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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 There are further copies of the full text of Pope Francis' World Peace Day Message on the table at the back of church, together with information leaflets about Pax Christi. There are also spare Pax Christi donation envelopes. Please put envelopes in the ordinary collection plate at Mass. Thankyou in advance for your generosity.

The **parish office** will be closed from 10am **TOMORROW** for staff training in the Parish Centre.

'Any Questions' Forum - You are warmly invited to an 'Any Questions' Forum after evening mass on Wed 8th Feb 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.

LiveSimply - This is the last week for recycling your old Spectacles, Ink Cartridges, Mobile phones and Stamps. Details of how to continue recycling will be available next week. In February LiveSimply will concentrate on reducing food waste, furthering our support for our local food bank and ending the month supporting FairTrade fortnight.

Church Cleaning If you clean our Church and have an email address will you please send it to mary.j.kelly@outlook.com. Thank you.

Calling all Filipina 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 provide decorations or typical food for the united church service in Abingdon on March 3rd, or simply telling the organisers about your country, please contact Angela Waterhouse (parish office).

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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 29 January

8.45am	Mass	Private Intention
10.15am	Mass	
6.30pm	Mass	Porzio Nicolino & Simonetti Pieranna RIP

Monday 30 January

8.30am	Rosary	
9am	Mass	Jaqueline Moran Intentions

Tuesday 31 January St John Bosco

8.30am	Rosary	
9am	Mass	John Calnan RIP

Wednesday 1 February

6.30pm	Rosary	
7pm	Mass	Georges Eigenheer Intentions

Thursday 2 February THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

NO Mass see www.thamesis.org.uk for other masses

Friday 3 February St Blaise

3.30pm	Funeral Mass	
6.30pm	Rosary	
7pm	Mass	Gayle Belcher RIP

Saturday 4 February

10.15am	Mothers Prayers	
11am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
11-11.30am	Confessions	
12 noon	Mass	

Faith Development

Help for refugees - Pope Francis called for people to think of the harsh realities faced by these people and especially children, in the present very cold winter. Various International organisations are helping refugees but the problem is so great that many are left without help. Catholic organisations like Caritas

International, Help to the Church in Need and CAFOD are doing a great job where other agencies fail. However, they need our help and funds in order to keep sending blankets, clothes, food etc to people in dire need. If you are interested in helping, please send a donation to one of the following charities. Caritas Portsmouth, Bishops house, Crispin Way, Portsmouth, PO13HG or www.caritasdioceseofportsmouth.org.uk Help to the Church in Need, 12-14 Benhill Ave., Sutton, Surrey, SM14DA or www.acnuk.org

The **annual inter-church** quiz on Friday 3rd Feb 2017 will take place at The Salvation Army on East St Helen Street. Contact Ed Evans at ede@occ.org.uk to register your teams (6-8 people per team).

Church in Abingdon are pleased to announce that David Cole will be the guest speaker for the Lent Lectures in March/April 2017. These lectures will take place on Mondays, 8-9 pm, at The Salvation Army in East St Helen Street on the following dates:
 Mon 6 March
 Mon 13 March
 Mon 20 - **break**
 Mon 27 March
 Mon 3 April

Fully escorted **Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland**, 13th March 2017. £599 per person sharing. Price includes flights with 15kg checked in bag, all taxes, luxury transfers, 5 nights' in newly refurbished Knock House Hotel with full Irish Breakfast each morning and 4 Course Dinner each evening. All entertainment, excursions and guided tours included. Wheelchair accessible rooms in the hotel. Limited single rooms at supplement of £50. Groups and Individual bookings welcome. Contact Patricia anytime on 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com. Knock Pilgrimages is a member of the Travel Trust Association and is fully protected by ATOL.

School News

Our Lady's Abingdon Choral Society is a choir formed of staff members, parents, friends and neighbours of the school, which meets this term on Tuesday evenings. All are welcome (previous singing experience is optional!). This term the main piece we will be rehearsing is Purcell's Come ye Sons of Art, which is being performed, along with a few smaller items, at the school Spring Concert on March 28th. Rehearsals are in school from 7.30-9.00 pm on Tuesday evenings, starting on 24th January. If you are interested in joining please contact the Director of Music, Peter Foster on pfoster@olab.org.uk, or just come along on Tuesday evening.

We pray for:

- The repose of the soul of Philip Dunn RIP, funeral Fri 3rd Feb at 3.30pm.
- The repose of the soul of Bernard Kelly RIP, funeral Tues 14th Feb at 1pm.

Parish Events for the Week

TODAY Refreshments after 10.15am Mass
 Confirmation Class 3.30-5pm
 Alpha Course 6-8.30pm

Tuesday RCIA Session 7.30-9pm

Wednesday Cake & Conversation 9.30am

Thursday Scripture Group 10am

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

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

Future Diary Dates

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

Youth Events

'St Edmund's Youth Group - Saturday 4th February
 8-10 yr olds - from 1:30 - 2:30pm
 11-12 & 13-14 yr olds - from 3 - 4:30pm
 15+ from 5-7pm

The New Kid on the Block! Calling all young people! Please come and join the celebration as we launch the new youth group in North Hinksey! On Sun 5th Feb, there will be a Mass of thanksgiving at 4:15pm at Our Lady of the Rosary R.C. Church in Oxford (Yarnells Hill, OX2, 9BD), followed by refreshments. This will be followed by a talk on the relationship between Science and Catholicism for all teenagers and young adults (14-25) in the pastoral area and their friends, from 5:30-6:30pm. We look forward to welcoming you!

For further info please contact Melanie Parris- Dollar leader.tip@gmail.com

Antiphons for Year I, Week IV Ordinary Time

EA: Save us, O Lord our God!
 And gather us from the nations,
 to give thanks to your holy name,
 and make it our glory to praise you.
 CA: Let your face shine on your servant,
 Save me in your merciful love.
 O Lord, let me never be put to shame,
 for I call on you.

Money Matters: 22nd January 2017
 Envelopes £451.29 Loose Plate £747.22 Many thanks.

Counters: G. Pounds, E. Pony, A. Norman-Taylor
Cleaners: P. Shephard, L. Goodall