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

Parish Life

A big thank you to all who came to the Mexican evening. With your support, we raised together £400 for our Lenten projects. MUCHAS GRACIAS!

FINAL TOTAL for our Lenten Project is £15,000! Huge thanks to everyone for their support. An amazing sum raised for our two charities.

Christian Focus: the summer edition is available at the back of the church. It contains articles by parishioners of St. Edmund's.

TODAY there will be a second collection for Day for Life.

Updating our parish database. If you would like to give your email address to the parish to receive updates on parish life, or you aren't sure if you are on the database, please send your email address to Lisa at the parish office. We will be sending out information about the parish vision meeting soon!

Parish Office closed Fri 22nd June.

'Come and See' - Becoming a Catholic Are you being drawn to the mysteries of the Mass? Does something just seem 'right' when you walk into a Catholic Church? Do you have a yearning in your heart to receive Holy Communion? Are you searching to discover what God wants of you and what your mission in life is? Or maybe you just want to find out more about being Catholic? Perhaps you were baptised a Catholic but never made First Holy Communion or Confirmation and wish to receive them now. If any of these points resonate with you, then perhaps God is calling you personally to the Catholic Church and the RCIA could be the right place for you. RCIA stands for the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults... (what we call "becoming Catholic"). This process helps us understand and explore what Catholics believe. If you are interested, you are invited to our 'Come and See' evening on Tuesday 26th June in St Edmund's Parish

ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 17 June

8.45am	Mass	Hayes Family RIP
10.15am	Mass	Helen Birkbeck RIP
12noon	Post Communion Mass	
4.30pm	Polish Mass	
6.30pm	Mass	Samuel Hunter Intentions

Monday 18 June

8.30am	Rosary	
9am	Mass	John O'Connell RIP

Tuesday 19 June St Romuald

8.30am	Rosary	
9am	Mass	Special Intention

Wednesday 20 June St Alban

6.30pm	Rosary	
7pm	Mass	Fr. Jamie Intentions

Thursday 21 June St Aloysius Gonzaga

8.30am	Rosary	
9.30am	Mass	Kate Rudden RIP

Friday 22 June Ss John Fisher & Thomas More

6.30pm	Rosary	
7pm	Mass	Gayle Belcher RIP

Saturday 23 June

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

Centre at 7.30pm. A very warm welcome awaits you from the RCIA team.

Parish Day: We would like to invite the whole of the Parish to come along to Parish Day on 1st July 2018 at 10:30 am, with a BBQ following mass. There will be no 8:45am mass and evening mass will be as normal. We are looking for volunteers of help on the day, from helping to set

up to helping with food. If you are able to help in anyway, please let the parish office know or arrive beforehand. If you could provide a pudding on the day, please deliver them to the parish centre before mass. We will be presenting a cheque to each of the two charities (Helen and Douglas House and Dar Mariam Primary School, Sudan) for the money raised during the Lenten Projects. We look forward to seeing you there.

Church Twinning We are hosting a group of visitors from the churches in Schongau, Germany from 5th to 9th July and a group from the churches in Colmar, France from 30th Aug to 3rd Sept. If you would like to help with hosting our visitors or could offer a meal to one or two of the group, please contact Angela 532296, or Anne 525997 for further details.

Afternoon Tea To help with the hospitality costs of the 2 visits, there will be a fund-raising traditional Afternoon Tea at 67 Virginia Way, South Abingdon on Tues 26th June between 3-5pm. Everyone is welcome. Further details from Anne Dodd 525997.

Faith Development

The Christian Aid Summer Walk 2018 - All Welcome! Would you like to join us for a summer walk and enjoy company and a riverside stroll? Date 30th June 2018. Start/finish All Saints Methodist Church OX14 2AQ. Start Time 10 am. Distance 6.6 miles/ 10.5km. Refreshments Soup bread and cheese lunch at finish (Sign up for lunch at the start). Route Information £1 on the day. Sponsorship forms are available either from the Christian Aid Committee or on the day.

Appointment of Refugee Project Development Officer In 2015 many of us with our Bishop were concerned about the unfolding tragedy of Syrian refugees who were compelled to leave their homeland seeking safety and a new life. Responding to this crisis our Bishop created the Diocesan Refugee Response Working Group (DRRWG), chaired by Fr John Lee and Fr Peter Hollins, with a variety of interested volunteer members, and asked them to explore how the Diocese can and should respond to this crisis. We are delighted to announce the appointment of Rosemary Lennon to the newly-created post of Refugee Project Development Officer. We will be hearing from Rosemary in a future edition of Enews. To find out more about Community Sponsorship please see www.gov.uk/government/publications/community-sponsorship-how-you-can-make-it-happen.

YOUNG CATHOLIC ADULTS WEEKEND Theme: "Tell others the truth that sets you free" (Pope Benedict XVI) During the weekend of the 7-9 September 2018, Young Catholic Adults will be running a retreat at Douai Abbey, it will feature Fr. Lawrence Lew O.P. and Canon Poucin. There will also be a Marian Procession, Rosaries, Sung Masses, Confession, talks (on the beauty of silence in the Mass plus social media and evangelization) and socials.

Parish Events for the Week

TODAY Refreshments after 10.15am Mass
 Post Communion Celebration - Mass and Family Picnic 12 noon onwards

Wednesday Cake & Conversation 9.30-11am

Thursday Scripture Group 10am

Friday Baby & Toddler Group

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

Future Diary Dates

1st July Parish Day

Youth Events

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

All Masses will be celebrated in the Extraordinary form. Please note to guarantee your place this year Douai Abbey have requested that everyone books in 3 weeks before the start of the weekend i.e.17th Aug 2018. More information: youngcatholicadults-latestnews.blogspot.co.uk/ To book go to bookwhen.com/youngcatholicadults-douai2018

School News

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

1st Prize (£30) - Number 75 Fr Jamie Mcgrath
 2nd Prize (£20) - Number 19 Nissange De Silva
 3rd Prize (£10) - Number 66 Ann Rowe

The next draw will be on Friday 6th July and if you would like to join the 100+ Club, numbers are still available and cost £8.75 for the remaining 7 draws.

Antiphons for Year II, Week XI Ordinary Time

EA: O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you; be my help.
 Do not abandon or forsake me, O God, my Saviour!
 CA: Holy Father, keep in your name those you have given me,
 that they may be one as we are one, says the Lord.

Money Matters: 10th June 2018
 Envelopes: £375.54 Loose Plate £1247.70 Many thanks.

Counters: A. Norman-Taylor, E. Pony, G. Pounds
Cleaners: M. Mulqueen, F. Daly