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Confessions: 11.00 - 11.30am or by appointment

Parish Life

TODAY there will be a second collection for Racial Justice.

Charismatic Prayer Meeting Wednesday 12th February, at 4 Rawlings Grove. 7:45-9pm. All welcome! Info Ab 528528.

A Special Mass for the Nigerian community across the Diocese will be celebrated at the Cathedral on Sunday 23rd February at 3pm - all welcome. Contact Fr Daniel Agber on 07424 426845.

PAX CHRISTI A warm thank you from Pax Christi, the International Catholic Movement for Peace, for the envelope collection on Peace Sunday. The total of £725.50 for its work is much appreciated.

BIBLE ALIVE The **February** issue and **Lent** issue are now available at the back of the church. Understanding the scriptures draws us closer to Jesus. Copies of Bible Alive are available every month at the back of the church, for only £2.50. Please do take a copy.

LENTEN PROJECTS: The two Lenten fundraising projects for 2020 are **BeSpace** and **5th Gospel Christians**. Their work will be explained at the Sunday Masses and on our website in the 'Whats On' section.

Chrism Mass 2020, St John's Cathedral, Portsmouth – Once again the Pastoral Area have arranged coach transport to the Chrism Mass this year, on Tuesday 7th April. The bus will pick up from Our Lady and St Edmund's, Abingdon at 7.45am and English Martyrs, Didcot at 8.15am, travelling down to Portsmouth for Mass at the Cathedral at 11am. The return trip will be around 3pm. The cost per person is £15. Bookings through Didcot Parish Office on 01235 812338, email didcot@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk by 1st April please. Payment on booking.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 9 February

8.45am	Mass	Elizabeth Alder RIP
10.15am	Mass	Finbar & Helen Hurley RIP
6.30pm	Mass	Edward Lonergan RIP

Monday 10 February St Scholastica

8.30am	Rosary	
9am	Mass	Donie & Deanne Kearney Intentions

Tuesday 11 February

NO Mass See: www.ourladyandstedmund.org.uk/thames-isis-pastoral-area for other masses

Wednesday 12 February

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Thursday 13 February

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Friday 14 February ST CYRIL & ST METHIDIUS

6.30pm	Rosary	
7pm	Mass	Alan & Ann Hopgood Intentions

Saturday 15 February

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

Faith Development

'How Jews and Christians read the Bible', a talk on Feb 27th at 7.30pm at Trinity Church by the eminent theologian and biblical scholar John Barton, Emeritus Professor of Oxford University, Senior Research Fellow of Campion Hall, Anglican priest and resident of Abingdon, and author of the recent publication *'A History of the*

Bible: The Book and its Faiths. John is a learned but accessible speaker and this will be a rewarding evening. Tickets are £5 from Cliff Marshall Ab 530480, or on the door.

Women's World Day of Prayer, a women-led, global, and ecumenical movement, is led by Zimbabwe this year, on the theme of *'Rise, take your mat and walk'*. Services will be held at Trinity Church at 10.30am (with crèche) and 7.30pm on Friday 6th March. All are welcome, women, girls - and men too! If you would like to read at the service, please contact Angela Waterhouse 07866 195998

Bishop Philip Egan writes: I'd like to invite the whole Diocese to join me at the Cathedral on the First Sunday of Lent, 1st March for a Day of Prayer and Reparation for the sins of sexual abuse by members of the Church. I will lead the Day together with the Cathedral clergy, and assisted by Fr. Dominic Allain and Antonia Moffat of the organisation From Grief to Grace. The purpose of the Day is to beg God's forgiveness and God's healing as well as to make reparation for the sins and crimes of sexual abuse that have taken place within the Church by and against members of the Church, especially children and vulnerable adults.

Dementia-friendly cafés. The first step of a small steering group working towards making Abingdon a dementia-friendly community has been to work with two local cafés to arrange specific times when people with dementia/mild cognitive impairment and their carers can come in and be welcomed with a friendly face: 35 Ock Street: every Friday, 10.30 – 11.30 am Barns Café, Northcourt Road: 1st and 3rd Tuesdays, 2.30 – 3.30 pm. For more information, contact Ab. 559120

Lent 2020 – The God Who Speaks. Fr Richard Ounsworth O.P. will begin our Monday evening sessions for Lent, on 2nd March, at 7.30pm in the parish centre. Fr Richard will speak to us about Celebrating, Living and Sharing God's Word which is the theme of 'The God Who Speaks' which was launched by the Catholic Bishops Conference at the beginning of Advent. On the following four Mondays in March at 7.30pm also in the parish centre, we will show four of the new Sycamore films produced and presented by Fr Stephen Wang, a priest of the Westminster Diocese. Sycamore is an informal set of films about the Christian/Catholic faith and its relevance to life today. It gives you space to meet other people, share ideas, explore our beliefs and think about questions that really matter. Each session involves a short film and some time for discussion. There's no pressure and no commitment but there is a real sense of community, a spirit of friendship, great conversation and everybody is welcome. We look forward to seeing you there.

We pray for:

- The Repose of the Soul of John Smith RIP and the intentions of Celia and her family.

Parish Events for the Week

TODAY Refreshments at 10.15am Mass

Tuesday RCIA 7.30pm

Wednesday Cake & Conversation 9.30am
Parish Lunch, 12.30pm
Journeying Together in Faith (JTIF) 7.30pm

Friday Baby & Toddler Group 9.30am

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

Future Diary Dates

26th Feb Soup Supper 7.30pm, Parish Centre

27th Feb Talk 'How Jews and Christians read the Bible', Trinity Church at 7.30pm

6th March Women's World Day of Prayer 10.30am & 7.30pm Trinity Church

8th March Big Breakfast (more details to follow)

26th & 27th March Parish Office closed

Youth Events

SATURDAY 7TH MARCH

* *Children of Our Lady (COOL) group meets from 3.30 to 5.00pm in the Parish Centre (primary school years 3 to 6 are all invited).*

* *St Edmund's Knights meet from 3.30-5.00pm in the Parish Centre (young people in secondary school are all invited).*

Reminders of future events are always included in the parish weekly newsletter and the full programme can be viewed in the youth section on our parish website at:

www.ourladyandstedmund.org.uk/events

More info: bhabayeb@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Antiphons for Year II, Week V Ordinary Time

EA: O come, let us worship God
and bow low before the God who made us,
for he is the Lord our God.

CA: Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be consoled.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for
righteousness,
for they shall have their fill.

Money Matters: 2nd February 2020

Envelopes £296.48 Loose Plate £671.81

Average weekly Gift Aid Standing Orders £995

Many thanks

Counters: R. & P. Taylor, M. Webster

Cleaners: D. & D. Kearney