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

Parish Life

PEACE SUNDAY TODAY has been designated by the bishops of England and Wales as the Sunday to celebrate in prayer, reflection and action Pope Francis' World Peace Day Message. The theme for this year 'Non - Violence: A Style of Politics for Peace' is the first fruits of a ground-breaking Conference hosted recently in Rome by Pax Christi International and the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace.

Thank you! A Magnificent Result! Last year, on the Feast of Christ the King, an appeal was made to help fund work with young people in the Pastoral Area, and specifically to work towards ensuring that our Youth Worker will be able to keep going beyond 2018 when the grant from 'Living Our Faith' (£25,000 per annum) comes to an end. The appeal raised the magnificent total of £2,083.39. (Abingdon £956.57, Didcot and Wallingford £325.56, Hinksey £441.22, East Hendred £360.04). This sum will be put into a ring-fenced 'sustainability' account, and the more we can raise from our local resources for this, the more we can hope to attract matching contributions from charitable trusts etc. But a big thank you to all who worked for and contributed to this; let's keep up the momentum! Fr Paul King & Youth Worker Support Group.

Live Simply Please remember to recycle your old Mobile Phones, Ink Cartridges, Spectacles and Stamps in the box at the back of the church. There will be a planning meeting after the 10.15 Mass on **Sunday 5th February** in the Parish Centre. Everyone is welcome.

Justice & Peace. A copy of the latest Bulletin from the Diocesan Justice Peace and Social Responsibility Team is on the board at the back of church. Copies of the latest Justpeace newsletter from Pax Christi are on the table.

The Catenians are an association of Catholic laymen who are committed to their Faith, their families, to those in need and to each other. Their primary purpose is to establish a network of friends, which enhances their family life, strengthens their Faith and sustains them in

SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 15 January

8.45am	Mass	Patrick & Teresa O'Brien RIP
10.15am	Mass	O'Keeffe Family Intentions
6.30pm	Mass	Private Intention

Monday 16 January

8.30am	Rosary	
9am	Mass	John & Letitia Fay Anniversary

Tuesday 17 January St Anthony of Egypt

8.30am	Rosary	
9am	Mass	
11am	Funeral Mass	Geoff Wyatt RIP

Wednesday 18 January

6.30pm	Rosary	
7pm	Mass	

Thursday 19 January St Wulstan

9am	Rosary	
9.30am	Mass	

Friday 20 January St Fabian

6.30pm	Rosary	
7pm	Mass	

Saturday 21 January St Agnes

8.50am	First Holy Communion	
11am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
11-11.30am	Confessions	
12 noon	Mass	

difficult times. They support each other, the Catholic Church, young people and those in need. To find out more visit www.thecatenians.com At our Mass on **Fri 27th January** we will be joined by the Brothers and wives of the Oxford Circle of the Catenian Association. The Mass is being offered for the Deceased Brothers of the Oxford Circle. Parishioners are invited to join the Brothers and their wives for refreshments in the Parish Centre after Mass.

ANNUAL UPDATE OF PARISHIONERS' CONTACT

DETAILS - From time to time our Parish Office sends out an email to the whole parish about important events or news of general interest. We are now updating our database but we need your cooperation. We will send out a test email next week. CHECK YOUR MAIL BOXES and if you have NOT RECEIVED IT or would rather opt out, please contact the parish office by email abingdon@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk. Thank you.

Funeral Mass for John Parsons will be on Mon 16th Jan at 11am, at the Church of Our Lady in Fleet (King's Road, Fleet, GU51 3ST), followed by the burial at Fleet Cemetery. There will be refreshments for everyone from 1pm in the Church Hall.

Alpha Course SUNDAY EVENINGS, starting 22nd Jan, in the Parish Centre. And also, with the other churches, we are hosting a **LADIES ALPHA** on MONDAY MORNINGS, 9.30 -11am, at the Broad Face Pub. Contact Clare (parish office).

'Any Questions' Forum - You are warmly invited to an 'Any Questions' Forum after evening mass on Wed 8th February in the Parish Centre, when Fr Jamie will take questions from parishioners about faith matters. All are welcome. It would be helpful to have prior notification of questions to the Parish Office.

Calling all Philippina parishioners! This year the service for the Women's World Day of Prayer comes from the women of the Philippines. If you are interested in helping to put this united church service on in Abingdon (March 3rd) or simply telling the organisers about your country, please contact Angela Waterhouse, (parish office).

School News

St Edmund's School - Over the next few months we will be opening our doors to youngsters in the Parish and local community who may want to enjoy 'Stay and Play' sessions in our well-equipped Early Years unit. Each session will have a different theme (shown in brackets below). If you are a parent or carer of a 2 or 3 yr old do come along and visit us (younger siblings are welcome too!) The dates of these sessions are as follows:

- Friday 20th Jan (Winter)
- Tuesday 21st Feb (Vehicles)
- Friday 24th March (Easter)
- Tuesday 25th April (Spring)
- Tuesday 23rd May (Down on the Farm)
- Friday 23rd June (At the Seaside)

We will be extending our Nursery offer from Sept 2017 to include full and part-time places. For further info please contact the School Office on 521558.

OLA Junior School Temporary cleaner required for the Mon to Fri 2-4 hours per day from 4pm. For further info please contact the Junior School office on 523147.

Parish Events for the Week

TODAY Refreshments after 10.15am Mass
Confirmation Class 3.30-5pm

Monday 'Life in the Spirit' DVD 7pm

Wednesday Cake & Conversation 9.30am

Thursday Scripture Group 10am

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

Saturday FHC Introductory Session 8.50-10.15am,

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

Future Diary Dates

28th Jan Safeguarding Training, Parish Centre
5th Feb Live Simply Planning Meeting after 10.15 Mass, Parish Centre
8th Feb Parish Lunch 12.30pm, Parish Centre
3rd March Women's World Day of Prayer 10.30am & 7.30pm, Baptist Church

Youth Events

Fri 27th Jan 7-9:30pm All pastoral area youth groups bowling at the Kassam Stadium Bowlplex. Tel. Andy Robins 07952 145851

For further info please contact Melanie Parris- Dollar

Vacancy

The Barns, Christ Church, Northcourt Road, Abingdon are advertising for a Café Manager. For further information office@cca.uk.net or Ab. 539172. Closing date for applications is Wed 25th Jan.

BLESSED ARE YOU PEACEMAKERS

When you speak out against violence,
 When you stand by those who are hurt or ridiculed,
 When you listen to those you disagree with,
 When you give your time and energy to help others,
 When you try to forgive those who hurt you.
 When you love and open yourself to others.

Antiphons for Year I, Week II Ordinary Time

EA: All the earth shall bow before you, O God, and shall sing to you,
 and shall sing to your name, O Most High!
 CA: You have prepared a table for me, and how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst.

Money Matters: 8th January 2017
 Envelopes £ 595.21 Loose Plate £ 791.49 Many thanks.

Counters: B. & D. Keaney, J. Lardner, M. Pike
Cleaners: D. & D. Kearney