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Confessions: Saturday, 11.00 – 11.30am or by appointment

LENT Charity Fundraising 2019

Last weekend's Lenten events were a great success. The Parish Lent Dance raised £550 and the Big Breakfast, cakes, crafts and book sale raised £568.30. Many thanks to everyone for your support. The total raised so far is £2,613.55.

Great day's golf last Monday with wonderful weather. We would like to thank Mary and Ian and all the team at Drayton for looking after us. Thanks also to those who supported the event with kind donations And a really big thank you to the 30 golfers who took part on the day and who made it all possible. Together we raised £550 for this year's Lenten Project See you all next year Regards, Terry Murphy.

NEXT SUNDAY is Palm Sunday and the retiring collection will be for the Lenten Charities.

Soup Supper. Please come and join us in the parish centre on Tuesday 16th April for a soup supper, supporting our charities. There will an opportunity to hear more about the work done by the three charities that we are supporting. Soup will be served at 7.30pm. There is no charge for coming along, and there will be a box for donations. Please contact Catherine MacFarlane on Ab. 527597 or Clare Simpson on 01235 847804

Fish Finger/Fizz'Quiz supper evening Friday 3rd May, 7.30pm. parish centre. Please put this date in your diary today so as not to miss a fabulous evening. Tickets will be on sale soon

Parish Life

Parish Lunch this Wednesday 10th April, 12.30pm in Parish Centre.

Charismatic Prayer Meeting Wednesday 10th April at 4 Rawlings Grove. 7:45-9pm. All welcome! Info Ab 528528.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Sunday 7 April

8.45am Mass Jean Moore RIP
10.15am Mass Mary Walsh Intentions
4.30pm Polish Mass
6.30pm Mass Mick Canavan RIP

Monday 8 April

8.30am Rosary
9am Mass Mary Walsh Intentions

Tuesday 9 April

8.30am Rosary
9am Mass Charles & Kay Farrell RIP

Wednesday 10 April

6.30pm Rosary
7pm Mass Philip Bolley RIP

Thursday 11 April

9am Rosary
9.30am Mass Simon Sayce RIP
12noon Funeral Deborah Uzoiri RIP
7pm N.B. Penitential Service

Friday 12 April

6pm Stations of the Cross
6.30pm Rosary
7pm Mass Private Intention

Saturday 13 April

10.15-10.45am Mothers Prayers
11am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
11-11.30am Confessions
12 noon Mass Esperanza Garcia RIP

Lent Penitential Service takes place this coming Thursday 11th April at 7pm. Please come along to celebrate the sacrament of Reconciliation in preparation for Holy Week and Easter.

Eucharistic Ministers: Regretfully, due to practicalities, our day scheduled for 13th April has had to be postponed until a later date. Apologies for any inconvenience.

Baby & Toddler Group for families and preschool children returns after the Easter break on Friday 26th April at 9.30 am. We wish you all a happy Easter.

Cake & Conversation. The last session before the Easter break will be on Wed 10th April. We will start again on 1st May. Anyone whose first language is not English is always very welcome. Just come along to the Parish Centre for the friendly informal sessions from 9.30 to 11am.

Wednesday 10th April. Following the 4 sessions on the Eucharist, there will be an interactive session in the Parish Centre at 7.30pm on Being the Body of Christ in the World. Everyone is welcome - you do not need to have attended the previous sessions.

Youth

In the hotspot. Aged 11 to 16? In Secondary School? Then there is an event for you on Saturday 11th May from 12.45 to 2.45pm in the parish centre. Come along and bring your friends for a pizza lunch, a chance to meet other people and an opportunity to ask questions about.... well almost about anything... and it's all free! For catering, we need to know numbers, so please email: bhabayeb@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Faith Development

Thank you to everyone for their generous support of the Big Easter Event and Abingdon Passion Play on Saturday 6th April. Your prayers and help with so many practical requests are very much appreciated. Photos and more will be on the website soon! (abingdonpassionplay.co.uk)

Vacancy

A vacancy has arisen for a job share in the post of Administrator based at English Martyrs, Didcot. The post is for eight hours a week, and will support Fr Phillip Harris and the current Administrator. Further details available from Didcot parish office on 01235 812338 or from www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk. Applications need to be in writing by 16th April.

We pray for:

- Ann Goodwill and Marion Davies. During this week they fondly remember their older brother Stephen Jacob, who died a year ago in hospital in Chester.
- The Repose of the Soul of Deborah Uzoiri. Funeral 11th April at 12noon.

Money Matters

Envelopes: £269.30 Loose Plate £544.51 Many thanks

Counters: B. & D. Kearney, M. Pike
Cleaners: J. Ryan, M. Haddock

Parish Events for the Week

TODAY Refreshments after 10.15am Mass

Tuesday RCIA 7.30pm

Wednesday Cake & Conversation 9.30am
Parish Lunch 12.30pm

Being the Body of Christ in the World, 7.30pm (This event is a follow -on from the talks in March and on 4th April)

Friday SVP Meeting 7.30pm

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

Future Diary Dates

16th April Soup Supper 7.30pm

3rd May Fish Finger/Fizz/Quiz supper evening 7.30pm

Youth Events

Please look at the events calendar on our website in the Youth section for more details of ALL events.

**The next event for Parish Youth Groups is Saturday 27th April, 3.30-5.00pm. More info: bhabayeb@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk*

Mini Walking Pilgrimage to Boars Hill from Abingdon: Saturday 18th May - 9:00am for a 9:30am start from Tilsley Park car park (OX14 1PU) to Youlbury Scout Camp in Boars Hill. Bring a packed lunch and water bottle. Cooking over a campfire and other organised events on arrival at Youlbury. For more information or to book your place, please contact Melanie at tipayouth@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or on 07470094818.

LIVE SIMPLY

Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato Si* - The Care of Creation was the inspiration for our journey to become a Live Simply Parish. In *Laudato Si* the Pope urges us to live as simply and sustainably as possible. "Reusing something instead of immediately discarding it," he says, "when done for the right reasons can be an act of love." A way of helping us to do this will start in Abingdon later this month. On 27th April there will be a first Repair Cafe at Christchurch Hall, Northcourt Road from 3pm to 5pm. People with mending skills will be on hand will be there to show you how to do it - or steer you towards someone who can. Bring along any electrical, electronic items, tools, toys - whatever may need repair. For further information visit www.abingdoncarboncutters.org.uk or see the poster on the board at the back of church.