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Confessions: Saturday, 11:00 -11.30am Sunday Mass Times: 8.45 am, 10.15 am, 6.30pm

Parish Life

TODAY – Mexican Earthquake Appeal Family Day after the 10:15 Mass. Please join us in the Parish Centre for COFFEE – CAKE SALE – RAFFLE – to raise much needed aid for the victims of the recent earthquake in Mexico. From 1pm in the Parish Centre, we'll be serving a simple soup lunch and showing a film about Our Lady of Guadalupe. Come along and see why Mary's appearance to an indigenous man called Juan Diego changed the hearts of so many people. The shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico is the most visited Catholic shrine in the world!

Livesimply/Laudato Si Thanks to everyone who helped with the final Livesimply Mass particularly the Choir and those helping with Offertory processions. Thank too to all parishioners who completed a Survey form. Our report to CAFOD of our years' activities will be sent for assessment next week.

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

Date for your diary. Representatives from Friends of The Holy Land will be here on Sunday 29th October. There will be a sale of Olive Wood Products and Christmas cards (all produced in Bethlehem) to aid in their support. Please support them in your usual generous way.

International Evening. Sunday 29th October from 7.30pm onwards in the Parish Centre. We will also be celebrating the 10th Birthday of Cake and Conversation. Please bring a plate of food from your own country if you can. Wine and soft drinks will be available. Everyone welcome.

ALTAR SERVERS there will be a practice for all Altar Servers on Sat 28th Oct at 10am. If you are unable to attend please speak to Fr. Rob.

St Edmund's needs a new representative on the CiA Women's World Day of Prayer committee, which organises

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 15 October

8.45am	Mass	
10.15am	Mass	Bregazzi Family RIP
4.30pm	Polish Mass	
6.30pm	Mass	☪ People of Mexico

Monday 16 October St Hedwig

8.30am	Rosary	
9am	Mass	Eddie Kearns RIP

Tuesday 17 October St Ignatius of Antioch

8.30am	Rosary	
9am	Mass	
1.30pm	Funeral Mass	

Wednesday 18 October ST LUKE

6.30pm	Rosary	
7pm	Mass	Mike Moriarty RIP

Thursday 19 October Ss John de Brébeuf, Issac Jogues

9am	Rosary	
9.30am	Mass	John O'Connell RIP

Friday 20 October

6.30pm	Rosary	
7pm	Mass	Private Intention

Saturday 21 October

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

the annual WWDP service, produced by women and celebrated by women around the world at exactly the same time for International Women's Day in March. If you are interested in working with women from the other churches in Abingdon with an international outlook and ecumenical frame of mind, please consider

joining the team. It only involves a few preparation meetings and one service per year. More information from Angela Waterhouse or Sandra Kolb (parish office).

PARISH AGM Sun 5th Nov, 7.30pm: Everyone welcome! Review of the parish year with financial report, ending with social time over a glass of wine. If you have ANY PHOTOS OF PARISH EVENTS FROM THIS YEAR, please email them to the parish office before Oct 30th. Many thanks.

First Holy Communion 2018 A meeting for parents wishing to enrol their children onto the 2018 programme, will be held in the Parish Centre on Wednesday 15th November at 8pm. Parents will be given a copy of the 2018 programme and forms to enrol their children. Any enquiries to Hilary or Errol (parish office).

Faith Development

WATER & CONFLICT. There will be a chance to hear the Catholic journalist Ellen Teague speaking on this subject on Tues 17th Oct. Ellen writes and campaigns on justice, peace and environmental issues and has written a number of books and resources used in schools and parishes. She is a regular contributor to the Tablet, the Universe and other Catholic media and was a campaigns coordinator at CAFOD. The meeting is organised by Abingdon Peace Group and is at the Northcourt Centre, Northcourt Rd at 8pm. Everyone welcome. Fuller details on the poster at the back of church or from Anne Dodd Ab. 525997.

AGM for the Abingdon Passion Play 2019 will be held on Wednesday October 18th, 7 30pm at the Peachcroft Christian Centre. Please come along to see how preparations for the next production are going. If anyone would like to join our committee they would be very welcome. We may be able to show some video clips of the 2016 production to revive fond memories!

High Mass (EF) of the Douai Martyrs on Sat 21st October at 11am in the Parish Church at Douai Abbey, followed by a Marian procession in the grounds of the Abbey to commemorate the 100th anniversary of Fatima. On Sun 22nd October at 10:30am there will be an extra Dominican Rite Sung Mass (EF) at 10:30am in the Parish Church at Douai Abbey. All these events are open to the public and are organised by YCA who are staying at the Abbey.

ADORE (Alton Day Of REnewal) – Sat 28th October 11am-4pm. At Alton School, Anstey Lane, Alton GU34 2NG. There is no need to register in advance, and no charge (though a collection will be taken to cover costs). For more information and directions, see poster or website: www.altonrenewal.com Or telephone Deacon John Foley on 07769 251747.

Parish Events for the Week

TODAY Mexican Earthquake Appeal Family Day after 10.15am Mass

Tuesday RCIA (Session 5) 7.30pm

Wednesday Cake & Conversation 9.30-11am

Thursday Scripture Group

Friday Baby & Toddler Group 9.30-11.15am

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

Future Diary Dates

29th October International Evening & Cake and Conversation 10th Birthday Celebration, 7.30pm, Parish Centre

5th November Parish AGM 7.30pm, Parish Centre

18th November Fruitful Discipleship in our Diocese, Winchester Parish Centre, 9.30am – 5pm.

19th November Kerygma Retreat, Winchester Parish Centre, 12noon-6pm.

20th November Training on sharing our faith with others in our everyday life and through the parish at St. Bede's Basingstoke, 9.30am-5pm.

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Youth Events

*Further info please contact Melanie Parris- Dollar
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Vacancies

Windmill Farm Conference Centre, Clanfield

We are recruiting kitchen assistants and housekeeping staff to join our small friendly team. Training will be provided but some experience will be beneficial. Work is casual but there is scope for regular work and would suit those people who are looking for employment to fit around family commitments and school hours. For further information, please contact 01367 810258 or email tessa@adventureplus.org.

Antiphons for Year I Week XXVIII Ordinary Time

EA: If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand?

But with you is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.

CA: The rich suffer want and go hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

Money Matters: 8th October 2017
 Envelopes £309.40 Loose Plate £699.72 Many thanks

Counters: E. Bennett, L. Cribben, M. Haddock
Cleaners: M. Kelly, M. Sheaf