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Parish Life

Priest on Holiday please check mass times carefully this week as there is not mass every day. The parish office re opens on Monday. Unfortunately confession is not available this week. **Wednesday is a Holyday of Obligation.** There will be no mass Mon 20th. Be assured of my prayers for you whilst I am away.

Tea and Coffee after 1015 mass today please join us if you are not rushing off.

Next Sunday there will be a produce sale to raise funds for "light for the blind." Any produce from your garden or allotment either edible or beautiful will be collected before each mass and sold after.

Alter Servers we are blessed with many servers in this parish. 10.15 mass we have many servers but the 0845 mass and 1830 can often have no one or very few. If you are willing to help adjust the balance please let Donie know. **New Servers** for those interested in starting serving. There will be three training sessions on Saturdays in September starting at 9am till 10am on 1st September.

Many Hands Make Light Work. Volunteers needed to help with the pews in the Church. The backs of many have paint peeling off them. They need to be stripped sanded and repainted. We are looking for several volunteers to help with this. Work will probably be done one Saturday in August. Contact parish office if you are able and willing to help. With thanks Fr. Rob

Memorial Mass for ANNE LENIHAN on September 1st at 12pm. Anne was a Sister of Mercy for almost 50 years here in Abingdon and died on March 14th in Ireland. RIP

NINETEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 12 August
 8.45am Mass People of our Parish
 10.15am Mass Anne Murray RIP
 6.30pm Mass Rosemary Waters RIP

Monday 13 August St Pontian & St Hippolytus
 8.30am rosary
 9am mass The Carol Family

Tuesday 14 August St Maximilian Maria
 8.30am Rosary
 9am Mass Fr Jamie Intentions

Wednesday 15 August THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY.NB no 9am mass
 11am Funeral mass Bob Martin
 6.30pm Rosary
 7pm Mass For vocations to priesthood

Thursday 16 August St Stephen
 9.00am Rosary
 9.30am Mass those sick in the parish

Friday 17 August
 NO Mass see www.thamesis.org.uk for other masses

Saturday 18 August
 NO Mass see www.thamesis.org.uk for other masses

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land 2019 from 21st to 30th May 2019. The cost will be £1,900 all-inclusive for full board double occupancy of rooms or £2,100 for single occupancy. If you are interested, please let the parish office know and give permission for the organizer to contact you by email with further details. There will also be a meeting in the Parish Centre on Thursday 30th August at 7.00pm.

Faith Development

National Eucharistic Congress 8th-9th September. In particular your prayers are needed to make this a success. It will be the largest gathering of Catholics in this country since the visit of Pope Benedict and the first Eucharistic conference held in this country for over a hundred years. There are two delegates going from our parish. The whole purpose is to reflect on the centrality of the Eucharist in the life of the Church and its people. The conference is held in Liverpool and will culminate with a Eucharistic procession through the City. Although most of us will not be attending there is a national call for us to support this event and indeed engage with it through prayer and Eucharistic adoration and to reflect on what part the Eucharist plays in our personal lives.

Bishop Robert Barron will be the main keynote speaker at the Eucharistic congress. He is also the founder of the global media ministry "Word on Fire". He has much posted on you tube which I commend to you.

Scott Hahn. Convert, Author and Theologian. His books cover many aspects of our Faith and are widely available. Very accessible and pertinent to our modern world. Again I would like to commend him to you along with his many lectures on scripture found on you tube.

Last Chance, 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.

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

Bible Alive. This months edition is available at the back of Church. Ideal companion for the scriptures used in mass.

Catholic Family Weekend 29th -30th September.St George College, Leaside Way, Swaythling, Southampton SO16 3DQ. The event is called celebrate and has been run successfully for many years. It is a chance to spend time with other Catholic families and really engages youth as well as adults. Many have said they were not sure about going but having done so they had been enthused and seen their Faith in a different light. For more info please pick up leaflet from the back of Church.

Church Open. We are fortunate to have a beautiful church which remains open every day. It is a quiet peaceful space ideal for finding some stillness in our busy lives. However on Tuesday engineers will be carrying out works in the church all day

Parish Events for the Week

TODAY Refreshments after 10.15am Mass
Wednesday Funeral mass Bob Martin 11am in Church
Thursday Scripture Group 10am
N.B. All take place in the Parish Centre unless specified

Future Diary Dates

1st September Anne Lenihan memorial mass

8th September National Eucharistic Congress

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
Celebrate 29th-30th September St. Georges College Southampton SO16 3DQ. For info. Email, southampton@celebrateconference.org

Antiphons for Year II, Week 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: 'The bread that I will give, says the Lord, is my flesh for the life of the world.

Of your charity please could I ask your prayers for all those who are sick in our parish. Also for all those who have died recently and for all those who grieve. If you know of anyone who is ill in hospital please ensure the chaplaincy team are aware. Number is at top of newsletter contact Fr. Pius.

If this week you need a priest for an emergency please contact one of our priests in the area details found on the Thames ISIS website.

Money Matters: 5th August 2018
 Total £1425.83

Counters: E. Midwinter, J. Ryan
Cleaners: P. Shephard, C. Dennis