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

Parish Life

Father Lionel (Leo) Targett (1917 - 2017) R.I.P.

Funeral at Blessed Hugh Faringdon church, Faringdon, Oxon SN7 7JE. Reception of the coffin at 4.30pm **TODAY**, with Holy Mass at 6pm. Requiem Mass **TOMORROW** Monday 11th September at noon, followed by committal in the nearby cemetery. The Mass will be followed by refreshments at the Sudbury House Hotel, 56 London Road, Faringdon SN7 7AA. Please park at the hotel, which is a 5 minute walk from the church, as there is insufficient parking at the church.

Choir from September, the choir meet in church to rehearse from 8.15 pm to approx. 9.15 pm on the Tuesdays preceding the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month. We would welcome singers in all parts, with some ability to follow music. No audition required but being able to sing in tune essential! Also we do ask for some commitment to rehearse with us regularly. We sing hymns in 4 part harmony where appropriate, and prepare motets from time to time. Please contact Sheila Hales (parish office) or introduce yourself after a Sunday choir Mass.

TODAY there will be a second collection for the Catholic Education Service.

NEXT SUNDAY there will be a second collection for Home Missions.

Father Thomas and the Trustees of Light for the Blind would like to thank parishioners for their very generous donations to Light for the Blind during Fr Thomas' visit to Abingdon in July and at the Live Simply garden produce sale at the end of last month. All money raised goes straight out to India towards his work with the dying and destitute and his newest hospice at Pondicherry will be officially opened in December.

Bidding Prayers. Our Sunday Mass bidding prayers are prepared by a rota of parishioners. There is always room

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 10 September

8.45am	Mass	James McKeown RIP
10.15am	Mass	Reg Sargent RIP
6.30pm	Mass	

Monday 11 September

8.30am	Rosary	
9am	Mass	Jean Whitton Family Intentions

Tuesday 12 September The Most Holy Name of Mary

8.30am	Rosary	
9am	Mass	Jean Whitton Family Intentions

Wednesday 13 September St John Chrysostom

6.30pm	Rosary	
7pm	Mass	Jean Whitton Intentions

Thursday 14 September THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

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

Friday 15 September Our Lady of Sorrows

6.30pm	Rosary	
7pm	Mass	Gayle Belcher RIP

Saturday 16 September

11am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
11-11.30am	Confessions	
12 noon	Mass	Thomas Connor Intentions

for more. If you would like to join this rota to prepare our bidding prayers, please contact the parish office

LIVE SIMPLY Have you started the parish Plastic Challenge yet? Choose a week in September which is most convenient for you to reduce use of single-use plastics. There is information on the board at the back of church, and here are some

websites to help: www.mcsuk.org/plasticchallenge/ (Go to 'Meet the Plastic Challengers'); www.practicalaction.org/plastics-challenge and www.countryfile.com/article/get-active/plastic-challenge-saving-our-seas

IS ENGLISH YOUR 2nd (or 3rd) LANGUAGE?

If so, you might like to know more about Cake & Conversation which meets every Wednesday in term-time in the Parish Centre from 9.30-11am. It is a welcoming informal group where you can practice your English in friendly surroundings and find out more about Abingdon. Open to everyone whose first language isn't English. Just come along on a Wednesday morning or ring Anne (525997) or Angela (532296) if you would like to know more.

JUSTICE, PEACE & SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY. There is a copy of the September Diocesan Bulletin on the Board at the back of church. It can also be downloaded from the Diocesan e-newsletter. In the September issue there is lots of information and resources for Creation Time - a period of the year (Sept 1st to Oct 4th, the feast of St Francis) when Pope Francis asks us all to focus particularly on the wonders of all God has created, our impact on it and responsibility to care for it.

The autumn issue of Christian Focus is now available at the back of the church. In it there is an excellent article on St. Edmund's Primary School, written by the Headteacher.

Becoming Catholic. The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a formation process for adults who desire to learn about the Catholic faith and who are considering joining the Catholic church. It is also sometimes known as Journey in Faith group. Our sessions begin again on Tuesday 19th September, 7.30pm in the Parish Centre. Please speak to Fr Jamie if you would like to come along.

Faith Development

What do you know about Abingdon Street Pastors? Would you like to know more? They are offering Taster Nights on September 16, 23 and October 21 and 28 where you can join them on their Saturday night shifts in town. Please consider joining them in their Christian outreach work. Contact Dorothy (07982 699572 or e-mail abingdon@streetpastors.org.uk)

Fund raising event in aid of Abingdon Passion Play 2019 Christ Church Northcourt Road, Saturday Oct 7th 5pm - 10pm . Hog Roast and music night, with fun and games. £10 in advance or £12 on the door (under 16s free). Tickets (£10) are available in advance from Anne Green (parish office), at the Bookstore in the Abingdon precinct or online at www.abingdonpassionplay.org.uk/news-and-events/ (via Ticket Tailor)

Parish Events for the Week

TODAY Refreshments after 10.15am Mass

Wednesday Cake & Conversation 9.30-11am
 Parish Lunch 12.30pm
 Charismatic Prayer Meeting 7.45pm, Church

Friday Baby & Toddler Group 9.30-11.15am
 SVP Meeting 7.30pm

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

Future Diary Dates

14th October Diocesan Day for Catechists 10am-4pm, Portsmouth Cathedral
14th October Celtic & Northern Saints, 10.00pm - 3.00pm Parish Centre. More information to follow
5th November Parish AGM 7.30pm, Parish Centre

Youth Events

October 2018 the General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops will cover the theme of "**Young People, the Faith and Vocational Discernment**". go to <http://www.catholicnews.org.uk/synod-youth-poll> to complete the survey
Further info please contact Melanie Parris- Dollar tipayouth@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

We pray for:

- The Repose of the soul of Reginald Sargeant RIP. Funeral 20th September at 11.30am. Reception of the body 6pm on 19th September.

School News

OLA Open Mornings. Senior School Open Morning, Saturday September 23rd, 10.00am - 12.30pm. Junior School Open Morning, Saturday September 30th, 10.00am - 12.30pm. Come along and enjoy a tour of the school, meet the teachers and talk to OLA's Principal, Mr Stephen Oliver and our Junior School Head, Ms Erika Kirwan.

Antiphons for Year I Week XXIII Ordinary Time

EA: You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right;
 treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.
 CA: Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for you, my God;
 my soul is thirsting for God, the living God,

Money Matters: 3rd September 2017
 Envelopes £441.47 Loose Plate £689.58 Many thanks

Counters: D. & B. Stacey, M. Knott
Cleaners: P. Shephard, M. Kelly