am

Confirmation Group
Sat 29th Jan 9am RETREAT

Finance & Admin Committee
Wed 22nd June 7.30pm

First Holy Communion
Sat 22nd Jan 8.50am

Over 60's Club
Thu 3rd Feb 2pm


RCIA
Thu 3rd Feb 7.30pm

Prayer Group (SJB)
Mon 24th Jan 8pm

PPC
Wed 9th Feb 8.00pm

Traidcraft Stall
Sun 23rd Jan after Mass

Youth Group
Fri 28th Jan 7-9pm

CAFOD	JUMBULANCE	REPOSITORY
<p>VOLUNTEERING FOR CAFOD A short film and talk about faith in action will be presented by CAFOD at St John Bosco Church Centre, 56 Western Avenue, Woodley, RG5 3BH on Thursday, 10th February at 7.30 pm. Refreshments provided. Everyone welcome so please do come along and join us!</p> 	<p>Our holiday by Jumbulance this year is to Le Fosso in Brittany, departing on Monday 22 August and returning on Monday 29th. We currently have vacancies for nurses, helpers, both male and female, and VIPs (anyone who is disabled or who needs to be accompanied). For more information please contact: John Gill 0118 9694769; Marie O'Gorman 0118 9691927; or Anne MacDonald 0118 9585841</p>	<p>'Many thanks to all parishioners for their support during the past year. The repository is open before and after Mass every weekend. Also a very big thank you to the ladies who help in the repository. We stock a selection of cards for all occasions, books for children and many other items. Coming soon First Holy Communion & Confirmation cards and gifts. Please come in and have a look around.'</p>

WELCOME

We extend a warm welcome to all visitors and new parishioners to our church. If you are a new parishioner please take a copy of our handbook from the church porch and make yourself known to our weekend welcomees!


REMINDER

All Eucharistic Ministers and Readers please remember to arrive at least 10 minutes before Mass when you are on the rota and let the Sacristans know that you are here. Thank you for your help and co operation with this new procedure.


TEA & COFFEE

There is tea and coffee after Sunday and Friday Mass in the church centre ~ all are most welcome, so please join us!



PASTORAL AREA PRAYER	GET INVOLVED IN 2011	FEAST OF ST JOHN BOSCO
<p>A special prayer meeting on Thursday 3rd February at 8.00pm at Our Lady of Peace Church. This is Jack & Mel's last meeting and there will be a social afterwards. For further info please contact the Our Lady of Peace church office.</p>	<p>If you are interested in joining one of our church groups please see our church handbook for details. Giving a little of your time can make a big difference. Please join in 2011 and get involved. Phone the church office on 969 3423 if you would like to help ~ thank you</p>	<p>We shall be celebrating the feast of St John Bosco at 10am Sunday Mass next Sunday 30th January.</p> 

WEEK: 22ND - 30TH JANUARY 2011

Date	Time	Dedication	Intention	Diary
Sat 22nd	6.30pm	Vigil Mass	Fr Kevin Delaney's intentions (Maria)	8.50am - First Holy Communion 10.30am - Baptismal Preparation
Sun 23rd	10.00am 11.30am	Sunday Mass Baptism: William McLoughin, Evangeline & Edward Froud	Eamonn Burke + (Anne Burke)	
Mon 24th	9.15am	Service of Word and Communion		8.00pm - SJB Prayer Group
Tue 25th	9.15am	The Conversion of St Paul	Sr M Josephs intentions	
Wed 26th	9.15am	St Timothy	Patrick Joseph & Abina Grey (Ann & Roy)	
Thu 27th	9.15am	YR4 Mass St Angela Merici	Rose & Tom Kearns + (Tom Kearns)	
Fri 28th		NO MASS		7.00—9.00pm Youth Group
Sat 29th	6.30pm	Vigil Mass	Rose & Tom Kearns + (Tom Kearns)	9.00am Confirmation Retreat depart
Sun 30th	10.00am	Sunday Mass celebrating the feast of St John Bosco	Yvonne Young + (Ashley Young)	4.00pm Confirmation retreat return