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

Parish Life

Pentecost Sunday: Changed People This is the day when Jesus, true to his promise, sent his Spirit on the Apostles. The coming of the Holy Spirit resulted in changed people and saw the birth of a new community, the Church. Today is the BIRTH-DAY of the Church. This great day renews the gift of the Spirit in each of us. Let us pray to open to his anointing. The Spirit enlightens the darkness of our minds, softens the hardness of our hearts, renews our strength with the fire of his love. COME HOLY SPIRIT.

Christian Aid Week. Thank you to all who contributed to the success of Christian Aid Week. The Parish raised £1559.85. A superb effort! The Christian Aid Committee is looking for new members. If you can spare a few days a year to join in the fund raising activities of the group you will be very welcome! If you are interested please contact Christine Chater (parish office).

The **Workaid** tool collection was a great success. The equivalent of two small van loads of tools have been sent to Workaid. Thanks to everyone who contributed items and also to those parishioners who helped on the collection days.

"Amoris Laetitia" (The Joy of Love) is the Apostolic Exhortation on Love in the family, by Pope Francis. It's a wonderful document that requires some exploration. To that end we have invited Austen Ivereigh from Catholic Voices to lead us in a presentation allowing us to access the riches of this important papal teaching. Please join us on Fri 16th June, following the evening Mass. The talk is open to the Pastoral Area and so it's likely it will take place in the Church itself, depending on numbers.

Pat Harrold sends his thanks to you all for your prayers and support during his recent illness.

PAX CHRISTI -There are copies of the Annual Report of this Catholic Peace Organisation on the table at the back of church. Please take one if you wish.

PENTECOST

Sunday 4 June PENTECOST SUNDAY

8.45am	Mass	O'Brien Family Intentions
10.15am	Mass	Mike & Maria Pia Oliver's Grandchildren Intentions
4.30pm	Polish Mass	
6.30pm	Mass	Padraig Cunningham RIP

Monday 5 June

8.30am	Rosary	
9am	Mass	In Thanksgiving Matias Kolb

Tuesday 6 June St Norbert

8.30am	Rosary	
9am	Mass	Pat Chapman Intentions

Wednesday 7 June

6.30 pm	Rosary	
7pm	Mass	Rosemary Walters Intentions

Thursday 8 June

9am	Rosary	
9.30am	Mass	Floss Hillis RIP

Friday 9 June St Ephrem

6.30 pm	Rosary	
7pm	Mass	Gayle Belcher RIP

Saturday 10 June

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

Faith Development

Concerts at St Michael's Church raising funds for St Michael's 150th Anniversary charities - The Abingdon Bridge and TARIRO - Hope for Youth in Zimbabwe: Tuesday 13 June, 8pm, Cothill House School Choir supported by Members of New College Oxford will sing Fauré's Requiem and other motets. Retiring collection for 150th Anniversary charities. Saturday 17

June at 7pm. Wantage Academy Brass under the direction of Nikki Jones. Tickets £7, concessions £6 are available from the Bookstore (Bury Street) and at the door. 16 & under free.

Date for your diary: Following our own very successful International Evening earlier this month, Abingdon is going to celebrate the town's diverse culture on Sunday 18 June, 12-3pm in St Ethelwolds Garden, East St Helen Street. There will be an international Bring & Share lunch and musical entertainment. More details later, but meanwhile put the date in your diary and think about what you are going to bring!

ADORE (Alton Day Of REnewal) – Saturday 24th June 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 Knowledge" by Deacon John Edwards 3.30 Prayer for healing. 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.
 The following month, on Saturday 22nd July, our guest speakers will be Pauline Edwards and Fr Laurence Brassill OSA talking about the Gifts of Healings.

Vacancy

Administrator Required—A vacancy has arising for a part-time Administrative Secretary to work for Fr Phillip Harris, Parish Priest at the churches of English Martyrs, Didcot and St John the Evangelist, Wallingford. The successful applicant will be located at the Parish Office in the Presbytery at Didcot. Hours of work: 28 per week, hours each day to be agreed Salary: £9.19 - £11.34 per hour. Closing date for applications: **5th June** Application forms can be downloaded from www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/vacancies/ or available from the parish office. Please return to Fr Phillip Harris, English Martyrs Church, 15 Manor Crescent, Didcot OX11 7AJ, Telephone 01235 812338.

Antiphons for Year I, Week IX Ordinary Time

EA: Turn to me and have mercy, O Lord,
 for I am alone and poor.
 See my lowliness and suffering
 and take away all my sins, my God.
 CA: To you I call, for you will surely heed me, O God;
 turn your ear to me, hear my words.

Parish Events for the Week

TODAY Refreshments after 10.15 Mass
Monday Bereaved Coffee Morning 10.30am – 12noon
Wednesday Cake & Conversation 9.30am
Thursday Scripture Group 10-11am
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

10th/11th June FHC Celebrations
14th June Parish Lunch 12.30pm
16th June "Amoris Laetitia" Talk by Austen Ivereigh. of Catholic Voices 7.30pm
18th June Post Communion Celebration Mass/Picnic
9th July Parish Day
29th July Social Evening to meet Fr. Thomas and hear about his work in India 7.30pm
30th July Fr. Thomas will be present at all Masses
24th September Parish AGM 7.30pm, Parish Centre

Youth Events

Freedog in June Sat 10th June. We will meet at Freedog (Urban Activity Centres, Unit 30, Techno Trading Estate, Kembrey Park, Bramble Road, Swindon, SN2 8HB. Tel. no. 01793 251555) at 1pm. Parents and younger/older siblings are welcome to join us. A 1 hour session will cost around £12 including the cost of jump socks. Please bring a packed lunch, or money to buy lunch or a snack.

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

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

Money Matters: 28th May 2017
 Envelopes £421.16 Loose Plate £652.63 Many thanks.

Counters: T. & I. Kinsella, E. Pony, A. Norman-Taylor
Cleaners: J. Ryan, M. Haddock, J. Hawksworth