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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 Book and Toy Sale after both the 8.45 and 10.15 Masses. Bacon rolls and refreshments at the sale after 8.45 and 10.15 masses in the parish centre. Proceeds to the Lenten projects.

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. There will be Tea/Coffee and Bacon Rolls available in the clubhouse from 8.45am with the first tee time at 9.30am. There will be a warm up basket of balls on the range available 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 contact Terry Murphy (parish office). Mobile 07584 248169/Ab. 527597.

PALM SUNDAY NEXT SUNDAY. The second collection will be for our two Lenten charities.

Parish Life

GIFT AID boxes are available for collection at the back of the Church and have your name on them. These boxes cover the period to the end of March 2019. It is necessary that you are currently a UK taxpayer when giving gift aid

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT		
Sunday 18 March		
8.45am	Mass	Edward James Ryan RIP
10.15am	Mass	Jane Naughton 90 th Birthday In Thanksgiving
4.30pm	Polish Mass	
6.30pm	Mass	The Craig Family In Thanksgiving
Monday 19 March ST JOSEPH		
8.30am	Rosary	
9am	Mass	Keith Parry RIP
Tuesday 20 March		
8.30am	Rosary	
9am	Mass	Andy Pretoria Intentions
Wednesday 21 March		
6.30pm	Rosary	
7pm	Mass	Special Intention
Thursday 22 March		
9am	Rosary	
9.30am	Mass	Mary Walsh Intentions
Friday 23 March		
6pm	Stations of the Cross	
6.30pm	Rosary	
7pm	Mass	Anthony Tuffy RIP
Saturday 24 March		
10.30am	FHC First Reconciliation	
11am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
11-11.30am	Confessions	
12 noon	Mass	Sylvia Oliver RIP

donations. If your tax status changes and you cease to be a UK taxpayer, please let the parish office know, as you will no longer be able to make gift aid donations. Should you no longer wish to use the "blue box" system, again please let the parish office know.

Parish Office will be closed on Monday 19th March.

N.B. There will be no **Penitential Service** on 20th March due to Clergy availability.

CAKE & CONVERSATION. The last session will be next Wed 21st March (9.30 - 11am). We will start again on 11th April. For those new to the parish, Cake and Conversation is a friendly, informal weekly gathering in the Parish Centre open to anyone whose first language isn't English. Further information from Anne (525997) or Angela (532296) or just come along on a Wednesday morning.

CHRISM MASS PORTSMOUTH CATHEDRAL, Tues 27th March. For more info, 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

Shoe Cleaning on Maundy Thursday. We will again be doing this in the market square, with the Community Church, between 10am and 1pm on Thursday 29th March. Would you like to join the rota either to serve refreshments or clean shoes? This is a wonderful way of loving and serving those in the town that morning, and being a witness to Jesus and his Passion. Or, why don't you come and support us by letting us clean your shoes. Please ring Clare 847804 if you can help.

Faith Development

Community Garden, Drayton. Donations of tools wanted please. For more info please ring Linda Gelens on 01235 847620 or contact via parish office. Many thanks.

Youth 2000 Retreat. Youth 2000 will be returning to the Diocese for a weekend retreat from 27 - 29 April at St Jude's School, Fareham. These retreats offer an incredible opportunity for our young people (ages 16 - 35) to encounter with the Lord in both the Eucharist and in Confession, and are led entirely by young people. Places cost £65, although participants are encouraged to contribute according to their means. Put the dates in your diary, and booking will be available on Eventbrite very soon! Please contact Tom Sellars on 01329 318869 or email youth@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk.

Diocesan Conference Please see posters for the forthcoming Diocesan Event preparing for the National Eucharistic Congress, Adoremus. This will take place at the New Theatre Royal in Portsmouth and finishes at the Cathedral with Mass on Sat 5th May. Entrance will be by ticket only, due to limited seating in the theatre. Direct booking and enquiries to Sue Field: congress@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or 07780 221686.

Parish Events for the Week

TODAY Bring & Buy Sale & Refreshments after morning Masses
 Alpha Course 6pm

Tuesday RCIA session (21) 7.30pm

Wednesday Cake & Conversation 9.30-11am

Thursday Scripture Group 10am
 Arts & Faith 7.30pm

Friday Baby & Toddler Group 9.30-11.15am
 Fish Finger & Fizz Lent Supper 7.30pm

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

Future Diary Dates

27th March Chrism Mass, Portsmouth 11am.
11th April Parish Lunch 12.30pm

Youth Events

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

Youth Ministers' Retreat. All adults involved in working with and forming young people in the Diocese (teachers, chaplains, youth workers, confirmation catechists, all voluntary and paid) are invited to come on retreat at Cold Ash Centre. £150. Please get in touch for funding support. 11 - 13 May. Please contact Tom Sellars on 01329 318869 or email youth@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk.

School News

The winning numbers in the March draw of the **Governors' 100+ Club** were:
 1st Prize (£30) – Number 23 John Matthews
 2nd Prize (£20) – Number 59 Tara Buck
 3rd Prize (£10) – Number 16 Peter Delany

We pray for:

- The repose of the soul of Anne Lenihan, a Sister of Mercy in Abingdon for over 40 years, who died in Ireland on March 14th. Her funeral took place in Ireland on St. Patrick's Day. May she rest in peace.

Money Matters: 11th March 2018
 Envelopes £370.50 Loose Plate £738.09 Many thanks

Counters: R. & P. Taylor, M. Webster
Cleaners: K. Gibbons, S. Pritchett