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

Parish Life

The final total for the **Lenten Project** is £7,500. This will be divided between Headway Oxfordshire, who are based in Kennington and the International Tree Foundation for the Bamenda tree planting project. Representatives from the two charities are going to come to our Parish Day to accept a cheque, and talk about the work they do and how the money raised will be used.

TODAY there will be a second collection for Peter's Pence.

Becoming Catholic - 'Come and See'

- Are you thinking about becoming a Catholic, or are you just interested in finding out more about the Catholic faith?
- Have you been attending mass and would like to know what happens?
- Do you have questions about faith you would like to find answers to?
- Maybe you are unbaptised or baptised in another Christian tradition, or you may have been baptised a Catholic but never received the sacraments of Confirmation or Eucharist.
- You may be dating, engaged or married to a Catholic.

Many people throughout the year come forward wanting to learn more about the Catholic way of life for all these reasons and many more. Before we begin our Journey in Faith/RCIA sessions again in September, we would like to invite you to "Come and See", an information evening explaining Journey in Faith/RCIA, where you will have the opportunity to meet members of the RCIA team and learn more about becoming a Catholic. A warm and friendly welcome awaits you on Tuesday 11th July 7.30-9.00pm in the parish centre. Please speak to Fr Jamie if you would like to come along.

Christian Aid invites you to a Summer Concert at Trinity Church Abingdon on Wednesday 28th June 2017 at 7pm. Tickets from 01235 530480 or at the door.

TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 25 June

8.45am	Mass	Charles Briggs RIP 50 th Anniversary
10.15am	Mass	Vincent O'Keefe RIP
6.30pm	Mass	Jean Carlos Prieto Garcia RIP

Monday 26 June

8.30am	Rosary	
9am	Mass	Manuel Da Silva Intentions
12noon	Funeral Mass	

Tuesday 27 June St Cyril of Alexandria

8.30am	Rosary	
9am	Mass	Mary Kerrin RIP

Wednesday 28 June St Irenaeus

6.30pm	Rosary	
7pm	Mass	Peter O'Riordan Anniversary

Thursday 29 June Ss PETER & PAUL

9am	Rosary	
9.30am	Mass	Simon Sayce RIP

Friday 30 June First Martyrs of the Church of Rome

6.30pm	Rosary	
7pm	Mass	Private Intentions

Saturday 1 July St Oliver Plunkett

10.15am	Mothers Prayers	
11am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
11-11.30am	Confessions	
12 noon	Mass	

Prayer Ministry NEXT SUNDAY. 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 from Friday 7th July until Monday 24th July. Can all newsletter inserts for 9th, 16th & 23rd please be sent to the office by 9am on Wednesday 5th July. Many thanks.

Faith Development

St Michael's Art competition and Exhibition As part of the on-going 150th anniversary of St Michael and All Angels Church celebrations we have organised an Art competition and exhibition on the theme of celebration. Proceeds are being donated to two charities; the Abingdon Bridge and Tariro - Hope For Youth: in Zimbabwe. The exhibition will be open in the Church in Parks Road at the following times: Friday 30th June 10.00 - 16.30, Saturday 1st July 10.00 - 16.00, Sunday 2nd July 11.00 - 15.00. Some of the works will be for sale and refreshments will be available. The public vote prize will be announced at the presentation tea on Sunday 2nd July at 15.00 - 16.00, which all are welcome to attend.

School News

St Edmunds Primary School is looking for a Foundation Governor to complete its Governing Body for the next academic year (starting in September). Please speak to Father Jamie or contact the school office if you feel you could help in this way.

St Edmund's School has vacancy for a full-time KS2 teacher to start in September. Further details and an application pack are available on the school website www.st-edmunds-rc.oxon.sch.uk or from the School Office.

OLA Senior School are looking for a friendly, enthusiastic person to take on the role of Technician to our Modern Foreign Languages Department. This position is a term time only, working 6 hours per week. For further details and application form please visit the TES website <https://www.tes.com/jobs/employer/1030286> or call the school on 524658. Deadline for applications: **TODAY**.

Vacancies

Calling Arty People & Designers. Adventure Plus (A+) needs your help... our theme for this year's Total Adventure holidays is 'Treasure' and we need a 'pirate back drop' for our stage! Materials can be provided, as well as the space to be creative. If you think this is something you could help us with please call or email: ta@adventureplus.org.uk or 01993 703308
PLUS: 2 exciting salaried roles within the vibrant A+ Team: Marketing: full/part time role supporting for our social media, brochure design and web updates.
 Book Keeper: Part time supporting A+ and Windmill Farm Conference Centre accounts
 Contact will@adventureplus.org.uk for more details.

We pray for:

- The Repose of the Soul of Theresa Bernadette Harrold RIP. Funeral Mon 26th June at 12noon.

Parish Events for the Week

TODAY Refreshments after 10.15 Mass

Wednesday Cake & Conversation 9.30am

Thursday Scripture Group 10-11am

Friday Baby & Toddler Group 9.30-11.15am

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

Future Diary Dates

9th July Parish Day

12th July Parish Lunch 12.30pm

29th July Social Evening to meet Fr. Thomas and hear about his work in India 7.30pm

30th July Fr. Thomas will be present at all Masses
5th November Parish AGM 7.30pm, Parish Centre

Youth Events

'Youth groups in July - **St Edmund's**
 Saturday 1st July
 1:30-2:30pm - 8-10 year olds
 3-4:30pm - 11-12 & 13-14 year olds

In October 2018 the General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops will cover the theme of "**Young People, the Faith and Vocational Discernment**". The Pope and all the Bishops want to hear the views of as many young people as possible, so everyone aged 13-29 has been invited to participate in an enormous survey! Many of you have already seen the Mega Youth Poll on social media sites like Facebook and Twitter, but if you haven't, you can 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

Antiphons for Year I, Week XII Ordinary Time

EA: The Lord is the strength of his people, a saving refuge for the one he has anointed. Save your people, Lord, and bless your heritage, and govern them forever.
CA: The eyes of all look to you, Lord, and you give them their food in due season.

Money Matters: 18th June 2017

Envelopes £ 361.20 Loose Plate £807.14 Many thanks.

Counters: C. Macfarlane, T. Murphy, P. & M. Mulqueen
Cleaners: M. Kelly, A. Harvey, M. Sheaf