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

Parish Life

TODAY Please join us after evening Mass at 7.30pm, for farewell soiree for Fr Phil where we can show our appreciation and wish him "good luck".

TODAY LIVESIMPLY GARDEN PRODUCE We have a BRING & BUY SALE of excess produce from parishioners' gardens. Please bring in your spare vegetables, Fruit, flowers etc. The money generated from the sale will be sent to Fr Thomas to help with his work for the destitute in Southern India.

The **Parish Office** will be closed from 24th – 28th August. Can all newsletter items for Sunday 27th be sent to the office by Tuesday 22nd. Many thanks.

Fr. Leo passed away on Tuesday (R.I.P.). He had been getting weaker over the last few weeks and gradually just passed away. He was 99yrs and 11mths. Please pray for his peaceful repose, and we'll announce the arrangements when they are known.

LAUDATO SI & JUSTICE&PEACE The National Justice and Peace Conference this year was on Laudato Si, Pope Francis' encyclical on Care for Creation. There is a good summary of the great weekend in the Diocesan JPSR Bulletin on the board at the back of church

Baby & Toddler Group will restart again on Friday 8th September 2017. Sessions are each Friday, 9.30am - 11.15am in the Parish Centre at 1 Oxford Road. Drinks, snacks, craft, singing and playtime are provided. Parents and carers are responsible for their child during the session. The cost per session per family is £1. We look forward to welcoming newcomers and regular members. We are in need of volunteers to help set up and clear up after the session, if would like to help out, do let us know. Thank you.

TWENTIETH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 20 August

8.45am	Mass	Kate Clipperton RIP
10.15am	Mass	Gertrude O'Riordan Anniversary
4.30pm	Polish Mass	
6.30pm	Mass	Andree Norman-Taylor RIP

Monday 21 August

8.30am	Rosary	
9am	Mass	Ron McBain RIP

Tuesday 22 August The Queenship of Mary

8.30am	Rosary	
9am	Mass	Fr. Pip Intentions

Wednesday 23 August St Rose of Lima

6.30pm	Rosary	
7pm	Mass	Alan & Anne Stacey RIP

Thursday 24 August ST BARTHOLOMEW

9am	Rosary	
9.30am	Mass	Johnny Connors RIP

Friday 25 August St Louis IX

6.30pm	Rosary	
7pm	Mass	Gayle Belcher RIP

Saturday 26 August Blessed Dominic Barberi

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

Faith Development

21st-25th August 2017 - Fanning the Flame - Hampshire Camp. 'An exciting week of Faith, Fun and Fellowship, for young people aged 10-25!' For more information or to register please go to www.fanningtheflame.co.uk/web/events/hamps-hire-camp-2017

APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA (AoS) – Mass at Portsmouth Cathedral. Please come and join in the celebration of Holy Mass at 12:15pm at St John the Evangelist's Cathedral, Portsmouth on Monday 4 September 2017. It is an opportunity to pray for seafarers and the work of the AoS in ports of your diocese. A reception will follow the Mass. For more information contact salvina@apostleshipofthesea.org.uk.

CAFOD Portsmouth Harvest Briefing Join us at a special Harvest Briefing on Thursday 7th September from 7.30pm to 9pm at English Martyrs' Church Hall, 64 Liebenrood Road, Reading RG30 2EB to hear more about CAFOD's work in El Salvador, the focus of Harvest Fast Day. Please book a place in advance via 01252 329385 or portsmouth@cafod.org.uk Thank you.

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINARS - The Life in the Spirit Seminars are designed as an introduction to a life lived in the power of the Holy Spirit. They provide an opportunity to find out more about that life and to be helped in taking the first steps of a new relationship with the Lord. The 7 seminars will run every Tuesday evening from Tues 26th September until Tues 7th November from 8pm - 9.30pm at St Joseph's Church, Stanley Walk, Bracknell, RG12 1HA. For more information and to book your place, please refer to the poster on the notice board.

Celebrate Weekend is taking place at St. George Catholic College on Sat. 30th Sept & Sun. 1st Oct. Full details can be found on www.celebrateconference.org or by phoning Peter & Lynda on: 02380292058. Last year we were fully booked so it would be advisable for anyone wishing to attend to apply in good time. For reasons of security and safeguarding we are not able to accept anyone who "turns up on the day".

Diocesan Day for Catechists at St John's Cathedral, Portsmouth, 14th October, 10am- 4pm for everyone involved or interested in Catechesis & Children's Liturgy of the Word. Register www.portsmouthdioceses.org.uk/formation

Young Catholic Adult Weekend, Douai Abbey 20th - 22nd Oct 2017. Are you 18-40, do you want to deepen your knowledge of the Catholic faith, learn its devotions and meet like minded people? For more information, www.youngcatholicadults.co.uk/events.htm.

Money Matters: 13th August 2017
 Envelopes £453.50 Loose Plate £663.86 Many thanks

Counters: N. Cairns, A. & C. Lardner-Brown, B. Malone
Cleaners: W. O'Brien

Parish Events for the Week

TODAY Refreshments after 10.15am Mass
 Fr. Phil Farewell Drinks 7.30pm

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

Future Diary Dates

13th September Parish Lunch, 12.30pm, Parish Centre
14th October Diocesan Day for Catechists 10am-4pm, Portsmouth Cathedral
5th November Parish AGM 7.30pm, Parish Centre

Youth Events

In 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 (it should only take about 15 to 20 minutes). There's also a survey for anyone who cares for or works with young people in England and Wales. Go to the same site above and scroll down the page to find the link. It's a great opportunity to make sure that your voice is heard!
Further info please contact Melanie Parris- Dollar tipayouth@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

We pray for:

- Father Thomas More Mann OFM Cap who died recently and whose funeral took place at Greyfriars, Oxford on Thursday. May he rest in peace.
- Bill Guckian died on the afternoon of August 14th and a Requiem Mass took place yesterday, Saturday at Headingly Hall where he was cared for in recent years by the Little Sisters. Later his body will go to Donegal where he will be laid to rest beside his dear wife, Joan. May he rest in peace.
- The Repose of the Soul of Christine Morling RIP.

Antiphons for Year I, Week XX Ordinary Time

EA: Turn your eyes, O God, our shield;
 and look on the face of your anointed one;
 one day within your courts
 is better than a thousand elsewhere.
 CA: With the Lord there is mercy;
 in him is plentiful redemption.