

2nd Sunday  
in Advent  
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# St John Bosco



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Charity Number 246871

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Church Office is open  
Tue - Fri 8.30am - 1.30pm

## WEEKLY COLLECTION

Envelopes: £ 318.16

Loose: £ 341.55

Total : £ 659.71

Thank you for your kind  
donations.

Please can all those who took a  
Gift Aid form home to sign,  
return them to the church office  
as soon as possible.

## Psalm Response: Year B

"Let us see, O Lord, your  
mercy and give us your  
saving help."

## Confession

Sat 5.30-6.00pm

## Next Retiring Collection:

For: Just Around the Corner  
On: 4th December 2011  
Please see the collection  
baskets in the porch after  
Mass

Emergency numbers for the  
Sacramental Ministry of a  
priest

Fr Chris 969 3423

Fr. Pat 931 4469

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, 11.30am & 5pm

#### ST JOHN BOSCO

Sat 6.30pm & Sun 10am

Building a strong worshipping community

## Thought for the week

Advent is a time when we  
prepare for the coming of Jesus.  
But we do not just expect his  
arrival at Christmas, we also  
anticipate the day when he will  
come again. We do not know  
when that time will be, but we  
must prepare ourselves for it as  
best we can, by remaining alert.  
How often do we really look at  
the world around us, taking the  
time to notice our surroundings,

the wonders of creation and  
other people? Do we really take  
in the news stories that we hear  
about disasters and conflicts  
around the world? By looking at  
our behaviour and lifestyles we  
can make a real change,  
reaching out and enabling  
others throughout the world to  
reach their full potential. In this  
way we hope to be found awake  
when the time comes.



## ROMANIA GROUP

Our Romania Group would  
like to thank all the  
parishioners who donated  
ingredients, chocolates or  
who helped to bake  
Christmas items. The  
Romania Group will be  
attending the Woodley  
Winter Extravaganza this  
Sunday 4th December.  
Where you will be able to  
buy Christmas chutneys,  
cakes and other seasonal  
goodies. The stall is outside  
the News Centre, and the

tombola is based on Charlie  
and the Chocolate Factory.



Woodley Precinct  
10-4 on Sunday 4.12.11

## MULLED WINE & MINCE PIES

There will be mulled wine and  
mince pies after both  
weekend Masses next  
Saturday 10th and Sunday  
11th December.  
Extra volunteers are needed,  
so please see  
Cathy Harman  
or phone the  
church office if  
you can help.  
Please come  
along for some  
festive cheer !



## CRISIS AT CHRISTMAS

This year our St John Bosco  
Christmas Card will be  
supporting our local **Crisis at  
Christmas**.

So instead of sending fellow  
parishioners a Christmas  
card, please sign a  
Christmas wish in our card,  
and donate the amount you  
would have spent on cards,  
to **Crisis at Christmas**.  
**Crisis** opens centres

between 23 & 30 December  
offering homeless people  
companionship, care, hot  
food and warm clothing at a  
time of year which can be  
particularly lonely for those  
without a home or family.



## CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS EVE MASS

If any children wish to read or say a  
bidding prayer at our 5pm  
Children's Christmas Eve Mass,  
please can they phone Claire on  
0118 9690234 or speak to Claire at  
school (Wed-Fri) by Friday Dec  
10th so that  
Claire can  
distribute  
anything  
necessary for  
them to  
practice.



**NEXT MEETING DATES:**

**Baptism Preparation**  
Sat 7th Jan 10.30am

**Finance & Admin Committee**  
Wed 25th Jan at 7pm

**Over 60's Club**  
Thu 15th Dec 2pm

**Prayer Group (SJB)**  
Mon 12th Dec 8pm

**RCIA**  
Thu 8th Dec 7.30pm

**SJB Bookworms**  
TBA

**Traidcraft Stall**  
Sat 10th & Sun 11th Dec

**Youth Group**  
Fri 9th Dec 7-9pm

**JAC (Just Around the Corner):** Local Woodley based Youth Charity will be speaking at both weekend Masses **THIS** weekend, and making a retiring collection.

**Jumbulance Group:** ADVANCE NOTICE Woodley Jumbulance Group, after our successful holiday to Brittany last August, we have booked to go to Holland in 2012. From 19th August to 26th. Further information will be available in the New Year.

**First Holy Communion Prayer Partners:** are invited to a special service this Sunday 4th December at 3pm, which will be followed by refreshments

**FRIDAY PENANCE**  
Remember **FISH** every Friday!



**ADORATION**  
Adoration is held every Tuesday after weekday Mass until 11.30am in the Lady Chapel. All 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 December please pray for:*

*Ruby Gomez + Robert Ashe + Eamonn Burke +  
Raymond Cook + Peggy Pounds + Aguida Ortiz +  
Guillermo Larano + Sheila Halse + Sarah Keenan +  
Arthur Jacobs + Sister Mary Agatha +  
whose anniversaries are recorded in the book of Remembrance*

<p><b>YELDHALL MANOR</b></p> <p>To support the residents of Yeldhall Manor please donate any toiletries, socks, hats, scarves, gloves, paper, pens, any other stocking fillers suitable for men, wrapped with a sticker on with details of what is enclosed. There will be a collection box in the church porch until Tuesday 13th December, shortly afterwards the gifts will be delivered to Yeldhall Manor. Please see poster on the church notice board for further details, thank you for your support.</p>	<p><b>HELP NEEDED</b></p> <p>Christmas bazaar will be organised in Christ The King parish on the 10<sup>th</sup> December from 2pm – 4pm. We are appealing for volunteers to set up stalls, volunteers to man them, ideas for possible stalls and donations of books, household items such as vases, ornaments etc (not clothing). Please bring items to be raffled. There will be bakes sale as well, so please bring your bread, rolls, cakes, and the like. For more information please speak to Marie on: <a href="mailto:marieandlael@btconnect.com">marieandlael@btconnect.com</a> or via CTK Parish office</p>	<p><b>OUR LADY OF PEACE</b></p> <p>There are no weekday Masses at Our Lady of Peace Church this coming week, as the church is being redecorated. There will be Wed Mass at Christ the King, and Thu Mass at St John Bosco. Weekend Masses are not affected.</p> <p><b>VOLUNTEERS NEEDED</b></p> <p>Readers, Eucharistic Ministers and Altar Servers are needed for our Christmas Services. Please put your name down on the forms on the church notice board <b>ASAP</b></p>
<p><b>THANK YOU</b></p>	<p><b>ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICES</b></p>	<p><b>BROWSING FOR CHRISTMAS</b></p>
<p>From Mrs Ronnie Hooper; "thank you to each person from our church who brought Jesus into our home every Sunday as Holy Communion an honour. Their loving, caring and smiling faces became the highlight of our week, keeping me in touch with our church family, whose faithful prayers for a quick recovery really did reach God. Thank you."</p>	<p><b>A reminder of all the Advent Penitential Services at the Reading Churches:</b>  <b>Wed 14th Dec Christ the King 7.30pm</b>  <b>Thur 15th Dec St Annes, 7.30pm &amp; St John Bosco, 7.00pm</b>  <b>Fri 16th Dec Our Lady of Peace 7.00pm</b>  <b>Sat 17th Dec English Martyrs 11.00am</b>  <b>Mon 19th Dec St James, 7.30pm</b>  <b>Tues 20th Dec St Joseph 7.30pm</b></p>	<p>There is an article in this weeks Tablets, "Browsing for Christmas" by Fr Tom Grufferty. Here are sites he recommends: <a href="http://www.faith-at-home">www.faith-at-home</a> - for parents &amp; children, <a href="http://www.osv.com">www.osv.com</a> - a "definitive" guide to Advent and Christmas, <a href="http://www.sacredspace.ie">www.sacredspace.ie</a> - for daily prayer based on Mass readings for the day. <a href="http://www.cafod.org.uk/">www.cafod.org.uk/</a> <a href="http://interactive-advent-calender-2011">interactive-advent-calender-2011</a> - which apparently is very challenging.</p>

## WEEK: 3RD—11TH DECEMBER 2011

Date	Time	Dedication	Intention	Diary
Sat 3rd	6.30pm	Vigil Mass	All parishioners	8.50am - First Holy Communion
Sun 4th Second Sunday of Advent	10.00am	Sunday Mass with RCIA Rite of Welcome 	Gianni Amodio + (Teresa)	3.00pm - First Holy Communion Prayer Partner Service
Mon 5th	10.00am	Service of Word & Communion		
Tue 6th	10.00am	Of the second week of Advent	Henry Belletty private intention (Rita)	7.30pm - Advent Reflections
Wed 7th	10.00am	St Ambrose	Sandro Enepi + (Mary)	
Thu 8th	10.00am	Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Private intention (Evans family)	7.30pm - RCIA Meeting
Fri 9th	11.00am	Requiem Mass: Marian Tull		2.00pm - KS2 Carol Service 7.00-9.00pm Youth Group
Sat 10th	6.30pm	Vigil Mass	Marian Wojtaszek + (June)	
Sun 11th Third Sunday of Advent	10.00am	Sunday Mass 	Thanksgiving (Cora West)	 <b>TRAIDCRAFT</b> Fighting poverty through trade

**Please remember to return your gifts for the Cabrini Children's Society gift tree by the 14th December ~ thank you**