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1st Sunday
in Advent
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St John Bosco

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Tue - Fri 8.30am - 1.30pm

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Envelopes: £ 228.20

Loose: £ 346.79

Total : £ 574.99

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 B
"God of hosts, bring us
back; let your face shine
on us and we shall be
saved."

Confession

Sat 5.30-6.00pm

Next Retiring Collection:

For: JAC

On: **3rd 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

Thought for the week

We are reminded in today's
gospel that the world as we
know it will pass away, and
God's Kingdom will come in
full. Jesus tells a parable
about a master who went
away and left each of his
servants with a specific task
to do. No one knew when the
owner would return, just as
no one can know when
God's plan will be fulfilled.
The words of Jesus were

quite clear. We must be
watchful and always ready
for Jesus' return. Each of us
needs to stay on task with
how we want to live our lives
expecting Jesus' return.
One way to do this during
the Advent season is to
slow down and hear the
words of the gospel rather
than getting caught up in
the rush of the world
around us.



GIFT AID WEEKEND

This weekend 26th &
27th November is our Gift
Aid Weekend.

Thank you to all our
parishioners who
currently Gift Aid their
donations to our Church.
If you are a UK tax payer
you can Gift Aid all your
donations to our Church,
this will not cost you a
penny extra, but means
we can claim from the
government an extra 25p

for every £1 you donate.
Last year approx £16,000
was given in the weekly
collection that was not Gift
Aided, if it had been we
would have been able to
claim back an extra £4000
for our church community.
Rita will be giving a short
talk at both weekend
Masses, copies of our Gift
Aid booklet, Gift Aid forms
and direct debit forms are

available from the church
porch. Thank you.

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ADVENT REFLECTIONS

An Advent Reflection Group
will meet for four weekly
sessions in the Church
Centre on Tuesday
evenings at 7.30pm on 29
November and 6, 13 and 20
December. For further info
please call Chris Carter 0118
926 8327, or please put your
name down on the form on
the notice board in the
church porch.



GIFT TREE

The GIFT TREE will be in the
church porch this weekend.
Please take a gift tag which shows
if you are providing a gift for a boy
or girl and what age. All gifts must
be returned wrapped with the tag,
by 14.12.11.
All gifts will be
delivered to the
Cabrini Children's
Society on the
15th December.
Thank you.



NEXT MEETING DATES:

Baptism Preparation
Sat 7th Jan 10.30am

Finance & Admin Committee
Wed 25th Jan at 7pm

Over 60's Club
Thu 1st Dec 2pm

Prayer Group (SJB)
Mon 28th Nov 8pm

RCIA
Thu 8th Dec 7.30pm

SJB Bookworms
TBA

Traidcraft Stall
Sun 27th Nov

Youth Group
Fri 2nd Dec 7-9pm

JAC (Just Around the Corner):

Local Woodley based Youth Charity will be speaking at both weekend Masses next weekend, and making a retiring collection.

Woodley Food Store:

Woodley Churches Together run the "Woodley Food Store" which provides emergency food for people in crisis. We will have a collection box in the church porch for all donations of tinned & dried food, to take to them. Demand is increasing so all donations are gratefully received.

FRIDAY PENANCE

Remember **FISH** every Friday!



ADORATION

Adoration is held every Tuesday after weekday Mass until 11.30am 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 November please pray for:

Doreen Treacy + Isabel Thompson + June Wapshott + Charles Wise + Marciano Devera Susan Pritchard + Franciszek Niedzwiedzki +

whose anniversaries are recorded in the book of Remembrance

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN WOODLEY	CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY ACTION	CAFOD WORLD GIFTS
<p>Thank you to all the children who entered the CTW Christmas card competition. The overall winner was Chloe D'Mello from St John Bosco. Well done Chloe we look forward to seeing your design dropping through our letter boxes in December. We shall be asking for volunteers to deliver our churches share of the CTW Christmas Card very soon ~ all help is much appreciated.</p>	<p>Do you have an unwanted computer or laptop? Donate it to Christian Community Action and help us raise money. We can take laptops, desktops, keyboards, cables and mice, unfortunately we can't take monitors, speakers, printers or disk drives. Please bring them to our furniture outlet at 79 Silver Street, Reading RG1 2SU Mon - Fri 10am - 4pm, Sat 10am - 1pm</p> 	<p>If you're stuck for ideas this Christmas or want to try and give your friends, colleagues and loved ones something really meaningful, why not consider buying a CAFOD World Gift and help people fight poverty and injustice all over the world? Gifts start from as little as £7 and range from school starter packs to piglets and vegetable gardens. For a catalogue please visit cafod.org.uk/worldgifts or freephone 0800 14 000 14.</p>
VENI EMMANUEL	ST DOMINIC'S SAVIO CHRISTMAS FAYRE	IN BRIEF
<p>We are pleased to invite everyone to join us for "Veni Emmanuel" - an evening of carols, readings and music for Advent, at the church of Our Lady of Peace & Blessed Dominic Barberi, on <u>Thursday 1st December</u> at 7.30 pm. The evening will be followed by mince pies and mulled wine.</p>	<p>Sunday 27th Nov 11am start. Lions Club will transport Santa to the fayre and stop at the church at 11am. Lots of stalls, raffle, refreshments, indoor bouncy castle, Christmas present stalls and lots more. For more info contact Sara King - 07760420923</p> 	<p>The Romania Group will be selling Raffle tickets this weekend and will be at the Winter Extravaganza next weekend ~ please pop along. The St John Bosco Christmas Card will be available to sign THIS weekend. All proceeds to the local Crisis at Christmas. We shall be asking for gifts for Yeldall Manor next weekend.</p>

WEEK: 27TH NOVEMBER - 4TH DECEMBER 2011

Date	Time	Dedication	Intention	Diary
Sat 26th	6.30pm	Vigil Mass	Roy & Jenny Smith + (Marina)	GIFT AID WEEKEND
Sun 27th First Sunday of Advent	10.00am	Sunday Mass 	Eamonn Burke + (Anne Burke)	GIFT AID WEEKEND 
Mon 28th	10.00am	Service of Word & Communion		
Tue 29th	10.00am	Whole school Advent Mass	Private intention (Justin)	7.30pm - Advent Reflections
Wed 30th	10.00am	St Andrew	Jean Ballinger + (Rita)	
Thu 1st		NO MASS There is Mass at Our Lady of Peace Church at 10am Thu		2.00pm - Over 60's Club
Fri 2nd	10.00am	Of the 1st week of Advent	Martin Glover + (F & L Collaco)	7.00-9.00pm Youth Group
Sat 3rd	6.30pm	Vigil Mass	All parishioners	8.50am - First Holy Communion
Sun 4th Second Sunday	10.00am	Sunday Mass 	Gianni Amodio + (Teresa)	

The St John Bosco Advent & Christmas timetable is available now and has details of all the Advent Penitential Services.