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Confessions: By appointment

Parish Life

TODAY there will be a second collection for the appeal that the Sisters of Sway made last week. Please help in supporting their fundraising appeal to build a home for their Chaplain. For further information please visit www.dominicansistersofstjoseph.org

NEXT SATURDAY No confessions 11-11.30am. By appointment only. Adoration will still take place, and Mass will be celebrated by Fr. Paul King.

Light for the Blind Fr Thomas will be here next weekend. He will be appealing on behalf of his charity. We look forward to welcoming him back to the parish, and hearing his recent news from Southern India. Please do join him in the Parish Centre after the evening Mass on Sun 22nd for an informal drink and a chat about his work.

Parish Office will be closed from Friday 27th July until Monday 13th August. Could all newsletter inserts for Sunday 29th July, 5th and 12th August be sent to the office on or before Tues 24th July. Thank you.

Baby and Toddler Group which is for families with their pre-school children has its last session this term on this Friday 20th July. The first session after the summer holidays is on Friday 7th September starting at 9.30am. We look forward to welcoming new and returning families after the summer break.

Church Twinning visit to Argentan Thurs 13th – Mon 17th Sept. If you would like to take part in the church twinning visit to Argentan, please contact Anne Dodd 525997 or Angela Waterhouse 532296. We are also preparing for visitors from Colmar from 30th Aug – 3rd Sept, so if you can help with accommodation or hosting a meal, please let us know.

FIFTHTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 15 July

8.45am	Mass	Marian Schmatz RIP
10.15am	Mass	Mike & Maria Pia Oliver (In Thanksgiving)
4.30pm	Polish Mass	
6.30pm	Mass	Elizabeth, George, & Billy Sykes RIP

Monday 16 July Our Lady of Mount Carmel

8.30am	Rosary	
9am	Mass	In Thanksgiving

Tuesday 17 July St Bonaventure

8.30am	Rosary	
9am	Mass	Fr. Jamie Intentions

Wednesday 18 July

6.30pm	Rosary	
7pm	Mass	Stanislaw Dyjak RIP

Thursday 19 July

9.00am	Rosary	
9.30am	Mass	Mary Walsh Intentions

Friday 20 July St Apollinaris

6.30pm	Rosary	
7pm	Mass	Gayle Belcher RIP

Saturday 21 July St Laurence of Brindisi

11am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
12 noon	Mass	Pat & Geoff Castle (56 th Wedding Anniversary)

PAX CHRISTI. There are copies of the latest Justpeace newsletters on the table at the back of church. Please take one if you wish.

Covenant with the Poor. Wed 25th July, 7.30pm. A meeting open to all, to assess how we have done so far, and to plan for the future, as we seek to continue our commitment.

Car Less Sunday Many thanks to all those who supported this initiative.

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land 21st - 30th May 2019. Cost £1,900 all-inclusive for full board double occupancy of rooms or £2,100 for single occupancy. This includes absolutely everything, except your personal travel insurance, drinks and personal spending. Fr. Rob will be with us on this pilgrimage. If you would like to book a place, a deposit of £250 will be needed by the 1st of August. Two further payments in November and March. If interested, please let the parish office know and give permission for the organizer to contact you by email with further details.

Faith Development

You are invited to celebrate the **Feast of Our Lady of Carmel** on Mon 16th July at the Carmelite Priory, Boars Hill. Mass at 12noon followed by a procession and picnic in the gardens. Please bring a packed lunch.

Spiritual Accompaniment Would you like to explore - Ways of Praying, Retreats and Quiet Days, Find a Spiritual Director for more info visit www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/sprituallity of email sprituallity@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or Tel. 07387 645699.

ADORE Day Retreat Sat 28th July, 11am-4pm. No charge, no need to register. Alton School, Anstey Lane, Alton GU34 2NG. Please bring finger food to share. Topic: 'Good News & Gospel'.

Carmelite Spirituality. Two courses of prayer are being held at Boars Hill starting in September. If you are interested and would like more information, please see leaflets at the back of Church.

Interested in increasing your knowledge of scripture, but don't know where to start? There are various publications at the back of Church, particularly;

- 'Alive' Bible July edition £2.50
- CTS booklets 'Discovering the Old Testament' and 'Discovering the New Testament' by Fr. Adrian Graffy £2.50 and 'Companion to Sunday Gospels' £2.95

'Unlocking the Sunday Gospel' readings every Wednesday 7-8pm. Go to the Wednesday Gospel Webinar hosted by the Dominican Sisters of Sway. www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/formation/webinar

Money Matters: 8th July 2018
 Envelopes: £385.33 Loose Plate £839.38 Many thanks.

Counters: C. Macfarlane, T. Murphy, G. Brady
Cleaners: Michelle Anne

Parish Events for the Week

TODAY Refreshments after 10.15am Mass

Wednesday Cake & Conversation 9.30-11am

Thursday Scripture Group 10am

Friday Baby & Toddler Group 9.30-11.15am

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

Future Diary Dates

27th July – 10th Aug Parish Office closed
20th Oct Day for Catechists - St John's Cathedral, Portsmouth. Further information: www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/catechists

Youth Events

Summer Camp 'Fanning the Flame' Ages 10-25yrs on 20-24th August. Booking Forms and more info at www.FanningTheFlame.co.uk. Also please come and join the Dominican Sisters on a walk from Bury St Edmunds to Walshingham for the New Evangelisation! 2nd – 5th August. To book please go to www.dominicansistersofstjoseph.org/JPII or please see poster for further details.

School News

The winning numbers in the July draw of the **Governors' Fund 100+ Club** were:
 1st Prize (£30) – Number 2 Tammy Lavers
 2nd Prize (£20) – Number 27 Leila Brown
 3rd Prize (£10) – Number 56 Carole Sawyers

The next draw will be on Fri 7th Sept. If you would like to join the 100+ Club please contact Phil Cole on 07779 662725 or pcole@st-edmunds-rc.oxon.sch.uk for details.

We pray for:

- The Repose of the Soul of Rosemary Waters RIP.

Antiphons for Year II, Week XV Ordinary Time

EA: As for me, in justice I shall behold your face; I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.
 CA: Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.