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

Lent Fundraising 2018

TOTAL RAISED so far for the two Lenten charities is £7,834. Many thanks.

GOLF DAY Drayton Park GC on Mon 16th April. There will be Tea/Coffee and Bacon Rolls available in the clubhouse from 8.45am with the first t time at 9.30am. There will be a warm up basket of balls on the range available from 08.30 The competition will be a 4 ball stableford with best two to score on each hole. There will be prizes for the winning team plus for nearest the pin and longest drive. There will be an entrance fee of £25 per golfer, £10 for students/juniors. Please contact Terry Murphy via parish office. Mobile 07584 248169/Ab. 527597.

Parish Life

CAKE & CONVERSATION. We will resume on 11th April 9.30-11am. For those new to the parish, Cake and Conversation is a friendly, informal weekly gathering in the Parish Centre open to anyone whose first language isn't English. Further information from Anne or Angela (parish office) or just come along on a Wednesday morning.

Fire Training with Deacon Stephen Short on Saturday 28th April at English Martyr's Didcot. This is open to anybody in the pastoral area. Please contact the Parish Office, English Martyr's on 01235 812338 to book a place.

Faith Development

Divine Mercy Sunday will be celebrated at Elmore Abbey on Sunday 8th April. There will be Confessions at 1pm followed by Mass at 2pm. Elmore Abbey is owned by an ex-parishioner, Anne Fisher, and is at Church Lane, Speen, nr Newbury RG14 1SA.

Save the date- Friday 27th April- Lent Project Family Dance. Join us for an evening of music and dancing where we can have fun and raise funds for our Lent projects. Come to Drayton Village Hall on Friday 27th April, 7:00pm-10.30pm, where you will be entertained by the St

HOLY WEEK

Sunday 1 April EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

8am	Mass	Olive & Ben Bannelick RIP
9.30am	Mass	Kaye Farrell RIP (Anniversary)
11.30am	Mass	Sean Brady RIP (Anniversary)
4.30pm	Polish Mass	

N.B. No evening Mass

Monday 2 April Easter Octave

10am	Mass	Kathleen Walsh RIP
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Tuesday 3 April Easter Octave

8.30am	Rosary	
9am	Mass	Charles Keith Parry RIP

Wednesday 4 April Easter Octave

6.30pm	Rosary	
7pm	Mass	Sr. Ita RIP

Thursday 5 April Easter Octave

9am	Rosary	
9.30am	Mass	Brian Sayce Intentions

Friday 6 April Easter Octave

6pm	Stations of the Cross	
6.30pm	Rosary	
7pm	Mass	Gayle Belcher RIP

Saturday 7 April Easter Octave

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

Edmund's School Choir and then listen or dance to the fabulous Abingdon 'SwingTime' Big Band. Hot food and desserts included, cash bar available. Tickets £10 adults, £2 children- available after Easter.

Encounter the Holy Spirit from the WILD GOOSE video series produced by the Franciscan Friars. St Edmund's Parish Centre, Saturday afternoons 2 – 3:30pm

21st April	God's Love Poured Out
28th April	The Breath of God
5th May	Baptism in the Spirit & Fire
12th May	Gifts of the Holy Spirit

All welcome. Refreshments at 1:45 pm. Free study guides provided. Details: Ab 528528 "Wild Goose" is the name given to the Holy Spirit by the ancient Celts because He is so unpredictable and impossible to tame. If you allow him, the Holy Spirit will lead you on an adventure greater than you can imagine. He will lead you to a place of mercy, healing, peace, and presence. The Holy Spirit has been given to us not as a possession to be tamed or controlled, but rather as a Person that will lead us to the Heart of God. These videos will help you experience a deeper relationship with the Person of the Holy Spirit, and as you come to experience God's presence and power this very same Spirit will transform you and bring you freedom.

Youth 2000 Retreat. Youth 2000 will be returning to the Diocese for a weekend retreat from 27 - 29 April at St Jude's School, Fareham. These retreats offer an incredible opportunity for our young people (ages 16 - 35) to encounter with the Lord in both the Eucharist and in Confession, and are led entirely by young people. Places cost £65, although participants are encouraged to contribute according to their means. Put the dates in your diary, and booking will be available on Eventbrite very soon! Please contact Tom Sellars on 01329 318869 or email youth@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk.

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. This will take place at St Bede's Church in Basingstoke on Sat 30th June 2018. It is a wonderful occasion to celebrate and witness to Marriage. If you would like to come, please visit the Cathedral website www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/anniversaries. If you do not have access to the internet, please see forms at back of Church. To help celebrate the occasion please could you provide a COPY of your Wedding photograph you can upload it when you complete the form online. Alternatively scan and send via email to above email address. Again if you have no access to the internet you can post a COPY along with completed form by post to St Bede's Parish Office, Popley Way, Basingstoke RG24 9DX. Please mark envelope 'Significant Wedding Mass'

Youth Ministers' Retreat. All adults involved in working with and forming young people in the Diocese (teachers, chaplains, youth workers, confirmation catechists, all voluntary and paid) are invited to come on retreat at Cold Ash Centre. £150. Please get in touch for funding support. 11 - 13 May. Please contact Tom Sellars on 01329 318869 or email youth@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk.

Parish Events for the Week

TODAY Refreshments after 10.15am Mass

Thursday Scripture Group 10am

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

Future Diary Dates

11th April Parish Lunch 12.30pm

Youth Events

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

Helping Refugees The Diocesan Refugee Response Working Group is looking for new members. We would especially welcome people with particular skills - such as administration experience, knowledge of the Middle East, refugee issues, familiarity with benefits and into-work programmes and / or project management skills- to join the core working group. Specific knowledge of Syrian refugee issues is not required for all members, but enthusiasm and desire to learn and help are essential. We are also looking for people who would like to gather in different locations around the diocese to listen to informed speakers and to discuss possible and current action for refugees. Anyone interested should see our website www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/rrwg email me on PCS@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or call me on 01730 262 290. Fr Peter Hollins

Have you signed up for Bishop Philip's weekly e-News? Bishop Philip invites you to sign up for his FREE weekly e-Newsletter to keep in touch with the latest news and forthcoming events around the diocese. Visit www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/enews to sign up.

Money Matters: 25th March 2018
 Envelopes £279.45 Loose Plate £865.08 Many thanks

Counters: E. Bennett, L. Cribben, M. Haddock
Cleaners: M. Kelly, M. Sheaf