

3rd Sunday
in Advent
11.12.11
Issue: 999



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DIOCESAN TRUST Registered
Charity Number 246871

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

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Envelopes: £ 346.01

Loose: £ 313.20

Total : £ 659.21

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

**"My soul rejoices
in my God."**

Confession

Sat 5.30-6.00pm

Next Retiring Collection:

For: Christmas Flowers

On: 11th 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

Priest: Fr Chris Whelan

St John Bosco

Building a strong worshipping community

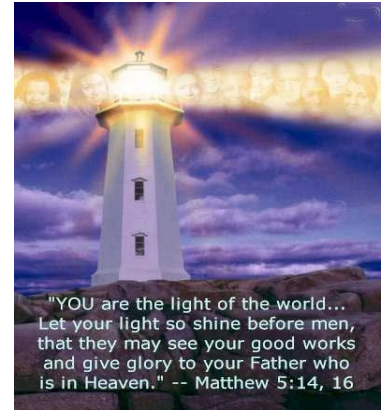


Thought for the week

The Jewish leaders questioned John the Baptist asking who he was, suggesting that he was the Messiah, Elijah, or a prophet. John made it clear that he was simply announcing the one to come who would be much greater than himself. So often our identity is tied to another person. We are Jim's mum, Tom's wife or Mary's daughter. John made it clear he was not the Messiah, a prophet, or Elijah returned. What John is, is the

same thing we are, and that is a herald—the person who brings the Good News about Jesus Christ into the lives of others. Just like John claimed that he was a witness to testify to the light, make plans to bring the Light of Christ into the world. Light candles at your evening meal. When you have finished eating, turn out all the lights so that you see only by the light of the candles. Think of one action that we will do this week to

announce Jesus among us.



"YOU are the light of the world...
Let your light so shine before men,
that they may see your good works
and give glory to your Father who
is in Heaven." -- Matthew 5:14, 16

PENITENTIAL SERVICES

A reminder of all the Advent
Penitential Services at the
Reading Churches:

Wed 14th Dec

Christ the King 7.30pm

Thur 15th Dec

St John Bosco, 7.00pm &

St Annes, 7.30pm

Fri 16th Dec

Our Lady of Peace 7.00pm

Sat 17th Dec

English Martyrs 11.00am

Mon 19th Dec

St James 7.30pm



MULLED WINE & MINCE PIES

There will be mulled wine and
mince pies after both
weekend Masses this
Saturday 10th and
Sunday 11th December.
Please come along for
some
festive
cheer !



Altar Servers

In an addition to our Advent
& Christmas timetable, there
will be a special Mass on
Monday 26th December,
which is the feast of
St Stephen, at 10am.
At this Mass all our Altar
Servers will be renewing their
promises, and where
appropriate new cords and
medals will be presented.
Please can ALL of our Altar
Servers, make sure that

where possible they attend
this Special Mass.



CRISIS AT CHRISTMAS

The St John Bosco Christmas Card
will be supporting our local **Crisis at
Christmas**. Please sign 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



NEXT MEETING DATES:

Baptism Preparation
Sat 7th Jan 10.30am

Finance & Admin Committee
Wed 25th Jan at 6.30pm

Over 60's Club
Thu 15th Dec 2pm

PPC
Wed 14th Dec 8pm

Prayer Group (SJB)
Mon 12th Dec 8pm

RCIA
Thu 22nd Dec 7.30pm

SJB Bookworms
TBA

Traidcraft Stall
Sun 18th Dec

Youth Group
Fri 13th Jan 7-9pm

JAC (Just Around the Corner): Thank you for your donations last weekend to JAC, which totalled **£ 354.01**

St Joseph's College
Entrance examination for Year 7 is on Wed 4.1.12 ~ call 0118 969 1000 for further details.

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.

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>YELDHALL MANOR</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>ROMANIA GROUP</p> <p>Thank you to everyone who supported our Romania Group at last weekend's Winter Extravaganza. This weekend after both Masses they will be selling Christmas Cakes, Christmas Chutneys and other festive goodies. This is your last opportunity to buy any of their lovely Christmas food, so please do support them.</p> 	<p>GIFT AID</p> <p>Please can parishioners with Gift Aid numbers 1, 7, 58 and 73 collect their box with envelopes for 2012 from the church porch as soon as possible.</p>
<p>CAROL SERVICE</p>	<p>VOLUNTEERS NEEDED</p>	<p>VOLUNTEERS NEEDED</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 ASAP</p>
<p>You are all invited to attend Cabrini Children's Society Carol Service on 14th December 2011 in the presence of Bishop John Hine. The event starts at 6.00pm at St George's Cathedral, Westminster Bridge Road, Southwark. For more information contact Ann on 020 8668 2181, email ann.hoggan@cabrini.org.uk We look forward to seeing you there.</p>	<p>It is that time of year again when we are asking for volunteers to help deliver the Woodley Churches Together Christmas Card, which gives details of all the Christmas Services in Woodley. Please see the box in the porch, which has the cards pre-sorted into roads, please take a pack and deliver as soon as possible ~ thank you.</p>	<p>GIFT TREE</p> <p>Please remember to return your gifts for the Cabrini Children's Society by the 14.12.11 ~ thank you</p> 

WEEK: 10TH - 18TH DECEMBER 2011

Date	Time	Dedication	Intention	Diary
Sat 10th	6.30pm	Vigil Mass	Marian Wojtaszek + (June)	Mulled wine and mince
Sun 11th Third Sunday of Advent	10.00am	Sunday Mass	Thanksgiving (Cora West)	pies after both weekend Masses
Mon 12th	10.00am	Service of Word & Communion		6.30pm - Scouts Carol Service and Social afterwards 8.00pm - Prayer Group in the Lady Chapel
Tue 13th	10.00am	St Lucy	All Dearly Departed (Teresa Amondio)	7.30pm - Advent Reflections
Wed 14th	10.00am	St John of the Cross	Kieran Wilder + (Trulli family)	6.30pm - School Carol Service 8.00pm - PPC Social
Thu 15th	7.00pm	Advent Penitential Service	There is Mass at Our Lady of Peace Church at 10am Thursdays	2.00pm - Over 60's Club
Fri 16th	10.00am	Whole School Mass	Teacher & pupils at St Dominic Savio	
Sat 17th	6.30pm	Vigil Mass	Manuelina Fernandes + (F & L Collaco)	
Sun 18th Fourth Sunday of Advent	10.00am 11.30am	Sunday Mass Baptism: Conor Malone	Jean & Dennis Harman + (Harman family)	

