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St John Bosco

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

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Envelopes: £ 324.55

Loose: £ 427.68

Total : £ 752.23 p

Thank you for your kind
donations.

If you wish to Gift Aid your
donations please take a
booklet from the church
porch ~ thank you

Psalm Response: Year A

**“O Lord, you are
good and forgiving”.**

Confession

No Confession this Saturday

Next Retiring Collection:

For: Society of African Missions
On: 17h July 2011

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

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

Thought for the week

This Gospel is a way of explaining why there is good and evil in the world today. As Jesus explained in the parable, the weeds (or evil) are allowed to grow with the wheat (or good). Only at the harvest (the end time) would God separate the good from the evil just as the farmer will separate the wheat from the weeds in Jesus' parable. How do we answer when

asked why do bad things happen to good people? This parable of the wheat and the weeds may be a way of explaining why God allows evil, like the weeds, to grow next to goodness in our world today. Evil will not really be gone until the fullness of God's Kingdom. Consider ways that you can help control the spreading of

these weeds. What actions will you take?



Society of African Missions

This weekend we warmly welcome Fr G Toner from the Society of African Mission to our church. The Society of African Missions (SMA) is committed to preaching the Good News of Jesus Christ chiefly in Africa and to people of African origin.

They regard
* solidarity with the poor and the powerless,
* commitment to reading the signs of the times,
* activities for Justice and Peace,
* dedication to building a better

world, including care for the environment, as constitutive dimensions of witnessing to the Good News. They do this through education, health care, development projects and conscientisation for justice. They also help in caring for African immigrants in Europe and the USA and draw attention to those structures that oppress them and other people of the Third World. There is a retiring collection for The Society of African Missions at both weekend Masses, Please see the baskets in the porch after the

Services. Thank you.

THIS WEEKEND



Divine Mercy Circle

DIVINE MERCY CIRCLE RETREAT SAT 3RD SEPT

At St John Bosco Parish Centre, Led by Fr Andrzej Gowkielewicz MIC Marian Father, director of Divine Mercy Apostolate, London. The Reading Divine Mercy Circle will be launched at this event from **11am—4pm**. We will then meet monthly at Holy Hour on a Sunday in various churches in Reading. Dates will be announced at this

day of prayer. The event is free, it will consist of prayer, talks, and saying the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. There will be Mass @ 6.30pm in St John Bosco Church, with Fr Chris Whelan presiding & Fr Andrzej concelebrating. A full program with all prayers will be supplied so all you need to bring is a pack lunch, a rosary and an open heart. We look forward to sharing a wonderful day with you



NEXT MEETING DATES:

Baptism Preparation
Sat 10th Sept 10.30am

Finance & Admin Committee
Wed 20th July at 7pm

Over 60's Club
Thu 21st July 2pm

Prayer Group (SJB)
Mon 18th July 8.00pm

SJB Bookworms
Wed 20th July
7.30pm



Traidcraft Stall
Sun 24th July after
Mass

Youth Group
On Summer Break

Photographs

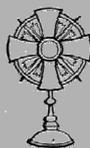
Confirmation photo proofs are available to collect from the church office NOW and any orders must be returned before next Friday 22nd July ~ thank you. There has been a delay in the First Holy Communion proofs please phone the office next week to see if they have arrived.

FRIDAY PENANCE

At the Spring Meeting of the Bishops' Conference it was decided that the practice of Friday abstinence from meat should be clearly re-established in the lives of Catholics as a distinctive mark of Catholic identity and witness from the 16.09.11. Please see the notice board for further details.

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 welcome.

TEA & COFFEE

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



St John Bosco Church Book of Remembrance

For the month of July please pray for:

*Maura Cox + Bernard Joy + John Davis +
Tony Jacobs + Margaret Bond + Eileen Murphy +
Bridget Pocock + Zofia Niedzwiedzka + Joseph Darne +*

whose anniversaries are recorded in the book of Remembrance

Thank You	CAFOD	The New Roman Missal
<p>The First Holy Communion Catechists and Catherine would like to thank the parents for the lovely bouquets of flowers.</p> <p>The Confirmation catechists would like to thank the parents for their gifts. Thank you to those who supported the World Challenge cake sale last weekend they raised £105.00.</p> <p>Thank you to everyone who supported "Walk to Church Sunday" this weekend in doing so you will have shrunk your carbon footprint !</p>	<p>You will be aware that East Africa is currently experiencing the worst drought in almost 60 years, affecting people in Somalia, Kenya, Ethiopia, Sudan and Eritrea. Given the gravity of the situation the UK's Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC), of which CAFOD is a member, has decided to launch an appeal. This will take place here at St John Bosco on the 21st August</p>	<p>As we use the new translation we will perhaps notice more biblical connections than we have been used to. The texts of the Mass are precious to us, partly because they were inspired by the Bible. These words have come down to us over the centuries, and most of the words we speak at Mass are rooted in the Bible. When we gather for Mass, we are praying with words that have been given to us by our ancestors, who knew the Bible well and prayed it well. The new translation of the Missal tries to make the connections between the Bible and the Mass clearer than they are now.</p> <p>Over the coming weeks we will be looking at some of the revised words we will be saying and hearing at Mass from the beginning of September</p>
<p>Young Catholic Adults aged 18-39</p>	<p>Climate Change Group</p>	
<p>You are invited to the Bl Dominic Barberi Room, St James Church, on Sun 24th July at 6.30pm to explore the possibility of setting up a group in Reading to support the social and spiritual needs of Catholic adults in their 20's and 30's. Contact Adam on 07851504962.</p>	<p>Our Climate Change Group are holding their next meeting this Thurs 21st July at 7.30pm in the church centre. New members and ideas are always welcome so please do join us.</p> 	

WEEK: 16TH - 24TH JULY 2011

Date	Time	Dedication	Intention	Diary
Sat 16th	6.30pm	Vigil Mass	Ken Webb +	
Sun 17th	10.00am	Sunday Mass	Dennis Harman + (Harman family)	
Mon 18th	9.15am	Service of Word & Communion		8.00pm ~ SJB Prayer Group
Tue 19th	9.15am	Feria	Mgn Tom Morcorft + (The Tilney family)	12.45 Funeral: Carmel Doyle at Reading Crematorium
Wed 20th	10.00am	Requiem Mass: Edwina Smalley		7.00pm - Finance Committee 7.30pm - SJB Bookworms
Thu 21st	9.15am	St Laurence of Brindisi	For the people affected by the drought in the horn of Africa (Climate Change group)	2.00pm ~ Over 60's Club 7.30pm - Climate Change group meeting
Fri 22nd	9.15am 3.15pm	Whole School Mass YR6 leavers Mass Funeral: Margaret Lees	Margaret Kelly 90th Birthday (Jo & Bob)	
Sat 23rd	6.30pm	Vigil Mass	John Knox + (E & A O'Connor)	
Sun 24th	10.00am 11.30am	Sunday Family Mass Baptism: Mason Hall	40th Wedding Anniversary Thanksgiving (Ron & Trish Hayes)	