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

Parish Life

Clearing the Christmas Trees - We need help to dismantle the two Christmas trees on Tuesday 10th January at 2pm. If you are able to help please contact Jo Milham (parish office). Thank you to the volunteers who very kindly helped to erect them before Christmas.

TODAY there will be a second collection for the White Flower Appeal.

This Sunday we continue the **Live Simply** recycling theme after the very successful Mary's Meal recycling event in December. During January we will concentrate on Recycling Old Mobile phones, Inkjet Cartridges, Spectacles and Postage Stamps. Next week boxes will be at the back of the church for your contributions.

Cake and Conversation Group will start again this Wednesday 11th January at 9.30am in the Parish Centre. If you would like to improve your English conversation please come along to our friendly, informal, group which meets every Wednesday morning at 9.30 in the Parish Centre. For further information, please contact Ann on Ab. 559471.

Parish Lunch this Wednesday 11th at 12.30pm in the Parish Centre. If you can help with transport, please ring Ab. 534873.

The **Baby & Toddler Group** will restart after the Christmas break this Friday 13th January. Sessions are each Friday, 9.30am - 11.15am in the Parish Centre at 1 Oxford Rd. All mums, dads, grandparents and carers are welcome to join us with their children. Drinks, snacks, craft, singing and playtime are provided. For those of you unfamiliar with Baby & Toddler groups, parents and carers are responsible for their child during the session. The cost per session per family is £1. We look forward to welcoming newcomers and regular members.

Scorsese film "Silence" now showing in Didcot and Oxford. Not for the faint hearted as it recounts the

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Sunday 8 January

8.45am Mass Bill & Betty Fleetwood RIP
 10.15am Mass Fr. Shay Cullen
 (Work in the Philippines)
 6.30pm Mass Mike Corbett RIP

Monday 9 January THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

8.30am Rosary
 9am Mass Deceased members of the Greaney Family RIP

Tuesday 10 January Beginning of Ordinary Time

8.30am Rosary
 9am Mass Stella Allen Intentions

Wednesday 11 January

6.30pm Rosary
 7pm Mass Stella Allen Intentions

Thursday 12 January St Aelred

9am Rosary
 9.30am Mass Noel Helbert RIP

Friday 13 January St Hilary

6.30pm Rosary
 7pm Mass Gayle Belcher RIP

Saturday 14 January

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

persecution of the Faith in Japan, and graphic martyrdom. It's the story of the Jesuits in Japan starring Liam Neeson.

PEACE SUNDAY Next Sunday (15th) has been designated by the bishops of England and Wales as the Sunday to celebrate in prayer, reflection and action Pope Francis' World Peace Day Message. The theme for this year 'Non - Violence: A Style of Politics for Peace' is the first fruits of a ground - breaking Conference hosted

recently in Rome by Pax Christi International and the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace.

Justice & Peace. A copy of the latest Bulletin from the Diocesan Justice Peace and Social Responsibility Team is on the board at the back of church. Copies of the latest Justpeace newsletter from Pax Christi are on the table.

Calling all Philippina parishioners! This year the service for the Women's World Day of Prayer comes from the women of the Philippines. If you are interested in helping to put this united church service on in Abingdon (March 3rd) or simply telling the organisers about your country, please contact Angela Waterhouse, (parish office).

Alpha Course - Would you like to know more about who Jesus is, why he died for us and how you can find or grow your faith? Would you like to ask hard questions or discuss difficult issues, and look at the meaning of our lives, with others in a social relaxed setting? Would you like to eat a hot meal on Sunday evening and make new friends? Please come and try the Alpha Course, which this year a group of parishioners are running in two different places. SUNDAY EVENINGS, starting 22nd January, in the Parish Centre. And also, with the other churches, we are hosting a **LADIES ALPHA** on MONDAY MORNINGS, 9.30 -11am, at the Broad Face Pub. Contact Clare (parish office).

Safeguarding Training - The next training sessions will take place in the Parish Centre on the 28th Jan 2017: Child Protecting Awareness from 10am - 12.30pm Vulnerable Adults Awareness from 1.30pm - 4pm. Please note It is necessary for all those wishing to attend a training session need to register by email with Soraya Ciccarrone the Safeguarding Centre in Portsmouth soraya@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk. Any problems please contact Anne Green (parish office).

Natural Family Planning One of our parishioners, Laura Williams, is a qualified teacher of the Billings Ovulation Method of natural fertility regulation. It is 99% effective in avoiding pregnancy with no side effects. This method is also very effective for couples having difficulty conceiving. Laura is available to teach you the method to help in avoiding or achieving pregnancy. For further information, visit www.billingsmethodengland.org.uk or via parish office.

Faith Development

ADORE (Alton Day Of REnewal) - Sat 28th January, 11am - 4pm. For more information and directions, see poster or website: www.altonrenewal.com.

We pray for:

- The repose of the soul of Luisa Rodriguez RIP

Parish Events for the Week

TODAY Refreshments after 10.15am Mass

Monday 'Life in the Spirit' DVD 7pm

Wednesday Cake & Conversation 9.30am
 Parish Lunch 12.30pm
 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

15th Jan Peace Sunday
28th Jan Safeguarding Training, Parish Centre
3rd March Women's World Day of Prayer 10.30am & 7.30pm, Baptist Church

Youth Events

Fri 27th Jan 7-9:30pm All pastoral area youth groups bowling at the Kassam Stadium Bowlplex. Tel. Andy Robins 07952 145851

For further info please contact Melanie Parris- Dollar

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 I Ordinary Time

EA: Upon a lofty throne, I saw a man seated, whom a host of angels adore, singing in unison: Behold him, the name of whose empire is eternal.
 CA: With you, O Lord, is the fountain of life, and in your light we see light.

Money Matters: 1st January 2017
 Envelopes £ 417.90 Loose Plate £815.48 Many thanks.

Counters: E. Midwinter, J. Ryan
Cleaners: B. Amoid, B. Woodcock