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

Parish Life

LENTEN PARISH DINNER We would like to say thank you to everyone who attended the Lenten Parish dinner on Friday 21st April. We made a total of £607.50p. Thank you to all our helpers, to everyone who donated food and raffle prizes. Without your help we could not do it. Thanks again. Sylvia and Mary

Hymn Book Amnesty. If you have borrowed any hymn books from the Church, can you please return them as soon as possible? Over 30 hymn books have been removed from the Church and not returned within the last 18 months, and almost 200 have vanished since the hymn books were originally purchased. We are now at crisis point, specifically when there is a large service (e.g. at Christmas, Easter, First Holy Communion etc). Many thanks.

The annual **International Evening**, hosted by the Cake and Conversation Group, will take place this Friday May 5 at 7:30p.m in the Parish Centre. We like to celebrate the increasingly international nature of our parish by inviting everyone to join us for this very successful social event. If possible could you bring a plate of food from your own country to share. Drinks will be provided. Contact Ann (parish office).

NEXT SUNDAY there will be a second collection for the Clergy Training Fund.

Prayer Ministry NEXT SUNDAY. We invite you to come up after the 10:15am Mass for prayer with members of St Edmund's Prayer Ministry team. Give your hurts and burdens to Jesus, He cares for you.

Coffee Morning for the Bereaved. We are having a coffee morning on Monday the 8th of May at 10.30 - 12.00 in the parish centre and then on the first Monday of each month. It's an opportunity for people who have been bereaved to meet others in similar circumstances for discussion, friendship and informal support on the journey

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sunday 30 April

8.45am	Mass	Thanks to St Jude for prayers answered
10.15am	Mass	James & Kathleen Ring RIP
6.30pm	Mass	Parry Family Intentions

Monday 1 May St Joseph the Worker

8.30am	Rosary	
9am	Mass	Evelyn Entwistle RIP

Tuesday 2 May St Athanasius

8.30am	Rosary	
9am	Mass	Private Intention

Wednesday 3 May SS PHILIP & JAMES

6.30 pm	Rosary	
7pm	Mass	Private Intention

Thursday 4 May THE ENGLISH MARTYRS

9am	Rosary	
9.30am	Mass	Simon Sayce Intentions

Friday 5 May

6.30 pm	Rosary	
7pm	Mass	Gayle Belcher RIP

Saturday 6 May

8.50-10.15am	FHC Session 7	
11am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
11-11.30am	Confessions	
12 noon	Mass	Win Heath Intentions

through grief. Just come along or feel free to contact Colette (parish office).

Christian Aid Week begins on the 13th May. **NEXT SUNDAY** we will be collecting bottles for the St Edmund's Tombola Stall at the Christian Aid event in Abingdon Market Place on the 13th May. Bottles of alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks, cooking oils/ sauces and toiletries are very welcome. Please bring any bottles you wish to give to the Parish Office. Thank you for your support which is always astounding!

All parishioners are invited to a **mini Retreat Day** on Saturday 13th May 10am – 4pm. The theme is Discipleship and becoming "good and faithful servants". Suitable for all. It will be run by 3 experienced retreat-givers in the diocese. Come and receive some teaching, take part in discussions and have some personal space to reflect and pray. Please register by contacting Clare (parish office).

Day of reflection for Eucharistic ministers 27th May, 10am-4pm. Venue - Stonehill Barn. Could Eucharistic ministers please email Fr Phil to confirm availability. pcarroll@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk. Please bring a pack lunch and a copy of Faculty given by parish for Eucharistic Ministry.

LOOKING AHEAD. This year's National Justice and Peace conference from 21st to 23rd July has as its theme A Sabbath for the Earth and the Poor, the challenge of Pope Francis. This theme is very relevant to our Parish journey to becoming a Live Simply parish, guided by Pope Francis' encyclical on the care of creation, Laudato Si. Full details of the conference are on the poster and attached leaflet on the board at the back of church or from Anne Dodd - tel 525997.

Faith Development

The Carmelite Day Pilgrimage to Walsingham is on 24 June 2017. All welcome! Contact Armelle Belcher via English Martyrs, Didcot Parish Office on 01235 812338 for more details.

Southampton Celebrate Weekend 30th September & 1st October at St. George Catholic College, Swaythling, Southampton, SO163DQ. A "Faith Filled" weekend with Teachings, Praise & Worship, Seminars, Daily Mass, Dramas & Mimes and Reconciliation. A real celebration of our faith. Children's streams are available with age appropriate teaching. Full details are available on www.celebrateconference.org or contact Peter & Lynda (parish office).

School News

St Edmund's School. From September 2017 St Edmund's School is offering flexible Nursery provision to suit parents and the needs of their child - either full days, part days or a mixture of both. Please contact Berny Pratt at the school for more information and an application form. Ab 521558 or bpra2676@st-edmunds-rc.oxon.sch.uk).

OLA Junior School is looking for several enthusiastic and compassionate Learning Support Assistants to support individual children. If you are interested in finding out more about the various roles on offer, please contact the Junior School office for further details. Tel Ab. 523147, www.olab.org.uk Closing date for applications: Tuesday 2nd May.

Parish Events for the Week

TODAY Refreshments after 10.15 Mass

Tuesday RCIA 7.30-9pm

Wednesday Cake & Conversation 9.30

Thursday Scripture Group 10-11am

Friday Baby & Toddler Group 9.30-11.15am
International Evening 7.30pm

Saturday FHC Session 8.50-10.30am
Youth Group 1.30pm onwards

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

Future Diary Dates

10th May Parish Lunch, 12.30pm
13th May On Going Catechisis Workshop (see poster for details)

Youth Events

Youth Group - Saturday 6th May
8-10 - 1:30pm-2:30pm
11-12 & 13-14 - 3pm-4:30pm

Freedog in June There will be a pastoral area youth group trip to 'Freedog' in Swindon on Sat 10th June. We will meet at Freedog (Urban Activity Centres, Unit 30, Techno Trading Estate, Kembrey Park, Bramble Road, Swindon, SN2 8HB. Tel. no. 01793 251555) at 1pm. Parents and younger/older siblings are welcome to join us. A 1hour session will cost around £12 including the cost of jump socks. Please bring a packed lunch, or money to buy lunch or a snack. For more information email info@freedog.com or Melanie at tipayouth@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Further info please contact Melanie Parris- Dollar tipayouth@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Marketing and Communications Manager: Our Lady's Abingdon seeks a creative, proactive and experienced marketing professional to play a pivotal role on promoting the school in all aspects of external relations, including media and press, alumni and events. The ideal candidate will have previous experience of working within the independent school sector and good knowledge of the Oxfordshire education market. Application deadline Sunday 7 May, interviews 15 May. Further details available at www.olab.org.uk or the TES jobs website.

Money Matters: 23rd April 2017
Envelopes £ 373.22 Loose Plate £768.53 Many thanks.

Counters: I. James, G. Brady, D. & B. Stacey
Cleaners: B. Amoid, B. Woodcock