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

Parish Life

TODAY - Prayer Ministry. 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.

'Any Questions' Forum - You are warmly invited to an 'Any Questions' Forum after evening mass this 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 During February we will be concentrating on reducing food waste, enhancing our support for our local food bank and end ending the month supporting Fair Trade fortnight.

NEXT SUNDAY there will be a second collection for Racial Justice.

SVP Do you know any young mums (or dads) at home with children who could do with some support? The SVP is happy to help, even if it's just a visit and a chat. Contact us via the Parish Office.

Church Cleaning If you clean our Church and have an email address will you please send it to Mary Kelly (parish office). Thank you.

St Edmund's Girlguides would like to thank the parishioners for supporting them with the Scout and Guides Christmas post. Over 4,500 cards were sorted and delivered by Scouts and Guides in Abingdon. The money raised will be shared amongst the groups and used to continue helping and providing adventurous and exciting activities in a safe space for the young people in our community. Thank you.

Faith Development

Consecration of English Martyrs Church, Sat 18th Feb at 12 Noon. The Consecration of the church is one of the

FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 5 February

8.45am	Mass	Teresa O'Brien RIP
10.15am	Mass	All Bereaved Parents & Grandparents
6.30pm	Mass	John Calnan RIP

Monday 6 February St Paul Miki & Companions

8.30am	Rosary	
9am	Mass	Marie Schelz RIP

Tuesday 7 February

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

Wednesday 8 February St Jerome Emiliani

6.30pm	Rosary	
7pm	Mass	Matthew Rudden RIP

Thursday 9 February

9am	Rosary	
9.30am	Mass	Marie Schelz RIP

Friday 10 February St Scholastica

6.30pm	Rosary	
7pm	Mass	Charles Rudden RIP

Saturday 11 February Our Lady of Lourdes

11am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
11-11.30am	Confessions	
12 noon	Mass	Mary Bowen RIP

most important events in its lifetime. Fifty years ago, Bishop Warlock came to English Martyrs in Didcot and blessed the church, but because it was not fully paid for, it could not be consecrated at the time. We are really pleased that Bishop Philip is going to visit Didcot on the anniversary of English Martyrs' blessing, to actually consecrate the church. This is going to be on Saturday 18th February at 12 noon. We hope that many people will be able to attend in order to make this a wonderful celebration.

Volunteering vacancies. Adventure Plus is a Christian charity that provides outdoor adventure activities and holidays for 7000+ young people each year. We need volunteers who can help us with fundraising and other vital projects. We are looking for people who can volunteer 3-4+ hours a week to help us with everything from researching grants and trusts to writing letters. If you would like to join our volunteer fundraising team, please contact Tony Osborn on projects@adventureplus.org.uk or call on 01993 703308

Christian Aid Bucket Collection at Tesco Extra, Marcham Road. The Abingdon Christian Aid Committee has been offered the opportunity to make a bucket collection at Tesco's store from 10am to 4pm on Sat 11th February. Could you help for an hour, or perhaps 30 minutes, at some point during this time? Please contact Ruth Baker (parish office) if you can help. No experience required but warm clothes helpful, although collectors can stand in the entrance foyer.

Do you enjoy singing? Could you spare 30 minutes/week to share your pleasure in music with small groups of disabled young people? Great voices and expertise not required - just patience and a genuine desire to help others by joining their singalong. During school hours. Please contact Rosemary Perrow, trinitylearning@gmail.com if you are interested.

Invitation to Sint Niklaas, our twin town in Belgium, which is celebrating 800 years of being a city in 2017. We are invited to visit from Thurs 1st to Mon 5th June, over Pentecost, staying with friendly host families (or hotels by private arrangement), enjoying a Christian-based programme of events and trips. Possibly travel by minibus. The visit extends truly ecumenical friendship and discussion with the people of Sint Niklaas and our other 'twins' who are also invited. Flemish is not necessary! Numbers are limited. If interested please contact Eileen Bontempelli (parish office).

School News

OLA 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 Rehearsals are in school from 7.30-9pm. 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.

Money Matters: 29th January 2017
 Envelopes £499.05 Loose Plate £ Many thanks.

Counters: L. Cribben, M. Haddock, T. & I. Kinsella
Cleaners: R. & P. Taylor, M. Jarvis

Parish Events for the Week

TODAY Refreshments after 10.15 Mass
 Alpha Course 6-8.30pm

Tuesday RCIA Session 7.30-9pm

Wednesday Cake & Conversation 9.30am
 Parish Lunch 12.30pm
 'Any Questions' Faith Forum 7.30pm
 Charismatic Prayer Meeting 7.45pm, Church

Thursday Scripture Group 10am

Friday Baby & Toddler Group 9.30-11.15am

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

Future Diary Dates

3rd March Women's World Day of Prayer 10.30am & 7.30pm, Baptist Church

Youth Events

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! **TODAY** 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!

Further info please contact Melanie Parris- Dollar leader.tipa@gmail.com

Live Simply Prayer

Compassionate and Loving God You created the world for all to share a world of beauty and plenty. Create in us a desire to live Simply, so that our lives may reflect your generosity. Creator God you gave us responsibility for the earth, a world of riches and delight. Create in us a desire to live Sustainably, so that those who follow after us may enjoy the fruits of your creation. God of Peace and Justice, you give us the capacity to change, to bring about a world that mirrors your wisdom. Create in us a desire to act in Solidarity, so that the pillars of injustice crumble and those now crushed are set free. Amen

Antiphons for Year I, Week V Ordinary Time

EA: O come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for he is the Lord our God.
 CA: Let them thank the Lord for his mercy, his wonders for the children of men, for he satisfies the thirsty soul, and the hungry he fills with good things.