

Our Lady & St Edmund of Abingdon
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Confessions: Saturday, 11:00 - 11.30am Sunday Mass Times: 8.45 am, 10.15 am, 6.30pm

LENTEN PROJECT 2017

On Ash Wednesday we start the season of Lent and TODAY we'll be introduced to this years' charities for the Lenten project. If you are able to organise any fund raising events to support them please let us know. In past years volunteers have organised soup suppers, coffee mornings, lunches, afternoon tea, Parish breakfast and a golf day. Any ideas you might have would be welcome. Hopefully our Youth Group and schools will be involved too. Many thanks for your support. Fr. Jamie.

York Course for Lent starting on Thursday March 2nd 10 am in the Parish centre. RECEIVING CHRIST in 5 different ways

Session 1: Receiving Christ: as children of God
 Session 2: Receiving Christ: in the stranger and the needy
 Session 3: Receiving Christ: in Holy Communion
 Session 4: Receiving Christ: through prayer and fellowship
 Session 5: 'Christ in you, the hope of glory' (Colossians 1.27).

Big Breakfast & Produce Sale, Sunday 12th March
 Come to the Parish Centre after 8.45 and 10.15 Mass for breakfast! Please plan what you are able to donate for the sale. Cakes, biscuits, jams, chutneys, craft items, potted plants and flowers are NEEDED for the LENTEN PROJECT PRODUCE SALE. More information next week. Many thanks PPC,

Parish Life

TODAY there will be a special FairTrade event in the Parish centre after 10.15 Mass. Children, look out for the Fairtrade Hunt competition which you can take away to do locally and return on 12th March to win a prize. Fairtrade Fortnight 27th Feb - 12th March. In Abingdon, a wide range of FairTrade products are available at 35 Ock Street, next to the Baptist Church (open 10.30am to 2pm Mon - Fri and 10.30am to 12.30pm on Sat) and also at the Oxfam shop in Stert Street (open 9am to 5pm Mon - Sat). During Fairtrade Fortnight there will be a 20% discount in the

EIGHTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 26 February

8.45am Mass Anne & Edward Kelly RIP
 10.15am Mass Eileen Smith RIP
 6.30pm Mass Gayle Belcher RIP

Monday 27 February St Gregory of Norek

8.30am Rosary
 9am Mass John Calnan RIP

Tuesday 28 February

8.30am Rosary
 9am Mass Stephen Harrold RIP

Wednesday 1 March ASH WEDNESDAY (LENT)

9am Mass John Cain an RIP
 6.30pm Rosary
 7pm Mass

Thursday 2 March

9am Rosary
 9.30am Mass Betty Rockett RIP

Friday 3 March

6.30pm Rosary
 7pm Mass John Calnan RIP

Saturday 4 March

10.15am Mothers Prayers
 11am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
 11-11.30am Confessions
 12 noon Mass Sandra Kolb & Sandra Oliver
 In Thanksgiving

Oxfam shop on all Fairtrade food items, 'excluding Easter eggs.

Arts and Faith Lent - Lenten Course featuring Ignatian Spirituality. The course will continue **TOMORROW** at 7pm, and each **MONDAY** during Lent.

Parish Live Simply Recipe Book. Please send in your favourite recipe(s) for waste-free cooking. Favourite simple tips are also very welcome! You can send contributions by email to the parish office (abingdon@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) or put them through the Presbytery door in an envelope marked 'Parish Live Simply Recipe Book'.

Faith Development

CAFOD lent fast day is on 10th March. Please help us to raise money to lift the world's poorest people in Zambia out of poverty. Envelopes will be given out after Masses next Sunday [5th March] and collected in on Sunday 12th. Please be generous - as you always are.

Women's World Day of Prayer, Fri 3rd March: All the churches in Abingdon join to celebrate this event at 10.30am and 7.30pm at the Baptist Church in Ock St. This year the women of the Philippines lead us to reflect on the theme of the workers in the vineyard - 'Am I being unfair to you?'. There is a creche, and refreshments after the service, and all are welcome, not just women and girls! For more information, contact Sandra Kolb or Angela Waterhouse (parish office).

Formation day for diocesan youth ministers on 18th March. The day is open to anyone who works with young people, and those who are interested in working with young people in the future. Further details next Sunday.

Are you celebrating a 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, 60th or Anniversary over 60 years? If so Bishop Philip would like to invite you to a Mass of Celebration at St Bede's Church in Basingstoke on Sat 24th June at 11am. If you would like to come, please visit the Diocesan website www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/anniversaries/ and complete the on-line form, or send an email to anniversaries@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Maryfield Convent - Catholic Residential Care Home Hook, Hampshire, RG27 9LA Tel: 01256 762394

Maryfield is a residential care home that provides care and comfort to members of all religious denominations. Mass is celebrated daily in the convent chapel and the sisters and staff provide continuous, quality care, 24hours a day, seven days a week. We presently have vacancies. If you would like to arrange a visit, or require further information, please call: 01256 762394 and speak to Trish Davies

School News

Isabel Dobson, RM Education. The Internet is amazing. Children can play, learn, create and connect - opening up a whole world of exciting possibilities. But how do you keep track of what your children are doing and make sure they're staying safe? Isabel Dobson, an educator and expert in this field, will give helpful advice to parents, with an opportunity for questions. Refreshments will be provided. Please see poster for details.

Parish Events for the Week

TODAY Fairtrade event after 10.15 Mass
 Confirmation Class 3.30-5pm
 Alpha Course 6-8.30pm

Monday Arts & Faith Lent 7pm

Tuesday RCIA Session 7.30-9pm

Wednesday Cake & Conversation 9.30am

Thursday York Course for Lent 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

3rd March Women's World Day of Prayer 10.30am & 7.30pm, Baptist Church
8th March Parish Lunch 12.30pm, Parish Centre
12th March Big Breakfast & Produce Sale after morning Masses

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, Yarn ells Hill, Oxford, OX2 9BD

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

We pray for:

- DYLAN SANCHEZ-PINSENT- the only son of Maggie Pinent - who died suddenly on January 30th 2017, as a result of a tragic accident in Oxford. His private funeral has taken place. Rest In Peace

Antiphons for Year I, ASH WEDNESDAY BEGINS LENT

EA: The Lord became my protector.
 He brought me out to a place of freedom;
 he saved me because he delighted in me.
 CA: I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me,
 sing psalms to the name of the Lord Most High.

Money Matters: 19th February 2017
 Envelopes £524.85 Loose Plate £ 697.92 Many thanks.

Counters: P. & M. Mulqueen, J. Ines
Cleaners: F. & C. Rogers