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

Lent Fundraising 2018

TODAY IS THE BIG BREAKFAST AFTER THE 8.45 AND 10.15 MASSES IN THE PARISH CENTRE. Do come along and enjoy a bacon or sausage roll tea coffee or juice and please purchase some of the delicious homemade cakes jams and chutneys for sale on the Produce Stall.

SOUP LUNCH –Thurs 15th March at 1pm. Christine Whyte is hosting a Simple Soup Lunch (with bread and cheese, including gluten free bread) at The Glen, Radley Rd, OX14 3PP. Contact Christine (parish office).

Maria Pia and Mike Oliver invite you to their home for tea and delicious cakes Sat 17th March at 2-3.30pm and 4-5.30pm – RSVP (parish office).

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 (parish office) to reserve your tickets. RCIA look forward to welcoming you on the evening!

GOLF DAY Drayton Park GC on Mon 16th April. We welcome all our golfers for this very popular days' golf. All proceeds from this event are for our Lenten Projects and we would like to thank Mary McKenna and Diane for kindly allowing us to use the course free of charge. There will be Tea/Coffee and Bacon Rolls available in the clubhouse from 08.45 with the first t time at 09.30. There will be a warm up basket of balls on the range available

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Sunday 25 February

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| 8.45am | Mass | Frank Ley RIP |
| 10.15am | Mass | Bridget Huxley Intentions |
| 6.30pm | Mass | Nellie Kinsella RIP |

Monday 26 February

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| 8.30am | Rosary | |
| 9am | Mass | Sharon Brady RIP |

Tuesday 27 February

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| 8.30am | Rosary | |
| 9am | Mass | Teresa O'Brien RIP |

Wednesday 28 February

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| 6.30pm | Rosary | |
| 7pm | Mass | Stephen Harrold RIP |

Thursday 1 March

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| 9am | Rosary | |
| 9.30am | Mass | Sandra Kolb, Sandra Oliver & Isabel Kolb In Thanksgiving |

Friday 2 March

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| 6pm | Stations of the Cross | |
| 6.30pm | Rosary | |
| 7pm | Mass | Pam & Paul Pennington Intentions |

Saturday 3 March

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| 8.50-10.15am | FHC (Session 5) | |
| 10.15am | Mothers Prayers | |
| 11am | Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament | |
| 11-11.30am | Confessions | |
| 12 noon | Fijian Mass | |
| 5pm | Youth Mass | |

from 08.30 The competition will be a 4 ball stableford with best two to score on each hole. There will be prizes for the winning team plus for nearest the pin and longest drive. There will

be an entrance fee of £25 per golfer, £10 for students/juniors.

Please register quoting your handicap with Terry Murphy (parish office). Many thanks in advance for your kind support

Parish Life

TODAY please return your CAFOD envelopes. Thank-you.

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.

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, followed by refreshments in Parish Centre. All welcome.

Called and Gifted is coming to our parish again! 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 Sat 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.

Coming soon on Sunday 18th March a **Book and Toy Sale** after both the 8.45 and 10.15 Masses. Donations of books, DVD's, CD's and toys can be left in the box at the back of the church or bring them along to the Parish Centre on Saturday 17th March from 10.30 to 12. Any queries contact Debbie Brooks (parish office).

CHRISM MASS PORTSMOUTH CATHEDRAL, Tues 27th March 2018. Bus picking up from St Edmund's at 7.45am & English Martyrs, Didcot at 8.15am (Return at 3pm). Mass at 11am. Cost: £12 a ticket. Please contact English Martyrs Parish Office on 01235 812338. Payment on booking please Last date to book: 19th March E-mail: didcot@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Faith Development

CIA Lent Lectures 2018: Let's Wait and See

Lecture 2: Waiting with St Francis. Seeing the Baptism of Christ, 26th February **Lecture 3:** Waiting for the God of Surprises. Seeing the Damascus Road, 19th March **Lecture 4:** Waiting in the Silence. Seeing the Passion of Christ, 26th March. All to be held at Abingdon Baptist Church at 7.30 pm. Any queries, contact Debra Mcknight, CIA Administrator (parish office).

Parish Events for the Week

TODAY 'Big Breakfast' after 8.45 and 10.15am Mass
 Confirmation Class 3.30-5pm
 Alpha Course 6pm

Monday Anchor Course FHC Parents 7.30-9pm

Tuesday RCIA session (18) 7.30pm

Wednesday Cake & Conversation 9.30-11am
 Charismatic Prayer Meeting 7.45-9pm, Church

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

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

7th March Readings & Reflections 12-2pm, Parish Centre, ask Donie for more info.

8th March Confirmation Parents Evening 7.30pm, Parish Centre

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

14th March Parish Lunch, 12.30pm, Parish Centre

27th March Chrism Mass, Portsmouth 11am.

Youth Events

Further info please contact Melanie Parris-Dollar tipayouth@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Women's World Day of Prayer (now called World Day of Prayer, encouraging men to attend also!): to be held on Friday 2 March at 1.30pm and 7.30 pm. at Peachcroft Christian Centre. The event has been organised by the women of Suriname. It will last for an hour and will be followed by refreshments.

'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).

Money Matters: 18th February 2018
 Envelopes £ 325.56 Loose Plate £ 578.83 Many thanks

Counters: E. Midwinter, J. Ryan
Cleaners: M. Mulqueen, F. Daly