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

Parish Life

TODAY - Prayer Ministry. We invite you to come up after the 10:15am Mass for prayer with members of St Edmund's Prayer Ministry team. Give your hurts and burdens to Jesus, He cares for you.

Parish Office will be closed on Friday 9th February.

ALTAR SERVERS there will be a practice for all Altar Servers on Sat 10th February at 10am. If you are unable to attend please speak to Fr. Rob.

Ash Wednesday is On 14th of this month. There will be usual parish Masses at 9am and 7pm with Ashes. Following the 7pm please join this years launch of Lenten projects in our parish centre with a simple supper.

Lent Course beginning 15th Feb and every Thursday during Lent 7.30pm in Parish Centre. Led by Fr. Rob & Fr. Jamie based on the gospels during Lent. All welcome.

Lent Fundraising 2018

This year the PPC are looking for Fundraising suggestions for our two charities.
 It may be a sponsored walk or event
 A coffee morning or a soup lunch
 A cookery demonstration
 A Bring and Buy Sale
 Ideas and suggestions please contact Hilary Webb or Debbie Brooks (parish office).

Faith Development

Church in Abingdon AGM: to be held on Thursday 8th February at 7.45pm at the Salvation Army base in West St Helens Street. Open to all.

Church in Abingdon Lent Lectures 2018. Revd Dr Paul Goodliff will be leading a series of lectures on spirituality and art entitled 'Let's Wait and See'. There will be a series of four lectures on the following Monday evenings: 19 and

FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 4 February

8.45am	Mass	Michael Flynn RIP
10.15am	Mass	Deceased members of Sama & Fominyom Families RIP
4.30pm	Polish Mass	
6.30pm	Mass	

Monday 5 February St Agatha

8.30am	Rosary	
9am	Mass	Sally O'Hara RIP

Tuesday 6 February St Paul Miki & Companions

8.30am	Rosary	
9am	Mass	Catherine Martin RIP

Wednesday 7 February

6.30pm	Rosary	
7pm	Mass	Private Intention

Thursday 8 February

9am	Rosary	
9.30am	Mass	Bridget Huxley Intentions

Friday 9 February

6.30pm	Rosary	
7pm	Mass	Mary Kelly Intentions

Saturday 10 February St Scholastica

11am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
11-11.30am	Confessions	
12 noon	Mass	Private Intention

26 Feb, 19 and 26 March, at Abingdon Baptist Church. Each week there will be a lecture and contemplative prayer.

St Valentine's Dinner and Dance with a string quartet playing throughout the dinner 7:30 - 11:00 pm Saturday, 17th Feb 2018 at Trinity Church, Conduit Rd, Abingdon.

A unique event in aid of the Abingdon Passion Play 2019. For further information see www.abingdonpassionplay.org.uk Tickets available online, at The Bookstore (Precinct), or from Anne Green (parish office).

The Beatitudes: A short course This will be taking place at St Michael's Church on Saturday mornings, 10 and 24 February, and 10 March 2018 from 11 am to 12.30 pm. Speakers: John Barton, Emma Percy, Paul Sheppy and Phillip Tovey. Each session will conclude with a short form of Middy Prayer, led by Fr Paul.

CAFOD's Family fast day this Lent is an opportunity to support our brothers and sisters who don't have enough to eat. On Friday 23rd February family fast day 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.

Experience Easter 2018 takes place at the start of Holy Week and adult groups are invited to journey with us in this series of reflective workshops. The evenings of Friday 23rd, Monday 26th and Tuesday 27th March and daytime on Saturday 24th are available for booking by organised groups of adults or young people. More details of the event can be found at: www.trinitylearningabingdon.wordpress.com/experience-easter Please contact Rosemary Perrow, trinitylearning@gmail.com or call 520282 if you would like to join us.

Jesus and the Kingdom - A weekend of reflection. 17th - 18th of February 2018 Led by David McLoughlin (from John Newman University, Birmingham). Venue: Park Place Pastoral Centre, Wickham. Further information: <https://goo.gl/2xHwtm>

Bishop Philip invites you to sign up for his FREE weekly e-Newsletter to keep in touch with the latest news and forthcoming events around the diocese. Visit www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/enews to sign up.

Vacancy

Abingdon Street Pastors have a vacancy for an Administrator (average 7 hours per week). The role provides overall administrative support for the Street Pastor initiative in Abingdon. For further information about the vacancy please visit <https://streetpastors.org/locations/abingdon/> or email Ed Evans at ede@occ.org.uk. Applications: Please send your CV and application letter to Dr Ed Evans by email ede@occ.org.uk or by post c/o Dr Ed Evans, Abingdon Street Pastors, 35 Ock Street, Abingdon, OX14. Closing date Wednesday 28th February 2018.

Parish Events for the Week

TODAY Refreshments after 10.15am Mass
Alpha Course 6pm

Monday Anchor Course FHC Parents 7.30-9pm

Tuesday RCIA session (16) 7.30pm

Wednesday Cake & Conversation 9.30-11am
Parish Lunch 12.30pm, Parish Centre

Thursday Scripture Group 10am

Friday Baby & Toddler Group 9.30-11.15am

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

Future Diary Dates

14th Feb Ash Wednesday Soup Supper 7.30pm, Parish Centre
10th March Called and Gifted Teaching day 9am - 4pm. Christchurch Barn.
10th March Altar Servers practice 10am-11am

Youth Events

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

Antiphons for Year II Week V Ordinary Time

EA: O come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for he is the Lord our God.
 CA: Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be consoled.
 Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall have their fill.

Money Matters: 28th January 2018
 Envelopes E377.00 Loose Plate E719.47 Many thanks

Counters: J. Dowling, P. & M. Mulqueen
Cleaners: J. Alder, J. Hyland