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Confessions: Saturday, 11:00 -11.30am Sunday Mass Times: 8.45 am, 10.15 am, 6.30pm

Lent Fundraising 2018

NEXT SUNDAY THE BIG BREAKFAST AND PRODUCE SALE AFTER BOTH THE 8.45 AND 10.15 Masses. This is an opportunity to enjoy a bacon or sausage roll, tea, or juice with your fellow parishioners in the Parish Centre. Could you bake a CAKE that is typical of your country or is a family favourite to sell at the Produce Sale? Cakes, biscuits, jams, chutneys and similar types of food would also be welcome. Items can be dropped off at the Parish Centre from 8.30 on Sunday 25th February.

STEP INTO SPRING WITH OUR POSH FISH FINGER & FIZZ LENT SUPPER organised by the RCIA. Come and join us after mass on Fri 23rd March at 7.30pm for a fish finger supper to raise funds for our Lenten projects. It is a lovely opportunity to get together after Winter and enjoy a supper in the good company of our Community at Our Lady & St. Edmund, Abingdon. The price is £6 per adult or 2 for £10 and the child price is £3. This includes some posh fish fingers, fresh bread, pea puree and a glass of fizz or wine or juice, whichever you fancy! Please spread the word and tickets will be available after 10.15 mass on Sundays. Or contact Jess Loz (parish office) to reserve your tickets. RCIA look forward to welcoming you on the evening!

Parish Life

NEXT SUNDAY there will be a second collection for CAFOD.

St Edmunds School prayer group would like to invite the parish to join them for prayers, scripture readings and reflections on Fridays (term time) at 8.50 at the school.

Donie will be holding a **Reading of reflections** on Wed 7th March for the Lenten Project; 12-2pm in the Parish Centre. There will be tea coffee and biscuits (for those of us who haven't given up biscuits for Lent). If anyone needs a lift; please contact Donie (parish office).

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Sunday 18 February

8.45am	Mass	Mike & Angela Moreton-Smith RIP
10.15am	Mass	Mary Ryan RIP
4.30pm	Polish Mass	
6.30pm	Mass	Mike Moriarty RIP

Monday 19 February

8.30am	Rosary	
9am	Mass	Pat Chapman RIP

Tuesday 20 February

NO Mass see www.thamesis.org.uk for other masses

Wednesday 21 February

9am	Mass	
6.30pm	Rosary	
7pm	Mass	In Thanksgiving

Thursday 22 February THE CHAIR OF ST PETER

NO Mass see www.thamesis.org.uk for other masses

Friday 23 February LENTEN FAST DAY

11am	Funeral Mass Sharon Brady RIP
6pm	Stations of the Cross
6.30pm	Rosary
7pm	Mass Gayle Belcher RIP

Saturday 24 February

8.50-10.15am	FHC (Session 4)
11am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
11-11.30am	Confessions
12 noon	Mass

The **Requiem Mass** for Sr Ita (from Convent of Mercy) will be here at Our Lady & St Edmund) on Thursday 8th March at 2.30pm. All welcome.

Called and Gifted is coming to our parish again! This process has been running for over 3 years around the diocese. It is about helping parishioners discover their calling, beyond that

of being for example a parent, spouse or what you do at work. Your call is about using the particular gifts or charisms given to you when you were baptised. These charisms are the most fruitful way that we can love and serve others in our daily life. You can read much more on the diocese website www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/calledandgifted or contact Clare Simpson (parish office) to talk further or book a place. Clare can also connect you with parishioners who have already done it and got a great deal out of it! It starts on Saturday 10th March 9am - 4pm at Christ Church Barn.

JUSTICE & PEACE. There will be a Diocesan Day Christian Choices in Our Common Home, chaired by Bishop Philip on Sat 3rd March (10am to 3pm) in Basingstoke. Details on the poster at the back of church or from Anne Dodd 525997. We will share car transport to Basingstoke leaving at 9am. if you are interested, please ring Anne. The latest Diocesan J&P newsletter on the board at the back of church which, amongst other items, has information about the Day on 3rd March.

Faith Development

CiA Lent Lectures 2018: Let's Wait and See
 Speaker: Revd Dr. Paul W. Goodliff Minister, Abingdon Baptist Church, Visiting Lecturer, University of Roehampton. 'Waiting' is a practice in the spiritual life most associated with Advent, but it is equally true for Lent. One way of looking at the 40 days of fasting in the wilderness that Jesus experienced after his baptism is an extended time of waiting on God. Over four lectures, we will explore this theme of waiting using the visual arts and poetry. We will 'wait and see'. In each lecture, we shall explore a particular stream of the great Western spiritual tradition, consider briefly a practice that enables waiting, and reflect upon the theme of the lecture through some paintings.

Lecture 1: Waiting with Mary. Seeing the Annunciation, 19 February

Lecture 2: Waiting with St Francis. Seeing the Baptism of Christ, 26 February

Lecture 3: Waiting for the God of Surprises. Seeing the Damascus Road, 19 March

Lecture 4: Waiting in the Silence. Seeing the Passion of Christ, 26 March

All to be held at Abingdon Baptist Church at 7.30 pm. Any queries, contact Debra Mcknight, CiA Administrator, (parish office).

CAFOD's Family Fast Day, Fri 23rd Feb Can you give up a meal or eat simple meal and then put what you saved in the CAFOD family fast day envelope. This Lent your donation will make the double the difference. For every pound you donate the UK Government will also donate a pound up to total of £5 million meaning twice the number of lives can be transformed. So please give generously and help us raise £5 million.

Parish Events for the Week

TODAY 'Big Breakfast' after 8.45 and 10.15am Mass
 Alpha Course 6pm

Monday Anchor Course FHC Parents 7.30-9pm

Tuesday RCIA session (17) 7.30pm

Wednesday Cake & Conversation 9.30-11am

Thursday Scripture Group 10am
 Lent Course Arts & Faith 7.30pm

Friday Baby & Toddler Group 9.30-11.15am

N.B. All take place in the Parish Centre unless specified

Future Diary Dates

8th March Confirmation Parents Evening 7.30pm, Parish Centre

10th March Called and Gifted Teaching day 9am - 4pm. Christchurch Barn.

10th March Altar Servers practice 10am-11am

14th March Parish Lunch, 12.30pm, Parish Centre

Youth Events

Further info please contact Melanie Parris- Dollar
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'Essential Training for Catechists'. This training consists of five evening sessions from 7:30 - 9pm beginning Friday 23rd February and ending 23rd March. These sessions, all on Friday evenings will be given by Sister Hyacinthe from the Formation for Mission Team. You can find more details on the e-news 169. To register please contact Jacky Mattam (parish office).

Called and Gifted Prayer

*Loving Father, pour out your Spirit on us and on our Called and Gifted process.
 Guide us to know how you are calling us personally to be channels of your love and provision to others.
 Create in us hearts that are open and expectant to receive all that you want to give us.
 Grant us a new vision of your glory, a new experience of your power, a new willingness to respond to your call, and a new consecration to your service, that those we meet may encounter our risen Lord Jesus, in whose name we humbly make this prayer. Amen.*

Money Matters: 11th February 2018
 Envelopes £ 319.80 Loose Plate £ 639.74 Many thanks

Counters: M. Knott, M. & M. Martin
Cleaners: F. & C. Calnan