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

Lent Fundraising 2018

TODAY The retiring collection is in aid of our Lenten charities this year. It enables parishioners who have not been able to attend any of the fundraisers to support, or to top up if you already have. Gift Aid envelopes are in your new boxes (on the table) for those who Gift Aid. Thank you for your generosity.

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. Entrance fee of £25 per golfer, £10 for students/juniors. Please contact Terry Murphy (parish office). Mobile 07584 248169/Ab. 527597.

HUGE THANKS Our St Patrick's Day Celebration, and Bacon Butties after Mass last Sunday raised an amazing £951. Many thanks to all who helped and supported these events.

Holy Week

We are now in the final few days of Lent and on Thursday the Triduum starts with the commemoration of the Last Supper, followed on Good Friday with the Liturgy of the Lord's Passion and Veneration of the Cross. This is a day of fasting and abstinence. On Saturday evening we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus at the Easter Vigil, with the lighting of the Pascal Candle, followed by three morning masses on Easter Sunday.

Shoe Cleaning on Maundy Thursday. We will again be doing this in the market square, with the Community Church, between 10am and 1pm on Thur 29th March. Would you like to join the rota either to serve refreshments or clean shoes? This is a wonderful way of loving and serving those in the town that morning, and being a witness to Jesus and his Passion. Or, why don't you come and support us by letting us clean your shoes. Please ring Clare 847804 if you can help.

HOLY WEEK

Sunday 25 March PALM SUNDAY

8.45am	Mass	In Thanksgiving
10.15am	Mass	Bernard Kelly RIP
6.30pm	Mass	Gayle Belcher RIP

Monday 26 March HOLY WEEK

8.30am	Rosary	
9am	Mass	Michael McKenna RIP (5 th Anniversary)
11.30am	Funeral Mass	Win Heath RIP

Tuesday 27 March

11am	Chrism Mass, Portsmouth
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Wednesday 28 March

11am	Funeral Mass	Phyllis Morgan RIP
6.30pm	Rosary	
7pm	Mass	Michael Walsh RIP

Thursday 29 March MAUNDY THURSDAY

N.B. No morning Mass
7.30pm Mass of the Lords Supper

Friday 30 March GOOD FRIDAY

10am	Stations of the Cross
3pm	Solemn Liturgy

N.B. No evening Mass

Saturday 31 March HOLY SATURDAY

N.B. No Confessions
11am Blessing of Easter Food
8pm Easter Vigil

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

Parish Life

Parish Office will be closed on Tuesday 27th March.

Charismatic Prayer Meeting Wed 28th March at 4 Rawlings Grove **NOT in Church.** 7:45-9pm. Info Ab. 528528.

Thank you so much for supporting **CAFOD** this Lent. We raised £778.48 for CAFOD's work. Thank you for your generous compassion for those living in poverty and for fasting in solidarity with them.

Please note that the **times of masses on Easter Sunday** are different to the usual Sunday mass times, and there is no evening mass. Also there will be an **obligatory collection for the Holy Places on Good Friday.** Mass on Easter Monday will be at 10am.

The **traditional blessing of Easter foods** will take place on Easter Saturday at 11am. All are welcome.

CAKE & CONVERSATION. We will start again 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 ring Anne 525997 or Angela 532296 or just come along on a Wednesday morning.

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

Diocesan Conference Please see posters for the forthcoming Diocesan Event preparing for the National Eucharistic Congress, Adoremus. This will take place at the New Theatre Royal in Portsmouth and finishes at the Cathedral with Mass on Sat 5th May. Entrance will be by ticket only, due to limited seating in the theatre. Direct booking and enquiries to Sue Field: congress@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or 07780 221686.

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.

Parish Events for the Week

TODAY Confirmation Class 3.30-5pm
Alpha Course 6pm

Wednesday Charismatic Prayer Meeting 7.45-9pm
(see change of venue)

Thursday Scripture Group 10am
Arts & Faith 7.30pm

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*

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'

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.

School News

OLA Senior School is looking for a reliable, friendly person, proficient in Word and Excel, to join our office team working 30 hours per week during term time. Please visit the school website at www.olab.org.uk for further details. Application deadline Monday 26 March.

Money Matters: 18th March 2018
Envelopes £340.55 Loose Plate £597.36 Many thanks

Counters: A. Norman-Taylor, E. Pony, G. Pounds
Cleaners: M. Anne