

Our Lady & St Edmund of Abingdon
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| Roman Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth Reg. Charity No 246871 | www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk | |

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

Parish Life

PAX CHRISTI. The total raised in the Peace Sunday collection was £718. Thank-you for your generosity. Details of Pax Christi's work can be found on the website www.paxchristi.org.uk.

TODAY there will be a second collection for Racial Justice.

Thanks for your prayers:

Many thanks to you all for your prayers for my nephew John, who last summer received a very bleak prognosis about his cancer. His tumours were considered inoperable. However, he has responded so well to treatment that the surgeons have operated on January 6th, and he is now home and getting stronger with his young family. Thank God for the power of prayer, and thank you. I've also spoken to John Walsh who had a major operation in December to remove cancer, and whom we've been praying for as well. John too is home and getting stronger. So once again thanks for all your prayers for him.

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.

Live Simply – This month we are concentrating on reducing food waste. Do you have any favourite recipes using leftover food or using unusual food? We would like to hear from you. We hope to produce a receipt booklet later in the year. Please send your recipes via the Parish Office marked **LS Recipes** over the next couple of weeks. Thank you. Live Simply Team.

Lent 2017. Lent begins on March 1st this year which is almost upon us. This year we want to offer parishioners a Lenten course featuring Ignatian spirituality. Many of you will have some experience of the guided prayer techniques used in Ignatian spirituality. We hope to focus on the Sunday Scriptures of Lent, with the help of some classic works of art. It will be a great Lenten preparation for the

SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 12 February

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| 8.45am | Mass | William Connolly RIP |
| 10.15am | Mass | John Calnan RIP |
| 6.30pm | Mass | Robert Bernard Prophet RIP |

Monday 13 February ST CYRIL & ST METHODIUS

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| 8.30am | Rosary | |
| 9am | Mass | Michael Hanlon RIP |

Tuesday 14 February

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| 8.30am | Rosary | |
| 9am | Mass | |
| 1pm | Funeral Mass | |

Wednesday 15 February

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| 6.30pm | Rosary | |
| 7pm | Mass | Simon Worrallo RIP |

Thursday 16 February

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| 9am | Rosary | |
| 9.30am | Mass | Jean Kerr & Julia Steele RIP |

Friday 17 February

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| 6.30pm | Rosary | |
| 7pm | Mass | Eileen Smith RIP |

Saturday 18 February

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| 11am | Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament | |
| 11-11.30am | Confessions | |
| 12 noon | Mass | |

great feast of Easter. Watch this space for more details coming...

Faith Development

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

This year **Fr Mark Hogan** will again be leading a camp for boys of secondary school age at St. Cassian's, Kintbury, from Sun 23rd to Sat 29th July. There will be plenty of sport, outings, competitions and fun and games to ensure that boys will have a fantastic few days. This will continue to take place within the context of the celebration of the Catholic Faith, including daily Mass and morning prayer. The cost of the camp is £200 (though full and part bursaries may be available). To find out more or to reserve a place, please contact c/o Mr and Mrs Mulkerns, 23 Pardown, East Oakley, Basingstoke, Hampshire RG23 7DY or dbcamps@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

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),

ADORE (Alton Day Of REnewal) – Saturday 25th February 11am-4pm. You are warmly welcome to a mini-retreat day (or morning/afternoon) of spiritual refreshment and renewal, focussing on the Charisms or gifts of the Holy Spirit. Please note new venue: at Alton Convent, Anstey Lane, Alton GU34 2NG. 11.00am Rosary; 11.30am Mass; 12.15 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament; 1.00pm Shared lunch; 2.00pm Praise & Worship; 2.30 Talk "The Gift of Wisdom" by Peter Hobbs 3.30 Reconciliation and Prayer for healing; and Tea. We end about 4pm. There is no need to register in advance, and no charge (though a collection will be taken to cover costs). For more information and directions, see poster or website: www.altonrenewal.com Or telephone Deacon John Foley on 07769 251747.

Parish Events for the Week

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

Wednesday Cake & Conversation 9.30am

Thursday Scripture Group 10am

Friday SVP meeting 7.30pm

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

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

Hinksey Youth Group - Sunday 5th March
11-14 yr olds - 2:30pm - 4pm
Mass at 4:15pm
Our Lady of the Rosary, Yarnells Hill, Oxford, OX2 9BD

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

Vacancy

FOR CHAPLAIN AT HUNTERCOMBE PRISON, part-time 18.5hrs per week, £25,520+ pro-rata. To offer pastoral care & religious formation to the prisons and staff of the Catholic tradition. For job description & application form from Rev. Ian Thacker email: ian.thacker@hmps.gsi.gov.uk or 01491 643212. Apply ASAP.

Antiphons for Year I, Week VI Ordinary Time

EA: Be my protector, O God,
a mighty stronghold to save me.
For you are my rock, my stronghold!
Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.
CA: They ate and had their fill,
and what they craved the Lord gave them;
they were not disappointed in what they craved.

Money Matters: 5th February 2017
Envelopes £558.33 Loose Plate £810.21 Many thanks.

Counters: N. Cairns, A. & C. Lardner-Brown, B. Malone
Cleaners: J. Ryan, M. Haddock, J. Hawksworth