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Confessions: 11.00 – 11.30am or by appointment

Parish Life

TODAY at the 10.15am & 6.30pm Masses we welcome Omar, who presented the Lenten Project for Dar Mariam Sudan this year, just to present a current report, and to thank you for your efforts.

TODAY there will be a second collection for Catholic Education Service.

Please pray for Donie Kearney our M.C. at Mass, who has been diagnosed with cancer. He will obviously not be around for a few months, so let's pray he has a complete and speedy recovery. Fr. Jamie.

Paul Crookes one of our parishioners has been accepted by Bishop Philip to begin his preparations towards Permanent Diaconate. This is a great joy for the Parish and let us pray for Paul, his wife Geraldine & daughter Chloe.

NEW WEBSITE Our new website address is www.ourladyandstedmund.org.uk It can now be viewed on smartphones as well. We have now started live streaming the Masses. This is to benefit those who genuinely cannot attend Mass in church. The Mass can be viewed on our website and also at www.churchservices.tv/Abingdon If you know of anyone who is housebound, please pass on this information. Information on apps and how to view the Masses on a television set are also available on our website. Please note that rotas are published on the website. It would be really helpful if anyone who is on the Eucharistic Ministers rota, Readers' rota or Psalmists' rota and also anyone who is in the sanctuary during Mass (e.g. altar servers), could sign a consent form if you have not already done so. This will take less than a minute of your time. Barbara will be at the back of the church this Sunday with the forms, in case you have not yet signed one. Thank you.

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 9 September

8.45am	Mass	Paddy Rowley RIP
10.15am	Mass	People of our Parish
6.30pm	Mass	In Thanksgiving

Monday 10 September

8.30am	Rosary	
9am	Mass	Joe Desport RIP

Tuesday 11 September

8.30am	Rosary	
9am	Mass	Simon Sayce RIP

Wednesday 12 September The Most Holy Name of Mary

6.30pm	Rosary	
7pm	Mass	Gayle Belcher RIP

Thursday 13 September St John Chrysostom

9.00am	Rosary	
9.30am	Mass	Katherine & Brian 40 th Wedding Anniversary

Friday 14 September THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

6.30pm	Rosary	
7pm	Mass	Private Intention

Saturday 15 September Our Lady of Sorrows

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

Sister Monica wishes to thank Fathers Jamie and Rob and all parishioners for their presence, support and prayers at the Memorial Mass for Anne Lenihan on Sat 1st Sept. Anne's family add their thanks and were deeply touched by the outpouring of love and gratitude for Anne's life. What a wonderful uplifting celebration and blessed with glorious sunshine too!

New Altar Servers session next Saturday 15th Sept 9am till 10am.

NEXT SUNDAY there will be a second collection for Home Missions.

WHAT is RCIA? – its beginning in September!! RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is also known as Journey in Faith. It is suitable for those who are not Catholic or even Christians, but who would like to know and understand more about the Catholic faith. It is also suitable for those who are already Catholic, but would like to deepen their knowledge and understanding of their faith. We have a wonderful team waiting to welcome you on Tuesday evenings in the parish centre, 'Come and See' any Tuesday commencing 18th September 7.30-9pm. Can I ask questions? YES. I'm not a Catholic will I be welcome? YES. I'm already a Catholic can I still join in? YES A warm welcome awaits everybody. If you are interested and would like more information please speak to a team member outside mass or pick up a leaflet from the back of the church.

PUDDING AND PASTORAL CARE If you would like to come along and share ideas on how we can offer a warm and friendly hand to those coping with END OF LIFE CARE AND BEREAVEMENT please come and join us and share your thoughts on Wed 3rd Oct, 7pm at 25 Picklers Hill. RSVP (email to parish office) or call Ab 530623 Puddings provided! Sue Richards.

Faith Development

Come pray for the work of **Apostleship of the Sea** and for seafarers on Tuesday 18th Sept at 12.15pm in St John's Catholic Cathedral, Bishop Crispian Way, Portsmouth, PO1 3HG. Bishop Philip Egan will celebrate Mass, followed by a reception. All invited. Please RSVP by email to salvina@apostleshipofthesea.org.uk www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk

Refugee Event The picture of the 3-year-old Syrian boy Aylan Kurdi's lifeless body on a beach horrified us all and begs the question, just what can we do as a parish to sponsor and house refugees? In response to this a practical way of housing refugee families will be presented at two Caritas "Welcoming our Neighbour" events, one in the Sacred Heart Church, Waterlooville on 15th Sep and another repeat event at St. Joseph's, Maidenhead on 29th Sep. Find out more under "Events" on the diocesan website, look it up on Eventbrite or send an email to caritas@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Money Matters: 2nd September 2018
 Envelopes: £320.00 Loose Plate £719.19 Many thanks

Counters: A. Norman-Taylor, E. Pony, B. Kearney
Cleaners: F. & C. Rogers,

Parish Events for the Week

TODAY Refreshments after 10.15am Mass

Wednesday Cake & Conversation 9.30-11am
 Parish Lunch 12.30pm

Thursday Scripture Group 10am

Friday Baby & Toddler Group 9.30-11.15am
 SVP Meeting 7.30pm

Saturday Post Confirmation Group meeting ??

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

Future Diary Dates

18th September RCIA Sessions commence
20th Oct Day for Catechists - St John's Cathedral, Portsmouth. Further information: www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/catechists
25th Nov Parish AGM, Parish Centre

Youth Events

Celebrate 29th-30th September St. Georges College Southampton SO16 3DQ. For info. Email, southampton@celebrateconference.org
Child, Youth and Family Team (CYFT) Retreats 2018 - Saturday 29th September 13:30-17:30 and Saturday 13th October 10:30-14:30.
Following the call of Jesus to 'Come away by yourselves...and rest a while', everyone working with children, young people and their families in Thames Isis, is invited to attend one of two retreat days this autumn. Join us for a time of refreshment and renewal! For more information or to sign up, email Maria at tipayouthadmin@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

CAFOD You are invited to come to our Harvest fast day meeting to hear about our work in Peru on Wed 19th Sept at English Martyrs' Church 64 Liebenrood Road Reading RG30 2EB, 7:15 to 9pm. To book email portsmouth@cafod.org.uk or contact Jo Lewry (parish office).

Antiphons for Year II, Week XXIII Ordinary Time

EA: You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right;
 treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.
 CA: I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
 whoever follows me will not walk in darkness,
 but will have the light of life.