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St John Bosco

Building a strong worshipping community

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WEEKLY COLLECTION

Envelopes: £ 388.20
Loose: £ 301.75
Total : £ 689.95
Thank you for your kind
donations.

Psalm Response: Year A
"How happy are the poor
in spirit; theirs is the
kingdom of heaven."

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 beatitudes are the content of this Gospel and they begin what we commonly call, "The Sermon on the Mount." Jesus' words surely turned upside down the understanding his listeners had of the world and society. Jesus told them that the poor would be rich, the hungry would be filled, and the persecuted

would be rewarded. In all, there are eight statements that give the people a new understanding of Moses' law and a clearer image of God's Kingdom. Our greatest challenge is to be a living witness to the first beatitude. If we understand and live out being "poor in spirit," the rest falls into place. For to be "poor in spirit," we rely

completely on God. We know what the present situation holds, but recognize that there is a greater glory to come in God's Kingdom



EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

There is a training day for Eucharistic Ministers on Saturday 5th February at 11am until 3pm. It is being held at English Martyrs Hall, 64 Liebenrood Road, Reading. The day is being led by Fr John O'Shea. The training covers the spiritual side of this most important ministry as well as the role of Ministers of Communion and taking Communion to the sick

and housebound. Please bring your own packed lunch. If enough of our Eucharistic Ministers attend then Fr Chris will run a follow up session covering the practicalities for our specific church. There is a sign up form on the church notice board, so if you wish to attend please put your name down ASAP as we have to

return it by this Monday 31st January. The new Eucharistic Ministers rota has been emailed to all Ministers. Paper copies are available from the church porch for those without email.



Feast of St John Bosco

At Mass this Sunday we shall be celebrating the feast of our Patronal Saint, Saint John Bosco. This is an important date in the year of our Worshipping Community, so

please remember to say a special prayer to St John Bosco today. There will celebration cake served with tea and coffee after Sunday Mass in the church centre, so please

do come along and join us for a happy feast day celebration !



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 19th March 10.30am

Confirmation Group
Sat 29th Jan 9am RETREAT

Finance & Admin Committee
TBC

First Holy Communion
Sat 12th Feb 8.50am

Over 60's Club
Thu 3rd Feb 2pm


RCIA
Thu 3rd Feb 7.30pm

Prayer Group (SJB)
Mon 7th Feb 8pm (in church)

PPC
Wed 9th Feb 8.00pm

Traidcraft Stall
Sun 6th Feb after Mass

Youth Group
Fri 4th Feb 7-9pm

CAFOD	JUMBULANCE	SCOUTS/CUBS/BEAVERS
<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>The group celebrated its 50th anniversary during 2010. We thank everyone who supported the scout group to make the year successful. We would welcome contact from the parents of young people who would like to join our very successful group, especially 5 year olds who would be welcome to join the waiting list to join Beavers when they reach 6 years. We would also welcome anyone who would enjoy working with young people as leaders. Contact: Barry on 9662526</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	CONFIRMATION	CLIMATE CHANGE GROUP
<p>Thursday 3rd February, 8 pm at OLOP Church: This is special as it will be Mel and Jack's last time at this event so we want it to be special and give their friends a chance to say goodbye. After the prayers at 8pm there will be a social at 8.15pm. For catering purposes, if you wish to attend please contact Mary Holland on 926 8860</p>	<p>Please remember to pray for our Confirmation Candidates and their catechists, as they are away on their Retreat this Saturday and Sunday at St Katharine's, Parmoor Nr Henley. This is an important part of their Confirmation preparation.</p>	<p>Our Climate Change Group have two suggestions which are small actions that can make a big difference:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Turn your heating down a degree or two. 2) On Valentines turn off the lights and have a candlelit dinner.

WEEK: 29TH JANUARY - 6TH FEBRUARY 2011

Date	Time	Dedication	Intention	Diary
Sat 29th	6.30pm	Vigil Mass	Rose & Tom Keams + (Tom Keams)	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
Mon 31st	9.15am	Service of Word and Communion		
Tue 1st	9.15am	Feria	John Mannion good health (Cathy Harman)	
Wed 2nd	9.15am	The Presentation of the Lord in the Temple	Private intention (Justin)	
Thu 3rd	9.15am	St Blaise	Ken Hay + (Chris Hay)	2.00pm - Over 60's Club 7.30pm - RCIA
Fri 4th	9.15am	Feria		7.00—9.00pm Youth Group
Sat 5th	6.30pm	Vigil Mass	All St John Bosco parishioners	
Sun 6th	10.00am	Sunday Mass	Paul Hicks + (Bob & Bridie Hicks)	

