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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: £ 390.00  
Loose: £ 351.04  
Total : £ 741.04  
Standing Orders for the  
month of January totalled:  
£ 1152.00  
**Thank you for your kind  
donations.**

**Psalm Response: Year A**  
"The Lord is compassion  
and love."

**Confession**  
5.30 - 6.00pm on Saturday.

**Next Retiring Collection:**  
For: Catholic Education Svc  
On: 20th February **Today!**  
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  
first.

**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 today's Gospel, Jesus encourages us to take love to a new level. Rather than hate our enemies or be angry with those who have hurt us, he tells us to love them. We can show our love by some action, or by praying for them; but most importantly, Jesus reminds us that this is the very love that God has for us. Our aim is to mirror that love. Jesus tells us how to resolve our problems using love

instead of violence. When someone hurts us, it is tempting to hurt them right back; but Jesus gives us another plan. It is a plan that is as unusual for our time as it was for the people of Jesus' time. He said to love the person who hurts us. Love our enemies. We know our friends and understand them. Sometimes it is because we know them that we accept some of the odd or annoying things they do.

Jesus says everyone can love and forgive a friend. That part's easy. It is loving our enemy that may be the challenge.



## Fairtrade Fortnight

We are delighted that St John Bosco will be participating in Traidcraft's Big Brew this year. Last year there were over 3000 Traidcraft Big Brew events around the country. We will be holding our Big Brew after mass on Sunday 6 March and joining with other people across the UK to bring about positive change in the lives of thousands of producers in the developing world – and



millions of bees! In the UK we can only produce 12% of the honey we love to eat. Think of the difference we would make if all the honey we imported was fairly traded. Traidcraft is helping beekeepers in Chile, Guatemala, Tanzania and

Kenya build better futures for themselves and their communities. By holding a Big Brew we'll be supporting this valuable work and creating a buzz around fair trade. So put that date in your diaries now! The Traidcraft stall will be open after mass on Sun 20.2.11 and every two weeks after that. To celebrate FairTrade Fortnight we will also have a Traidcraft stall after Saturday evening mass on 5th March.

**Today!**

## ADORATION



**Come, let us adore Him!**  
A visit to the Blessed Sacrament is a most beautiful way to deepen our relationship with Jesus Christ and to bring Him all our needs.

**"Come to Me all you who labour and I will give you rest."**

**Adoration is held every Tuesday morning after mass until 11 o'clock.**

# 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 5th March 8.50am

Over 60's Club  
Thu 3rd March 2pm

RCIA  
Thu 3rd March 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 welcomers !


## 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 !



St Thomas More	IRISH NIGHT	LIFE
<p>Many of you will have known one of the Deacons at St Thomas More, Jerome Morand. Sadly Jerry has passed away and his funeral will take place at St Thomas More on Thursday March 3rd at 11a.m.</p>	<p>Our St John Bosco Irish night St Patrick's celebration will be held on Sat 12th March from 7.30pm in the church centre. Tickets are on sale at both weekend Masses this weekend ~you must buy a ticket for this event as numbers are limited. If anyone has any items to donated to the "irish raffle", please give to Pia in the Sacristy or drop off at the church office. Also if anyone can help on the evening, or can make an Irish stew or Irish food please let Pia know asap ~ thank you.</p> 	<p>THE READING &amp; DISTRICT LIFE GROUP is in urgent need of a secretary to prepare minutes and help with administration. Must be available to attend morning meetings on the second Tuesday of every month at the LIFE Care Centre at English Martyrs Parish Centre, Reading. For further info please contact Christine Wall, tel. 0118-9411605.</p>
<b>HALF TERM</b>		
Wishing everyone a relaxing and happy half term next week !		
<b>Thank you</b>		<b>REPOSITORY</b>
The Relindas Group are a self funded sewing group who have made all our beautiful altar cloths and tabernacle covers ect. We would like to thank them for the 4 new altar cloths for the Lady Chapel, and for all their hard work over the years on behalf of our parish.		Our Repository has new stock of First Holy Communion and Confirmation gifts and cards. Also cards for St Patrick's day, Mother's day and Easter. The Repository is open before and after weekend Masses ~ please do pop in and have a look at the new stock.

## WEEK: 19TH - 27TH FEBRUARY 2011

Date	Time	Dedication	Intention	Diary
Sat 19th	6.30pm	Vigil Mass	Michael & Rosmary Cook's intentions (Maggie)	<b>This weekend we welcome the Catenians who will be speaking at both Masses.</b>
Sun 20th	10.00am 11.00am	Sunday Mass Baptisms: Zak, Calum & Megan Wild	Richard & Irene Gillespie + (Daniells family)	
Mon 21st	9.15am	Service of Word and Communion		
Tue 22nd	9.15am	The Chair of St Peter	Vanessa Leonard + (Bill & Philomena)	
Wed 23rd	9.15am	St Polycarp	Private intention (Justin)	
Thu 24th	9.15am	Feria	Pearl Kennedy + (Frank & Mary)	
Fri 25th	9.15am	Feria	June Vile + (Bill & Philomena)	<b>NO YOUTH GROUP</b>
Sat 26th	6.30pm	Vigil Mass	Mary Hilda Howard + (Peter Howard)	
Sun 27th	10.00am	Sunday Mass	Jim Worthe + (Harman family)	