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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: £ 283.47
Loose: £ 333.56
Total : £ 617.03

Thank you for your kind donations.

Please remember
our Lenten
Almsgiving.



Psalm Response: Year A
"The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall
want"

Confession
5.30 - 6.00pm on Saturday.

Next Retiring Collection:
For: Clergy Assistance Fund
On: 3rd April 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

Using saliva and earth, Jesus made a paste to heal the blind man. The healing became a true conversion for the man, but created some problems for Jesus with the Jewish leaders. Because this healing took place on the Sabbath, the Pharisees accused Jesus of breaking Jewish law. The Pharisees tried to get confirmation of this action from the blind man's parents and from the blind man himself. In the end,

the authorities were unable to charge Jesus with any wrongdoing and had to recognize that Jesus was gaining many disciples. In order for us to follow the light of Christ, we too must open our eyes, but as Jesus helped the blind man understand, it is not enough to see only with our eyes. We need also to see with our hearts and allow our every action to reflect this sight. Jesus healed the man of his

blindness, but in the end the man recognized Jesus as the Messiah and worshiped him.



Lent Penitential Services

Our St John Bosco Lent Penitential Service is fast approaching on Tuesday 12th April at 7.30pm. Fr Chris will be assisted by Fr Anthony and Fr Pat. This should be part of everyone's Lenten preparation; confessing our sins and having a clear conscience as we approach and participate in the Triduum is essential. For your convenience please note the other Penitential Services at our local churches.

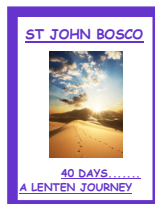
LENTEN PENITENTIAL SERVICES

Our Lady & St Anne	Mon	11.04.11 at 7.30pm
St John Bosco	Tue	12.04.11 at 7.30pm
St Joseph's Tilehurst	Wed	13.04.11 at 7.30pm
Our Lady of Peace	Wed	13.04.11 at 7.30pm
Christ The King	Thu	14.04.11 at 7.30pm
St Thomas More	Thu	14.04.11 at 8pm
English Martyrs	Sat	16.04.11 at 11am
St James	Mon	18.04.11 at 7.30pm



LENT ~ Over half way !

Last week we passed Lents half way point and we hope that our Lenten Calendar is providing useful focus. This Sunday is the 4th Sunday of Lent and



is Mothering Sunday. There is a daffodil for all ladies to collect after both weekend Masses. Volunteers are needed for our Services over Easter, Please see the forms on the church notice

board for Readers, Eucharistic Ministers and Altar Servers ~ thank you



St John Bosco Church Book of Remembrance

For the month of April please pray for:

**Susan Joy + Robert Booth + Terence Manzi +
Alan Booth + Harry Foster +**

whose anniversaries are recorded in the book of Remembrance

NEXT MEETING DATES:

Baptism Preparation
Sat 14th May 10.30am

Confirmation Group
Sat 14th May 1pm

Finance & Admin Committee
TBC

First Holy Communion
Sat 30th May 8.50am

Over 60's Club
Thu 14th April 2pm

RCIA
Thu 7th April 7.30pm

Prayer Group (SJB)
Mon 4th April 8pm

PPC
Wed 13th April 8.00pm

Traidcraft Stall
Sun 3rd April after Mass

Youth Group
Fri 6th May 7-9pm

PORTSMOUTH PEOPLE

The April / May issue of the Portsmouth People is now available from the church porch ~ please return once you have read it so other parishioners may enjoy it as well ~ thank you

HOLY WEEK & TRIDUUM

Please take a copy of our Holy Week & Easter Timetable which gives details of service during Holy Week, the Triduum and Easter Sunday.

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.

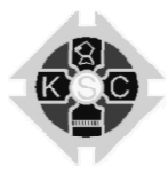


TEA & COFFEE

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




SCHOOL ADMISSION APPEALS PANELS	Pastoral Area Prayer Evening	THE KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA
Volunteers needed to become panel members for schools in the Diocese of Portsmouth. These panels enable parents to exercise their right to appeal when their application for a school place has been turned down. Panels must contain people involved in education and lay people and members must have no connection with the school for which appeals are being heard. Please see poster on the noticeboard or contact Maureen Simmons, 01329 835363,	The next Pastoral Area Prayer Evening is on Thursday 7 April at Our Lady of Peace, Earley from 8 pm to 9 pm. It will be very simple: just one reading of the coming Sunday, discussion and prayer. Everyone's presence is invaluable as we join together in community to praise and learn more about the love of God. For more information please contact Mary Holland on 926 8860	THE KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA are seeking new members from our church to help with their charity work and to give help to the clergy in our diocese. Any men wishing to find out more can contact Email : province23@hotmail.com or call 01344 883363



"EGG RUN"	SJB BOOKWORMS
Please bring any Easter Eggs you would like donate to The Variety Club, who distribute them to disadvantaged families and kids in care, to the church on or before 17th April. Please contact Mary Stanbridge who is organising this with her son with any queries ~ thank you.	The SJB Bookworms have chosen their Book for April: <u>The Blind Assassin</u> by Margaret Attwood and we will be meeting on Wednesday 20th April @ 1930 to discuss. Any one interested in more information please e-mail sjbbookworms@gmail.com . If you were interested in joining us, and you have not received an e-mail it could be that we have had problems with the information you gave us. Therefore I would ask that you send us an e-mail to the address as above.



WEEK: 2ND - 10TH APRIL 2011

Date	Time	Dedication	Intention	Diary
Sat 2nd	6.30pm	Vigil Mass	St John Bosco parishioners	10.30am - Litter pick (met at church)
Sun 3rd Mothering Sunday	10.00am	Sunday Mass	Brendan Carabine + (Sister)	
Mon 4th	9.15am	Service of Word and Communion		8.00pm - SJB Prayer Group
Tue 5th	9.15am	Of the 4th week of Lent	Mr Joseph Barber + (Mrs E Barber)	2.00pm - Lenten Reflections
Wed 6th	9.15am	Of the 4th week of Lent		
Thu 7th	9.15	Of the 4th week of Lent	Fraser (Evans family)	7.30pm - RCIA meeting
Fri 8th	9.15am 7.30pm	Whole School end of term Mass Stations of the Cross	Mr Joseph Barber + (Mrs E Barber)	CHRISM MASS Please note that the annual Chrim Mass will take place at St John's Cathedral Portsmouth on Tues 19th April at 11am.
Sat 9th	6.30pm	Vigil Mass	Brenda Saunders + (F & L Collaco)	
Sun 10th 5th Sunday in Lent	10.00am	Sunday Mass with RCIA Candidates "Act of Faith"	Alvito D'Mello birthday blessing (Brenda)	