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St John Bosco

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

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Envelopes: £ 371.90
Loose: £ 331.63
Total : £ 703.53
Thank you for your kind
donations.

Psalm Response: Year A
"They are happy who
follow God's law."

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

In other scriptures, we see Jesus live the "spirit" of the law and even criticize the "letter" of the law. What Jesus says in today's Gospel is not just to follow the rules because it is our duty, but follow rules in a loving and compassionate way. It was a rule to make a sacrifice at the altar in the days of Jesus, just like it is a rule of our Church today to attend Mass on Sundays.

This Gospel tells us that it is

not enough to just follow that rule while we still harbour anger toward someone. Forgiveness does not erase the wrong that was done, but rather lifts the negative burden pressing down on our spirit. No matter how good we try to be, there will always be a void if we withhold our forgiveness. For the sake of our own well-being, we need to go and make peace.

Forgiveness
is not something
we do for others
We do it for ourselves
- to get well and
move forward

IRISH NIGHT

St John Bosco will once again be holding our very successful St Patrick's Irish night celebration. This year it will be held on Saturday 12th March from 7.30pm in the church centre. Tickets will be on sale at both weekend Masses next weekend. Please note you must buy a ticket for this event as numbers are limited. If anyone has any items to

donated to the "irish raffle" to be held on the night, please give to Pia in the Sacristy or drop off at the church office during opening times.

Also if anyone can help on the evening, or can make an Irish stew or Irish food please let Pia know asap. This is always a very popular evening, so to avoid disappointment please buy your tickets sooner rather than later !



World Youth Day Salsa Night

World Youth Day Salsa Night on Saturday, 19th February, 7.30pm-11pm, St. Joseph's Convent Annex, Upper Redlands Road, Reading RG1 5JT, The evening will include

salsa lesson, tapas, glass of sangria and a raffle. Tickets are £8 single or £15 per couple. Phone St James Church for further details: 0118 957 4171



St John Bosco Church Book of Remembrance

For the month of February please pray for:

*Ken Hay + Basil Gomez + Raymond Williamson +
Paul Gualtieri + Gladys Jacobs + Elsie Elizabeth Ivers +
David Pritchard + Jean Bartington + Genowefa Klonowicz +
Daphne O'Dowd-Booth + Donald Pocock + Rosmary Sim Cardoso +*

whose anniversaries are recorded in the book of Remembrance

NEXT MEETING DATES:

Baptism Preparation
Sat 19th March 10.30am

Confirmation Group
Sat 19th March 1pm

Finance & Admin Committee
TBC

First Holy Communion
Sat 12th Feb 8.50am

Over 60's Club
Thu 17th Feb 2pm

RCIA
Thu 17th Feb 7.30pm

Prayer Group (SJB)
Mon 21st Feb 8pm

PPC
Wed 9th Mar 8.00pm

Traidcraft Stall
Sun 20th Feb after Mass

Youth Group
Fri 4th Mar 7-9pm

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 !



CAFOD	Christ the King	Justice & Peace
<p>CAFOD SUPPORTERS' MEETING - Sat 19 Feb, 10am-1.15pm, St Bede's parish hall, Popley Way, Basingstoke RG24 9DX. An opportunity for all CAFOD supporters in our Diocese to get together and hear about plans for next Lent and Lent Fast Day. Francis McDonagh will be speaking about CAFOD's work in Colombia. Booking essential. Please phone: 01252 329385.</p>	<p>From Sunday, the 20th of March, Fr. Pat Madden is making available a 6PM evening Mass at Christ The King Church in Reading. He feels that there is a need to provide a Mass for parishioners who are unable to get to the other Sunday Masses. This will be a quiet, prayerful Mass and will be reviewed after six months.</p>	<p>A meeting of this group will take place at Our Lady of Peace Church on Thursday 17th February at 8pm. Anyone interested in Justice & Peace is very welcome.</p>

Thank You

The St John Bosco Christmas Card raised £105 which was sent to RISC – their thanks are on the church notice board.

LIFE

LIFE houses: provide accommodation for homeless expectant mothers & their babies, receive government funding, and our house in Bracknell depends on this. However, some LIFE houses are having their funding cut, including the two in Slough; resulting in reducing the numbers we can help, or cutting our level of support. We need to raise £2,665 to maintain our service. If anyone feels able to donate towards this need it would be appreciated enormously. Donations should be sent to Margaret Coward, Life House, 1 Mill Street, Leamington Spa, Warks. CV31 1ES

CLIMATE CHANGE GROUP

Our Climate Change Group have two suggestions which are small actions that can make a big difference:

- 1) Turn your heating down a degree or two.
- 2) On Valentines turn off the lights and have a candlelit dinner.



WEEK: 12TH - 20TH FEBRUARY 2011

Date	Time	Dedication	Intention	Diary
Sat 12th	6.30pm	Vigil Mass	Tom Bermingham + (Chris & Joan)	8.50am ~ First Holy Communion meeting
Sun 13th	10.00am	Sunday Mass	David Pritchard + (Helen Pritchard)	
Mon 14th	9.15am	Service of Word and Communion		
Tue 15th	9.15am	Feria	Rosemary Elizabeth Cardoso + (Elizabeth)	
Wed 16th		NO MASS		
Thu 17th		NO MASS		2.00pm - Over 60's Club 7.30pm - RCIA Meeting
Fri 18th	9.15am	Feria	Brian Summers + (Bill & Philomena)	NO YOUTH GROUP
Sat 19th	6.30pm	Vigil Mass	Michael & Rosmary Cook's intentions (Maggie)	
Sun 20th	10.00am 11.00am	Sunday Mass Baptisms: Zak, Calum & Megan Wild	Richard & Irene Gillespie + (Daniells family)	

