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

Lent Fundraising 2018

A big thank you to Mary McKenna and to all the team at Drayton for making us so welcome and for all their hard work on the day. Thanks also to Mary & Les Birkbeck for prize donations and to Jim Levi and David Tonks for their kind donations. We had marvelous support from our golfers. 32 of you turned up and enjoyed a good days Golf and very pleasant weather You raised £550 for the Lenten Appeal. Congratulations to all our prize winners. Thank you once again to you all and see you next year. Terry Murphy.

Lenten Project Family Dance. Join us for an evening of music and dancing where we can have fun and raise funds for our Lent projects. Come to Drayton Village Hall on Friday 27th April, 7:00pm-10.30pm, where you will be entertained by the St Edmund's School Choir and then listen or dance to the fabulous Abingdon 'SwingTime' Big Band. Hot food and desserts included, cash bar available. Tickets £10 adults, £2 children- available after Easter. RAFFLE PRIZES wanted. Please hand into St Edmund's school office (care of Mrs Pratt) or phone Hilary Webb on 525928. Many thanks.

Parish Life

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

The LIVE SIMPLY group have received an update on the use of funds from the 2017 Lenten Project given to the International Tree Foundation for work in Bamenda. Training workshops have been run for participants starting tree nurseries for food and medicinal agroforestry. By the end of the project in Sept/Oct 2018, 100 hectares of farmland will be planted with trees for food also 50 women will have created their own stock of nursery trees for themselves and for sale. Full details are in the report at the back of the church.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sunday 22 April
8.45am Mass Haughton & Dunne Families Intentions
10.15am Mass George Patrick Greenham RIP
6.30pm Mass

Monday 23 April ST GEORGE
8.30am Rosary
9am Mass Doreen Dore RIP

Tuesday 24 April
8.30am Rosary
9am Mass Julia Sanchez RIP

Wednesday 25 April ST MARK
6.30pm Rosary
7pm Mass Kate O'Hora RIP

Thursday 26 April
9am Rosary
9.30am Mass Special Intention
1.30pm Funeral Mass

Friday 27 April
12noon Funeral
6.30pm Rosary
7pm Mass Gayle Belcher RIP

Saturday 28 April
11am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
11-11.30am Confessions
12 noon Mass

Life Talk on Wed 25th April at 7.30 in the Parish Centre entitled "Abortion on Demand - Our battle to protect the Unborn" by Mark Bhagwandin, Senior Education and Media Officer. All welcome.

Charismatic Prayer Meeting Wednesday 25th April: at 4 Rawlings Grove, NOT in Church. 7:45-9pm. Info Ab 528528.

Christian Aid Week commences 12th May. The house to house collection forms an important part in fund raising for Christian Aid in Abingdon. If you can spare a few hours to help please email parish office or telephone 01865 736344 for further details. The collection route can be as long or as short as you wish!

Encounter the Holy Spirit from the WILD GOOSE video series produced by the Franciscan Friars. St Edmund's Parish Centre, Saturday afternoons 2 – 3:30pm
28th April The Breath of God
5th May Baptism in the Spirit & Fire
12th May Gifts of the Holy Spirit
All welcome. Refreshments at 1:45 pm. Free study guides provided. Details: Ab 528528.

Faith Development

Women's World Day of Prayer service, has been rescheduled for Friday 27th April, 1.30pm at Peachcroft Christian Centre. The theme is 'All God's Creation is very Good', and the service comes from Suriname. All welcome, men too!

Sherry Weddell, author of Called and Gifted, and Forming Intentional Disciples, is coming to the diocese next month. There are two events for laity, held at the Basingstoke Country Hotel. On Friday 18th May 2pm - 7pm she will be speaking about parish renewal and a few of our parishes will be sharing what they are doing. On Sat 19th May 9.30am - 4.30pm Sherry will be focusing on the personal spiritual journey and how each of us can develop our love and relationship with the Lord. For more details and to book free places, please email Clare atcsimpson@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

The Silent Music of Carmel: Each evening includes practical aspects of prayer, its difficulties and obstacles, talks on Carmelite Prayer and the experience of silent and guided prayer. Thurs evenings in May – 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th & 31st, 7– 8.30pm at Carmelite Priory, Boars Hill, Oxford OX1 5HB - No Charge - Donations welcome. Further info contact Annette Goulden (parish office) or Carmelite Priory: 01865 735133/01865 730183 Email: retreat@carmelite.org.uk

The Life & Legacy of St Edmund of Abingdon. Will Donaldson, the Chaplain of St. Edmund Hall College in Oxford has kindly offered to give us a talk following the publication of his book on St. Edmund on Wed 30th May, 7.30pm at St Nicholas Church, Market Place, Abingdon. Refreshments provided. Please see poster for details.

School News

St Edmund's School - Nursery 'Stay and Play'. Our next 'Stay and Play session for pre-school children and their parents/carers is on Friday, 27th April, 9.30 - 11 am. No need to book, just come along. We are now taking applications for the Nursery Class for 2018/19: Autumn (September 2018), Spring (January 2019) and Summer (April 2019).

Parish Events for the Week

TODAY Refreshments after 10.15am Mass

Wednesday Cake & Conversation 9.30-11am
'Life' Talk 7.30pm

Thursday Scripture Group 10am
Confirmation Parents Meeting 7.30pm

Friday Baby & Toddler Group 9.30-11.15am

Saturday SVP District Meeting 10.30-12noon
Encounter the Holy Spirit 2-3.30pm
Post Confirmation Group 6-7.30pm

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

Future Diary Dates

Friday 27th April- Lent Project Family Dance. Drayton Village Hall 7-10.30pm

Saturday 2nd June "A Day in the footsteps of Celtic and Northern Saints" To be held in the parish centre 10am-3pm More information to follow.

Youth Events

A 'Hot Potato' session will take place **TODAY** Sunday 22nd April at the Holy Rood Presbytery at 3:30pm. This will provide an opportunity for young people (13-18) to ask Fr. Daniel any 'burning' questions they have about the Church or their faith. All teenagers are welcome.

On 19th May we will be making our mini pilgrimage from St Edmund's in Abingdon to Boars Hill. We plan to leave St Edmund's at 9:30am and walk to the Youlbury Scout Camp for a couple of activities and a Mass. The day will run from 9:30am-5pm. There is no age limits and parents are welcome to join us. The cost is £3 plus any activities you decide to do. Please bring a packed lunch, waterproof coat and sturdy shoes. Please could you email Melanie to let her know if you are coming to either of the events.

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

Children are eligible for a place the term after their 3rd birthday. For further info please contact Mrs Beryn Pratt on Ab. 521558.

We pray for:

- The Repose of the Soul of Teresa Saunders RIP.
- The Repose of the Soul of Brian Fogarty RIP.

Money Matters: 15th April 2018
Envelopes: £366.84 Loose Plate £772.28 Many thanks.

Counters: C. Macfarlane, T. Murphy, G. Brady
Cleaners: P. Shepherd. C. Dennis