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St John Bosco

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Tuesday - Friday 8.30am - 1.30pm

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Envelopes: £ 270.35
Loose: £ 394.35
Total : £ 664.70

Thank you for your kind donations.



Psalm Response: Year A
"Be a rock of refuge for me, O Lord."

Confession
5.30 - 6.00pm on Saturday.

Next Retiring Collection:
For: Cabrini Children's Society
On: 6th March 2011
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

As Jesus concludes the Sermon on the Mount, he challenges his listeners to not only hear and listen to his words, but to actually live and act according to them. It is not enough to say you believe in Jesus, but to give witness to that belief through actions. To merely say we believe the words of Jesus is like the person who builds a house on sand. The soft sand

may look like a good location for a house. It will be easy to dig the foundation in soft earth, but when the storms come, the foundation will wash away and the house will fall. On the other hand, the harder ground of rock will provide a firmer foundation, it will be harder to dig, but when the storms come, the house will stand because of its solid

foundation. Our actions that prove our belief is the foundation of rock. How do your foundations allow you to weather the storms; or has the foundation ever crumbled? What can you learn from these events?



LENT 2011

Lent starts on the 9th March with Ash Wednesday, which is a day of fasting and abstinence. There will be Mass at 9.15am and 7pm. Please take a copy of our Lenten Calendar this weekend (1 per family). We hope your whole family will get involved and that it will provide focus

ST JOHN BOSCO



40 DAYS.....
A LENTEN JOURNEY

during Lent. Each Friday at 7.30pm there will be "Stations of the Cross" in the church. On Fri 11.3.11 it will be lead by our "Climate Change Group".

NEXT WEEK!

We will also be holding Lenten Reflections each Tuesday 2-2.45pm in the church centre. Our Lenten Alms this year will be supporting our local Christian Community Action, please see the green bottle after all Masses during Lent ~ thank you.

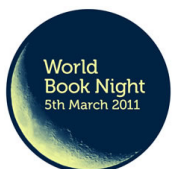


World Book Night & St John Bosco Reading Group

World Book Night will take place on Sat 5.3.11 and will be broadcast on BBC Two. This dynamic and unprecedented industry-wide initiative to celebrate adult books and reading will see one million free

books given away on World Book Night to the public across the UK. World Book Night will take place two days after World Book Day, the established nationwide reading campaign. Marina will be handing out

copies of Toni Morrison's "Beloved", 24 copies after both weekend Masses. Please complete a form if you are interested in joining a St John Bosco Reading Group.



St John Bosco Church Book of Remembrance

For the month of March please pray for:

*Louis Martin + Stefan Niedzwiedzki + Teresa Niedzwiedzka +
 Nic Morganti + George Young + Lesley Wapshott +
 Gerry Whelan + Marian Wojtaszek + John Bond +*

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 17th March 2pm

RCIA
Thu 17th March 7.30pm

Prayer Group (SJB)
Mon 7th March 8pm

PPC
Wed 9th Mar 8.00pm

Traidcraft Stall **TODAY!**
Sat 5th March after Mass
Sun 6th March after Mass
Youth Group
Fri 11th 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!

ADORATION

Adoration is held every Tuesday after weekday Mass until 11am in the Lady Chapel.

Adoration is a prayer meeting.... with the Lord. Everyone is most welcome.



TEA & COFFEE

Please join us after Mass this Sunday for the Big Brew ~ all most welcome.



VOLUNTEERS

Litterpicking

from paths around our church and school **Saturday, 2 April.** Meet at church 10.30 am

Please put your name on the list on the Notice board.

Hunger Lunch

Good Friday, 22 April.

Can you make a vegetarian soup – please tell rita.belletty@talktalk.net or ring Rita on 969 6219. Thanks.

Lenten Almsgiving

You will have seen on the front page that this year we are supporting Christian Community Action (CCA) a Reading charity committed to helping local people who are in need. They offer; support centres, essential furniture items from their warehouse, charity shops and work opportunities for those finding their way back into the workplace. Above all, they value individuals just as God does.

CAFOD

CAFOD actions for Lent

Family Fast Day - Friday 18 March. Lent **Give it Up** boxes - take one home. Campaign Card – Sign up weekend 26/27 March. Please take a moment to look at the display of a small portion of CAFOD's work, made possible by us.

Irish Night


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 now ~ you must buy a ticket for this event as numbers are limited.



Vouchers

From next week we will be collecting Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers in partnership with the Scouts Group. This means all vouchers will be split between our Youth Group and the Scouts. We hope to be able to order new equipment that will benefit all the young people. Please see the collection box in the church porch from next week ~ thank you.

WEEK: 5TH - 13TH MARCH 2011

Date	Time	Dedication	Intention	Diary
Sat 5th	6.30pm	Vigil Mass	Gerry Whelan +	8.50am - First Holy Communion meeting
Sun 6th	10.00am 11.30am	Sunday Mass Baptism: James Morland-Curry	All St John Bosco parishioners	 TRAIDCRAFT Fighting poverty through trade
Mon 7th	9.15am	Service of Word and Communion		8.00pm - SJB Prayer Group
Tue 8th	9.15am	St John of God	Private intention (Honey)	
Wed 9th Ash Wednesday	9.15am 7.00pm	Whole School Mass Mass	Peter Carabine + (Sister)	8.00pm - PPC Meeting
Thu 10th	9.15am	After Ash Wednesday	Mrs Sharma's intentions (Governors & Staff at St Dominics)	
Fri 11th	9.15am 7.30pm	After Ash Wednesday Stations of the Cross	Sr Carmen's Intentions (Barry & Eileen)	7.00-9.00pm - Youth Group
Sat 12th	6.30pm	Vigil Mass	Aaron & Nicole thanksgiving (F & L Collaco)	Rite of Election for our RCIA candidates at Portsmouth Cathedral.
Sun 13th 1st Sunday in Lent	10.00am	Sunday Mass	Hayres & Richard Wedding Anniversary (H Hill)	