

# St John Bosco

*Building a strong worshipping community*

**Palm Sunday**  
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The Church Office is open  
Tuesday - Friday 8.30am - 1.30pm

**WEEKLY COLLECTION**

Envelopes: £ 329.85  
Loose: £ 306.11  
**Total : £ 635.96**

**Thank you for your kind donations.**

Please remember  
our Lenten  
Almsgiving.



**Psalm Response: Year A**  
"My God, my God, why  
have you forsaken me ?".

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

**Next Retiring Collection:**  
For: Holy Places  
On: Good Friday 22.4.11  
Please see the baskets in the  
porch after the Service

**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**

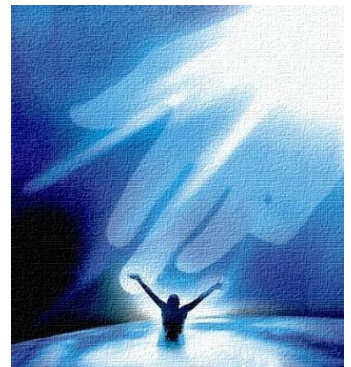
Sat 6.30pm, Sun 10am & 6pm  
**OUR LADY OF PEACE**  
Sun 9am, 11am & 5pm  
**ST JOHN BOSCO**  
Sat 6.30pm & Sun 10am  
**ST THOMAS MORE**  
Sat 6.30pm & Sun 10.30am

## Thought for the week

Each year on this Sunday we follow the events of Jesus' life from the time he entered Jerusalem until the point where he was laid in the tomb after his crucifixion. There is much to reflect on in this reading. Especially the different responses Judas and Peter had when they came face to face with their rejection of Christ.

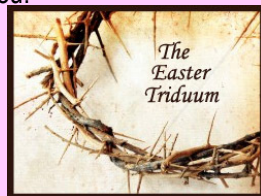
After his three denials, Peter "wept bitterly." These tears of regret led the way to reconciliation when Peter first encountered the risen Christ. Judas, on the other hand, knew what he did was wrong, but he couldn't face the hopelessness his actions brought. The lesson we learn today is that reconciliation and healing

bring us long-term joy instead of living in the harsh bitterness of despair.



### VOLUNTEERS

Eucharistic Ministers, Readers and Altar Servers urgently needed for our Easter Services. Please see the forms on the church noticeboard and put your name down ASAP if you can help. Especially for the Easter Triduum ~ thank you.



### THANK YOU

Fr Chris would also like to thank all our church groups who led a "Stations of the Cross" through lent: Our Environment Group, the Sacristans, the Confirmation Group, the Eucharistic Ministers and SVP, the PPC and lastly our RCIA Group. Thank you all!



### PALM SUNDAY



This Sunday is Palm Sunday ~ please take a palm from the church porch. Please also take a copy of leaflet which gives help in making a palm cross and a special prayer for Palm Sunday.

## HUNGER LUNCH ON GOOD FRIDAY !

On 22 April, Good Friday (a day of fasting and abstinence) homemade soup and a roll will be served in the church centre between 12 noon and 2pm. Donations will

be sent to Christian Community action. To whet your appetite the menu of soups are: Butternut squash, leek & potato, tomato, carrot & orange and celery. This

fits nicely between the Walk of Witness & WCT Service and Stations of the Cross, so please do join us.



# 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  
Wed 25th May 7.30pm

First Holy Communion  
Sat 30th April 8.50am

Over 60's Club  
Thu 28th April 2pm

RCIA  
Thu 20th April 7.30pm

Prayer Group (SJB)  
Mon 18th April 8pm

PPC  
Wed 11th May 8.00pm

Traidcraft Stall  
Sun 17th April after Mass

Youth Group  
Fri 6th May 7-9pm

**Please remember:**

**BEFORE MASS  
SPEAK TO  
GOD**



**DURING MASS  
LISTEN TO  
GOD**

**AFTER MASS  
SPEAK TO  
YOUR  
FRIENDS**

**GOOD FRIDAY  
Is a day of  
fasting  
and  
Abstinence.**



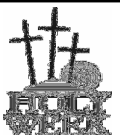
**LENTE  
REFLECTION GROUP**


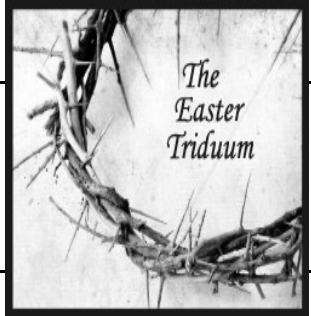
A big thank you from all those who attended our Lenten Reflection Group to Joyce Wise, for organising and hosting the meetings. The last session was last Tuesday and everyone who attended each week found the sessions rewarding and enjoyable. So thank you Joyce for your enthusiasm and commitment.

SJB BOOKWORMS	MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER	CAKES FOR ROMANIA
<p>The SJB Bookworms are holding their 2nd meeting this Wed 20th April at 7.30pm in the church centre. They will be choosing their next book and discussing their first book. Everyone is welcome so please do come along and join in, even if you haven't been before or read their first book.</p> 	<p>Marriage Encounter weekend at Wokefield Park (near Reading) on the weekend of June 10th - 12th. The weekend is open to all married couples who would like to enrich their relationship. More details are available at <a href="http://www.wme.org.uk">http://www.wme.org.uk</a> or from Bill &amp; Joy Reilly (0118) 981 3784 or from Tony and Pam Darroch at 0118 981 1105.</p>	<p>The Romania Group will be having a cake sale after Mass on Easter Sunday morning. If you are able to help bake a cake to make a really good spread please bring it to the church on Saturday evening before the Easter vigil, or on Easter Sunday morning. Thank you for your support.</p> 



**HOLY WEEK: 16TH - 24TH APRIL 2011**



Date	Time	Dedication	Intention	Diary
Sat 16th	6.30pm	Vigil Mass	Colin & Marina Wedding Anniversary (Colin & Marina)	
Sun 17th Palm Sunday	10.00am	Sunday Mass	Yvonne Young + (Ashley Young)	
Mon 18th	9.15am	Service of Word and Communion		8.00pm - SJB Prayer Group
Tue 19th		NO MASS  Chrism Mass at St John's Cathedral, Portsmouth ~ 11am		
Wed 20th	9.15am	Of Holy Week	Mr Joseph Barber + (Mrs E Barber)	7.30pm - RCIA Rehearsal 7.30pm - SJB Bookworms
Thu 21st Maundy Thursday	8.00pm	Mass of the Last Supper followed by Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament (Compline at 11.45pm)	St John Bosco parishioners	
Fri 22nd Good Friday	11.30am 12.00pm 12-2pm 2.30pm 3.00pm	Walk of Witness to Precinct Ecumenical Service at Precinct Hunger Lunch at church centre Stations of the Cross Solemn Celebration of The Lord's Passion		
Sat 23rd Holy Saturday	8.00pm 9.30pm	Easter Vigil Reception following the Easter Vigil		
Sun 24th Easter Sunday	10.00am	Easter Sunday Mass	St John Bosco parishioners	11.00am ~ Romania Group Easter Cake Sale after Mass