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Tuesday - Friday 8.30am - 1.30pm

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Envelopes: £ 654.20
Loose: £ 376.69
Total : £ 1030.89

Standing orders for the
month of February totalled:
£1185.00

Thank you for your kind
donations.

Psalm Response: Year A

"May your love be upon us, O
Lord, as we place all our hope in
you."

Confession

5.30 - 6.00pm on Saturday.

Next Retiring Collection:

For: CAFOD FAST DAY
On: 20th March 2011
Please see the baskets in the
porch after Mass

TODAY!

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

The second Sunday of Lent
always gives us an account
of the transfiguration. Jesus
asked Peter, James and
John to go with him to the
mountain top. While they
were there, Jesus was
transfigured and became
dazzling white before them.
Along with Jesus stood
Moses and Elijah. The voice
of God said that Jesus was
his son and that all should
listen to him. The disciples
were frightened, but Jesus

calmed them and when they
looked up, Jesus was the
only one left . . . the one to
whom we need to listen.
As it was for the disciples, it's
hard sometimes for us to
understand and accept
things changing in front of
our eyes. However, change
and constant motion are part
of the divine plan as we
journey to God. Today,
instead of digging in our
heels to slow the change, try
lightening your heart and

accept with joy, the changes
you face.



First Holy Communion

A reminder that the next
meeting for all of our First
Holy Communion children
is next Saturday 26th
March at 8.50am. There is
also an important parents
meeting (in the church) at
the same time.

Both sessions will focus on
the gift of forgiveness, as
the children prepare to
make their First
Confessions on
Wednesday 30th March at

6.30pm.

Fr Chris will be leading
First Confessions, with
Fr Pat and Fr Anthony
assisting him. After the
children have made their
First Confession, there will
be an opportunity for any
parents to also go to
confession if they so wish.
We will then finish with our
traditional "balloon
release" symbolising the
releasing of our sins

upwards to God in heaven.
All prayer partners are also
invited to attend if
possible.



Next weekend

CONFIRMATION

Our Confirmation Candidates
met at 1.30 this Saturday 19th
March, to continue their
preparation for their
Confirmation in June.
They have special involvement
in our 6.30pm Vigil Mass, and
you will see them welcoming,
reading and taking up the

Offerory.

It is very encouraging to see so
many of our young people
continuing on their journeys of
faith, as they prepare to receive
this important sacrament.
Our Confirmation Group will
also be leading Stations of the

Cross next Friday
25th March at
7.30pm.
Please keep all our
candidates in your
prayers.



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 14th May 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 31st March 2pm

RCIA
Thu 31st 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
Fri 25th Mar 7-9pm

FAMILY MASS

This Sunday 20th March is a Family Mass. There is NO Children's Liturgy as the children are called to sit on the Sanctuary to listen to Fr Chris. You are most welcome to accompany any very young children.

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.



DROP IN CENTRE

The Churches Together in Reading Drop in Centre is very short of tinned meats and are asking for our help. Please donate any tinned meats to our church or to the church office next week and next weekend. We shall then arrange for them to be collected and taken to the Drop in Centre ~ thank you for your support.

LENT 2011

Lent 2011 at St John Bosco:

- ~ Follow our Lenten Calendar
- ~ Lenten Reflections every Tuesday from 2-2.45pm, in the church centre
- ~ Stations of the Cross every Friday from 7.30pm in the church
- ~ Support our Lenten Almsgiving
- ~ Attend our Penitential Service

SJB BOOKWORMS

Please come along to our first meeting on Wednesday 23rd March for tea, coffee & biscuits at 19.30. We will be discussing how to choose our book list, and other matters of housekeeping. All are welcome. Please bring with you your favourite book title and also have in mind a book title that you would like to put on the proposed reading list. Meeting to take place at the church centre and should be finished by 21.00.

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.


THANK YOU

Thank you to Pia for organising our St Patrick's and Irish night celebration last Saturday night. A grand time was had by all and was our best Irish night yet! Also a thank you to everyone who helped on the night, donated raffle prizes and brought Irish food to share. Please remember to collect your plates from the church centre kitchen.

TRADCRAFT

A big thank you from the Fairtrade team for your support for The Big Brew and Fairtrade Fortnight. We doubled our sales and hope you will continue to support us. New stocks of honey are now available. Anyone who would like to join our team and help especially on a Saturday, please speak to any of us on Sunday or contact the Office if you can help.

WEEK: 19TH - 27TH MARCH 2011

Date	Time	Dedication	Intention	Diary
Sat 19th	6.30pm	Vigil Mass with Confirmation Candidates	Gerry Whelan +	1.30pm - Confirmation meeting
Sun 20th 2nd Sunday in Lent	10.00am	Sunday Family Mass	Christopher Armstead + (Margaret Armstead)	
Mon 21st	9.15am	Service of Word and Communion		
Tue 22nd	9.15am	Of the 2nd week of Lent	Mr Joseph Barber + (Mrs E Barber)	2.00pm - Lenten Reflections
Wed 23rd	9.15am	Of the 2nd week of Lent		7.30pm—SJB Bookworms
Thu 24th	9.15	Of the 2nd week of Lent	Mr Joseph Barber + (Mrs E Barber)	
Fri 25th	9.15am 7.30pm	The Annunciation of the Lord Stations of the Cross	Lucy Love + (Barry & Eileen)	7-9pm - Youth Group
Sat 26th	6.30pm	Vigil Mass	Marian Wojtaszek + (June)	8.50am ~ First Holy Communion meeting for children and parents
Sun 27th 3rd Sunday in Lent	10.00am	Sunday Mass	Thanksgiving (Cathy & David Harman)	