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# St John Bosco

*Building a strong worshipping community*

1st Sunday in Lent  
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The Church Office is open  
Tuesday - Friday 8.30am - 1.30pm

### WEEKLY COLLECTION

Envelopes: £ 312.50  
Loose: £ 399.68  
Total : £ 712.18

**Thank you for your kind donations.**

### Psalm Response: Year A

"Have mercy on us, O Lord,  
for we have sinned."

### Confession

5.30 - 6.00pm on Saturday.

### Next Retiring Collection:

For: CAFOD FAST DAY  
On: 20th March 2011  
Please take an envelope this weekend to return next.

Please support our Lenten  
Almsgiving to

**Community Christian  
Action** ~ see the green  
bottle at weekend 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:

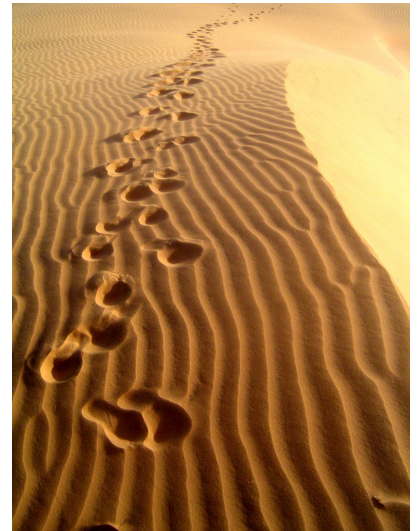
**CHRIST THE KING**  
Sat 6.30pm & Sun 10am  
**OUR LADY OF PEACE**  
Sun 9am, 11am & 5pm  
**ST JOHN BOSCO**  
Sat 6.30pm & Sun 10am  
**ST THOMAS MORE**  
Sat 6.30pm & Sun 10.30am

## Thought for the week

Following his baptism in the Jordan River, Jesus went out to the desert to pray and understand God's will. He was alone in the desert for 40 days and nights. Satan tempted Jesus to use his powers. Of course, Jesus was hungry after fasting for 40 days, so the devil tempted him first with food.

"Command these stones to become loaves of bread," was the first dare. Later the devil tempted Jesus to use

his power to prove that God would send angels to help Jesus if he jumped from the top of the temple. Finally, Satan offered Jesus the glory and power of all the world if he would but worship Satan. To each temptation, Jesus held fast to what he knew was God's will for him. Do we know what our own gifts from God are? Do we use them generously in a way that glorifies God?

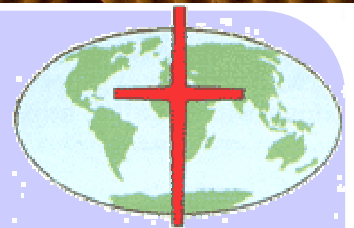


## Welcome

At both weekend Masses this weekend 12th and 13th March, we will welcome Father Brian Oswald from the Mill Hill Missionaries as he makes an appeal for members for **APF - the Association for the Propagation of the Faith**. This is NOT a collection but an appeal for new members.

Every parish is asked to have a team of APF

promoters who collect "Red Box" contributions locally. Maggie Beresford is our parish APF Co-ordinator but more members are needed. By using a Red Box, you too can become a missionary reaching out with the love of Jesus to the whole world. So please welcome Father Brian Oswald this Saturday and Sunday



and please give your consideration to joining APF! Thank you.

**This weekend**



## SJB BOOKWORMS

There was a great response on World Book Night last weekend, and the idea of us having a reading group is very popular. If you missed the announcement last week, and would be interested in hearing more, please e-mail

with your name and e-mail address to: [sjbbookworms@gmail.com](mailto:sjbbookworms@gmail.com) and please indicate any evenings you cannot make. The plan is that we would meet once a month in the

church centre to discuss our current book of the month.



# 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 26th March 8.50am

Over 60's Club  
Thu 17th March 2pm

RCIA  
Thu 17th March 7.30pm

Prayer Group (SJB)  
Mon 21st March 8pm

PPC  
Wed 13th April 8.00pm

Traidcraft Stall  
Sun 20th Mar after Mass

Youth Group  
Sun 20th Mar 10am

### 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 loving meeting.... with the Lord. Everyone is most welcome.




### TEA & COFFEE

Please join us after Mass every Sunday and Friday for tea and coffee in the church centre ~ all most welcome.



<u>Understanding the Passover</u>	<u>Lent Reflections</u>	<u>CHRISTIAN AID 2011</u>
English Martyrs Parish Centre: Tues 15 <sup>th</sup> March, 7.30pm-9.30pm The Gospels tell us that Jesus faithfully celebrated this great Jewish festival and we remember this especially in Holy Week. Rabbi Mark Solomon will tell us more about the origins and meaning of Passover and how Jews celebrate it today. This evening is a wonderful opportunity to deepen our understanding of the events of Holy Week and prepare for a Passover meal. All are warmly welcomed.	We shall be holding "Lenten Reflections" every Tuesday from 2-2.45pm, in the church centre. This is a 5 week course following the "Jesus, the earthly powers, and us" which is devised by Reading Churches Campaigning Network (formally Reading Jubilee Debt Campaign). RCCN is dedicated to fighting world poverty and economic injustice. Please do join us !	Amy Merone, from Christian Aid, has agreed to visit us again on 1 <sup>st</sup> April at St. Johns Centre at 7.30 p.m. Amy travelled to Tajikistan last year and will be telling us of her experiences. Please put this date in your diary and come and support Amy. Last year Woodley contributed £7523 to Christian Aid through house-to-house collections, and we look forward to your support again this year. <u>Woodley Christian Aid Committee.</u>
<u>VOLUNTEERS</u>	<u>Cabrini Children's Society</u>	<u>CONFIRMATION</u>
<u>Litterpicking</u> :from paths around our church and school <b>Saturday</b> , 2 April. Meet at church 10.30 am Please put your name on the list on the Notice board. <u>Hunger Lunch</u> : Good Friday, 22 April. Can you make a vegetarian soup – please tell rita.belletty@talktalk.net or ring Rita on 969 6219. Thanks.	is holding a family charity day with Surrey Hills Gliding Club at Kenley Aerodrome near Caterham, Surrey on Bank Holiday Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May 2011. Flights lasting between 5 and 10 minutes (subject to conditions) will cost £45 (£25 to CCS). If you require more information, contact Ann Hoggan by phoning 020 8668 2181 ~ thank you.	A reminder to all our Confirmation Candidates that the next meeting of the Confirmation group is <b>Saturday 19th March at 1.30pm</b> leading straight into the 6.30pm Vigil Mass, where there will be special involvement for all Confirmation Candidates.

## **WEEK: 12TH - 20TH MARCH 2011**

Date	Time	Dedication	Intention	Diary
Sat 12th	6.30pm	Vigil Mass	Aaron & Nicole thanksgiving (F & L Collaco)	Rite of Election for our RCIA candidates at Portsmouth Cathedral. 7.30pm - Irish Night (ticket only) 
Sun 13th 1st Sunday in Lent	10.00am	Sunday Mass	Hayres & Richard Wedding Anniversary ( H Hill)	
Mon 14th	9.15am	Service of Word and Communion		
Tue 15th	9.15am	Of the 1st week of Lent	Mary & Henry Reed + (Maureen Ramsden)	2.00pm - Lenten Reflections
Wed 16th	9.15am	Of the 1st week of Lent		
Thu 17th	9.15 1.00pm	St Patrick Requiem Mass: Anthony Barter	Paddy Purtill + (Maureen Ramsden)	2.00pm - Over 60's Club 7.30pm - RCIA
Fri 18th	9.15am 7.30pm	Of the 1st week of Lent Stations of the Cross		<b>No Youth Group</b>
Sat 19th	6.30pm	Vigil Mass with Confirmation Candidates	Gerry Whelan +	1.30pm - Confirmation meeting
Sun 20th 2nd Sunday	10.00am	Sunday Mass	Christopher Armstead + (Margaret Armstead)	10am Youth Group Bowling at Whiteknights Bowling Club.