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

Parish Life

Congratulations to all our young people who made their Confirmation at the Cathedral yesterday. Please keep them in your prayers.

TODAY there will be a second collection for Christian Aid.

TODAY Free Religious Books at 2 Radley Road (opposite the Presbytery). For one hour after 10.15am Mass.

NEXT SUNDAY there will be a second collection for Catholic Communications Network.

NEXT SUNDAY - Prayer for Priests: Susan Rodgers from Emmanuel Community, Oxford, will be speaking after each Mass, encouraging us to pray for our priests, and giving out prayer cards.

NEXT SUNDAY LiveSimply and Workaid Tool collection is the second and final collection of tools for recycling. Please leave your contribution in the garage at the back of the Presbytery after Mass. Please note we are unable to accept Bicycles or Lawn mowers because of storage and transport problems.

LOST PROPERTY - Have you ever wondered where on earth you left your: White cardigan, red scarf, SEYN adult navy rain jacket, CHILDS BEIGE AND PINK Pakka style jacket, CHILDS NAVY ZARA jacket, Pink and grey silk pashmina, beige/grey leather ladies gloves, Pink rose design scarf, Navy adult fleece WEBBERS ESTATE AGENCY coloured umbrella, assorted dishes, well.....hurrah They are in the parish centre!!!! Please pop in and collect if you recognise anything on the picture at the back of the church. Thanks.

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

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sunday 21 May
8.45am Mass Deceased members of Quigley & Carroll Family RIP
10.15am Mass Ann E. Gilronan Anniversary
4.30pm Polish Mass
6.30pm Mass Eileen Caplice RIP

Monday 22 May
8.30am Rosary
9am Mass Hayes Family Intentions

Tuesday 23 May
8.30am Rosary
9am Mass Beck Family Intentions

Wednesday 24 May
6.30 pm Rosary
7pm Mass Isabelle Langley Intentions

Thursday 25 May St Bede the Venerable
9am Rosary
9.30am Mass Simon Sayce Intentions

Friday 26 May St Philip Neri
6.30 pm Rosary
7pm Mass Pauline Grant-Adamson RIP

Saturday 27 May ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY
11am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
11-11.30am Confessions
12 noon Mass Paul Worrallo RIP

lunch and a copy of Faculty given by the Bishop for Eucharistic Ministry. Many need to be renewed. Please check yours and let us know.

PENTECOST VIGIL LIVE FROM ROME Sat 3rd June, 3pm to approx 7 PM: Pope Francis has invited Christians worldwide to join him in the Circus Massimus to celebrate 50 years of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal. We shall be

streaming the event live in the Parish Centre. All welcome, come for all or part. Refreshments provided. Details Ab 528528.

"Amoris Laetitia" (The Joy of Love) is the Apostolic Exhortation on Love in the family, by Pope Francis. It's a wonderful document that requires some exploration. To that end we have invited Austen Ivereigh from Catholic Voices to lead us in a presentation allowing us to access the riches of this important papal teaching. Please join us on Fri 16th June, following the evening Mass. The talk is open to the Pastoral Area and so it's likely it will take place in the Church itself, depending on numbers.

Faith Development

Novena to the Holy Spirit. The Great Feast of Pentecost will soon be upon us, when we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit given to Mary and the Apostles, and so also to the early Church. Please consider offering a Novena to the Holy Spirit from Friday 26th May to Saturday 3rd June for the New Evangelisation in our diocese.

The next **Carmelite day** at Boars Hill is on Wed 31st May after the 9:30 mass. It will be led by Sue Pacey ODCS and the title is 'Pauline: the spiritual mother of St. Therese of Lisieux.

The '**Friends of Abingdon Civic Society**' are holding an Open Day on Bank Holiday Monday, 29th May 10.30am-5pm. There will be stands in the buildings with information, guided tours, entertainment and refreshments. We are also having eight walks from the Market Square to include a new one based on St. Edmund.

Come for a West African Cooking lesson by Vivian (Vivacious Services) followed by a delicious 3 course meal on Fri 2nd June, 7pm in North Abingdon in aid of St Edmund Lenten project to raise money for two great causes: Headway charity based in Kenington supporting people with head injury following a stroke, and Bamenda charity based in Cameroun planting trees to protect farmland and endangered habitat. £25 suggested donation for the evening, all proceeds to those 2 charities. Book your evening as soon as possible to avoid disappointment as places are limited. Beatrice or Eliane (parish office).

The Secular Franciscan Order (OFS), Oxford will hold an Open Day of Recollection, Saturday 3rd June, Elmthorpe Convent, Oxford Road, Cowley OX4 2LF, 09:30 to 16:00. Br Gerard Mary OFM Conv. will provide reflection around the theme 'Evangelisation in the 21st Century in the charism of St Francis of Assisi'. All welcome - details on the church notice board. Further details 01235 526346.

Parish Events for the Week

TODAY Refreshments after 10.15 Mass

Wednesday Cake & Conversation 9.30am
Charismatic Prayer Meeting 7.45pm, Church

Thursday Scripture Group 10-11am

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

10th/11th June FHC Celebrations
14th June Parish Lunch 12.30pm
16th June "Amoris Laetitia" Talk by Austen Ivereigh. of Catholic Voices 7.30pm
24th June Post Communion Celebration Mass/Picnic
29th July Social Evening to meet Fr. Thomas and hear about his work in India 7.30pm
30th July Fr. Thomas will be present at all Masses

Youth Events

Freedog in June 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 1 hour session will cost around £12 including the cost of jump socks. Please bring a packed lunch, or money to buy lunch or a snack.

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

Garden Party on Saturday 3rd June from 3pm to 5 pm at Newman's College, Littlemore. Proceeds towards maintaining Newman's College. There will be a guided tour at 4 pm. Tel 01865 779743.

School News

OLA seeks a reliable, friendly person to act as a School Crossing Patrol Officer ('lollipop person'). The post-holder will assist pupils crossing St John's Road for 45 minutes each school day morning (7.55-8.40am), and afternoon (3.10-3.55pm). If you are interested, please call the school on Ab. 524658 for further details.

Money Matters: 14th May 2017
Envelopes £363.16 Loose Plate £ 712.31 Many thanks.

Counters: B. & D. Keaney, A. & C. Lardner-Brown
Cleaners: