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

Parish Life

Ash Wednesday 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.

LOST gold signet ring at Mass on Sunday. Please contact Sylvia Nelson (parish office). Many thanks.

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).

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.

| SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME | | |
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| Sunday 11 February | | |
| 8.45am | Mass | Rose & Derek Andrews RIP |
| 10.15am | Mass | Finbar Hurley RIP |
| 6.30pm | Mass | Gayle Belcher RIP |
| Monday 12 February | | |
| 8.30am | Rosary | |
| 9am | Mass | |
| Tuesday 13 February | | |
| 8.30am | Rosary | |
| 9am | Mass | |
| Wednesday 14 February ASH WEDNESDAY | | |
| 9am | Mass | Nicki Jaques RIP (4 th Anniversary) |
| 6.30pm | Rosary | |
| 7pm | Mass | Sharon Brady RIP |
| Thursday 15 February | | |
| 9am | Rosary | |
| 9.30am | Mass | Brian Moylan RIP (1 st Anniversary) |
| Friday 16 February | | |
| 6.30pm | Rosary | |
| 7pm | Mass | |
| Saturday 17 February | | |
| 11am | Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament | |
| 11-11.30am | Confessions | |
| 12 noon | Mass | |

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 be sharing our Parish's experience of the Live Simply Award as part of the Day and there will

be 2 excellent speakers, Catholic journalist Ellen Teague and one from the Fairtrade Foundation. We will share car transport to Basingstoke leaving about 9am. If you are interested, please ring Anne. There is a copy of 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

Church in Abingdon Lent Lectures 2018 There will be a series of four lectures on Monday evenings: 19 and 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 7.30-11pm 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).

CAFOD's Family fast day this Lent is an opportunity to support our brothers and sisters who don't have enough to eat. On Fri 23rd Feb 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 Fri 23rd, Mon 26th & Tues 27th March and daytime on Sat 24th are available for booking by organised groups of adults or young people. More details at: www.trinitylearningabingdon.wordpress.com/experience-easter Please contact Rosemary Perrow, trinitylearning@gmail.com or call 520282 if you would like to join us.

School News

Lest we Forget - Fri 9th March. 'Lest We Forget' is a digital archiving project run in conjunction with Oxford University. To commemorate the centenary of the end of the First World War, we will be inviting members of the public into OLA to bring wartime artefacts and heirlooms, and share their stories about them. A team of Year 9 and Lower Sixth students will be on hand to carry out interviews, photograph the objects brought along and upload these to an internet archive the University is creating. If you think you have a relative's letters from the front line, medals, helmet or souvenirs from the First World War, please do bring them along. Please invite your friends and family to bring their artefacts to the school from 1pm until 4pm. Refreshments will be available.

Parish Events for the Week

TODAY Refreshments after 10.15am Mass
Alpha Course 6pm

Wednesday Cake & Conversation 9.30-11am
Ash Wednesday Soup Supper 7.30pm,
Charismatic Prayer Meeting 7.45-9pm, Church

Thursday Scripture Group 10am
Lent Course 7.30pm

Friday SVP meeting 7.30pm

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

Future Diary Dates

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 tipayouth@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

The winning numbers in the February draw of the Governors' 100+ Club were:

1st Prize (£30) – Number 53 – Sarah Demarchi
 2nd Prize (£20) – Number 28 – Guy Rogers
 3rd Prize (£10) – Number 74 – Fr Jamie McGrath

Cheques will be sent out as soon as possible to the winners. The next draw will be on Fri 2nd March, and if you would like to join the 100+ Club, numbers are still available and cost £13.75 for the remaining 11 draws.

We pray for:

- The repose of the soul of Sharon Brady RIP. Funeral 23rd February at 11am.

Antiphons for Year II Week VI Ordinary Time

EA: Be my protector, O God,
a mighty stronghold to save me.
For you are my rock, my stronghold!
Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.
CA: God so loved the world
that he gave his Only Begotten Son,
so that all who believe in him may not perish,
but may have eternal life.

Money Matters: 4th February 2018
Envelopes £ 432.95 Loose Plate £ 641.07 Many thanks

Counters: S. Campbell, D. & B. Stacey
Cleaners: J. Wells, L. Osazuwa, F. & C. Calnan