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Confessions: Saturday, 11.00 -11.30am Sunday Mass Times: 8.45 am, 10.15 am, 6.30pm

Parish Life

Parish Day TODAY - Let us hope for good weather for our parish celebration. The outdoor mass at 10.30, in the field by the parish centre, offers a chance for the whole community to come together. Follow signs from the car park to access the field through Our Lady's School grounds. Bouncy castles and a BBQ will be provided. Could you bring a salad or a cake? Or a dish from one of the many countries represented in our community as these are always very much appreciated? There will be plenty of seating, but we encourage families to bring rugs or camping chairs to sit on.

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.

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 9 July

8.45am	Mass	Bill & Betty Fleetwood
10.15am	Mass	
6.30pm	Mass	Gayle Belcher RIP

Monday 10 July

8.30am	Rosary	
9am	Mass	In Thanksgiving Sofia Kolb (16th birthday)

Tuesday 11 July ST BENEDICT

8.30am	Rosary	
9am	Mass	
1pm	Funeral Mass	

Wednesday 12 July

6.30pm	Rosary	
7pm	Mass	Theresa Harrold RIP

Thursday 13 July

9am	Rosary	
9.30am	Mass	Edna Harrold RIP

Friday 14 July St Camillus of Lellis

6.30pm	Rosary	
7pm	Mass	Bernard Lynch RIP

Saturday 15 July St Swithun

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

TODAY there will be a second collection for the Apostleship of the Sea.

LIVE SIMPLY/LAUDATO SI - Next Sunday (16th) is the Sunday that as many parishioners as possible who usually come by car to Mass are encouraged to find an alternative that is kinder to the environment - walking? bike? skateboard? Who will come up with the most unusual means of transport?

Justice & Peace A copy of the current Bulletin of the Diocesan Justice, Peace and Social Responsibility Team is on the board at the back of church. There are also copies of the June/July newsletter from Pax Christi on the table at the back of church. The theme of this current edition is Israel/Palestine. Please take one if you wish.

The last **Cake and Conversation** group will be on 19th July and then close for the Summer holidays. It will start again on Wednesday September 6th at 9:30 in the Parish Centre as usual.

Parish Office will be closed until Monday 24th July.

'The last Baby & Toddler Group will take place on Friday 14th July 2017. We will then take a break during the school holidays and restart again on Friday 8th September 2017. Sessions are each Friday, 9.30am - 11.15am in the Parish Centre at 1 Oxford Road. All mums, dads, grandparents and carers are welcome to join us with their children. 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, so if you come - and / or would like to help out, do let us know. Thank you.'

Father Thomas & Light for the Blind. Many Parishioners will know of Fr Thomas and his work with the dying and destitute of Southern India through the charity "Light for the Blind". If you don't know him, then you cannot fail to be impressed when meet him and hear first-hand about his impressive work which has been well supported for many years by the people of Abingdon. This year Fr Thomas will be speaking at all the Masses on Sunday 30th July and there will be an opportunity to donate to the charity then. On the previous evening - Saturday July 29th at 7.30pm. there will be a social evening in the Parish centre which will be a good opportunity to meet Fr Thomas and some of the trustees informally, and hear the latest news about his projects. We will be serving Indian snacks and drinks and there will be no charge for the evening so please come along to what should be a very enjoyable occasion. Light for the Blind - trustees.

Faith Development

23rd - 29th July 2017 - Portsmouth Diocese Don Bosco Camp. 'Bosco Camp provides an opportunity for SECONDARY AGED BOYS (at least finishing Yr 7 this July) to have an exciting, activity -packed camping holiday in a safe but challenging countryside setting' (St Cassians in Kintbury, between Newbury and Hungerford). For more information or to book a place, please email dbcamps@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Parish Events for the Week

TODAY Parish Day 10.30am

Tuesday RCIA Taster Session 7.30pm

Wednesday Cake & Conversation 9.30am
 Parish Lunch 12.30pm
 Charismatic Prayer Meeting 7.45pm, Church

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

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
9th August Parish Lunch 12.30pm
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

School News

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.

Antiphons for Year I, Week XIV Ordinary Time

EA: Your merciful love, O God,
 we have received in the midst of your temple.
 Your praise, O God, like your name,
 reaches the ends of the earth;
 your right hand is filled with saving justice.
 CA: Taste and see that the Lord is good;
 blessed the man who seeks refuge in him.

Money Matters: 2 July 2017
 Envelopes £ 458.56 Loose Plate £993.34 Many thanks.

Counters: M. Knott M. & M. Martin
Cleaners: F. & C. Calnan