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

Parish Life

Light for the Blind Fr. Thomas and the trustees would like to thank everyone in the Parish for their generous donations to Light for the Blind made when Fr. Thomas was here recently. We collected the impressive sum of £5,170 with £1,370 of this being gift aided making a total donation of about £5,500 from the Parish which will all go to India for his work with the dying and destitute. Peter Dodd, Peter Hendricks, Anne Soper. Abingdon Trustees for Light for the Blind.

Date for your diary. Please join us after evening Mass on Sunday 20th August at 7.30pm, for farewell soiree for Fr Phil where we can show our appreciation and wish him "good luck".

LIVESIMPLY GARDEN PRODUCE Sunday 20th August We will 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.

FREE to a good home – Single person Kayak (14ft) and Paddle, please speak to Fr. Phil.

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.

NINETEENTH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 13 August

8.45am	Mass	Teresa Harrold RIP
10.15am	Mass	
6.30pm	Mass	Gayle Belcher RIP

Monday 14 August St Maximilian Maria Kolbe

8.30am	Rosary	
9am	Mass	Teresa Harrold RIP

Tuesday 15 August THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

8.30am	Rosary	
9am	Mass	
7pm	Mass	

Wednesday 16 August St Stephen

6.30pm	Rosary	
7pm	Mass	

Thursday 17 August

9am	Rosary	
9.30am	Mass	Kenneth & Josephine Cuschieri RIP

Friday 18 August

6.30pm	Rosary	
7pm	Mass	Kate Clipperton RIP

Saturday 19 August St John Eudes

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

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.

Faith Development

On Monday 14th August, **Vigil of the Feast of The Assumption**, please pray and fast for the end of abortion and euthanasia in this Country.

Your prayer and fasting is urgently needed. For information on the days of Prayer and Fasting; www.goodcounselnetwork.com

18th - 25th August 2017 - Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes - Opportunities to go as a pilgrim or as a volunteer to help other pilgrims who need assistance and/medical help. For more information please contact Fr John Cooke or Mrs Clare Ryan on 01489 572797 or email lourdes@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

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/hampshire-camp-2017

CAFOD Portsmouth Harvest Briefing. Join us at a special Harvest Briefing on Thursday 7 September from 7.30pm to 9pm at English Martyrs' Church Hall, 64 Liebenrod 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.

ADORE (Alton Day Of REnewal) – Sat 19th Aug 11am - 4pm. You are warmly welcome to a mini-retreat day (or morning/afternoon) of spiritual refreshment and renewal, focussing on the Charisms or gifts of the Holy Spirit. At Alton Convent, Anstey Lane, Alton GU34 2NG. We end about 4pm. There is no need to register in advance, and no charge (though a collection will be taken to cover costs). For more see poster or website: www.altonrenewal.com or telephone Deacon John Foley on 07769 251747.

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.

Parish Events for the Week

TODAY Refreshments after 10.15am Mass

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

Future Diary Dates

20th August Fr. Phil Farewell Drinks 7.30pm, Parish Centre

5th November Parish AGM 7.30pm, Parish Centre

23rd September Fr. Leo's 100 Birthday

14th October Diocesan Day for Catechists 10am-4pm, Portsmouth Cathedral

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

Antiphons for Year I, Week XIX Ordinary Time

EA: Look to your covenant, O Lord, and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever. Arise, O God, and defend your cause, and forget not the cries of those who seek you. CA: O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord, who gives you your fill of finest wheat.

Money Matters: 6th August 2017
 Envelopes £378.22 Loose Plate £778.80 Many thanks

Counters: L. Cribben, M. Haddock, T. & I. Kinsella
Cleaners: M. Kelly