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Confessions: Saturday, 11.00 – 11.30am or by appointment

LENT Charity Fundraising 2019

ASH WEDNESDAY Following the 7pm Mass on 6th March, please come and join this years' launch of the Lenten projects in the parish centre, and enjoy a delicious soup supper.

ST PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATIONS! Sat 16th March, 7-10pm, Parish Centre. Enjoy an evening of Irish music, song, dance and food. Tickets £10 per adult and £3 per child. Irish coffees and a selection of drinks will be available to purchase or you are welcome to bring your own beer or wine. There will be live music and all are invited to join in with a song or a tune or a dance, open mic style! All welcome. Tickets available Sun 3rd & 10th March after 10.15am mass or email to reserve tickets: lauraashleycarter@btinternet.com or bernadette.m.osullivan@gmail.com or phone Laura on 07947 178394.

St. Patrick's Day - Sun 17th March Year 7 students from OLA's Food Club will be providing tea, homemade cakes and biscuits after 10.15am Mass. Please come and join us in the Parish Centre.

Fish Finger Supper & Fizz'Quiz night Come and join us for a fun evening on Friday 22nd March 7.30pm in parish centre. Easter hamper raffle, Easter family quiz, cake and fun. Tickets on sale £10 adult £5 per child.

Parish Lent Dance this year will be on FRIDAY 29 March at 7pm, at Drayton Village Hall. You will be entertained by ABINGDON BIG BAND and ST EDMUND'S SCHOOL CHOIR, with a hot supper and dessert. A bar will be available. Tickets are £10 adults and £3 children. All family and friends are welcome. Tickets will be on sale before and after Sunday Mass, at the Reception Desk of St Edmund's and OLA Schools or phone 01235 525928.

Golf Day Monday 1st April. There will be an entrance fee of £25 per golfer £10 for students/juniors. We would like to thank Mary McKenna for allowing us to use the course

EIGHTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 3 March

8.45am	Mass	Janet Cox RIP
10.15am	Mass	Alan Furze Intentions
4.30pm	Polish Mass	
6.30pm	Mass	Fr. Phil Carroll Intentions

Monday 4 March St Casimir

8.30am	Rosary	
9am	Mass	Sandra Oliver & Sandra Kolb In Thanksgiving

Tuesday 5 March

8.30am	Rosary	
9am	Mass	Jane Naughton RIP

Wednesday 6 March ASH WEDNESDAY

9am	Mass	
6.30pm	Rosary	
7pm	Mass	

Thursday 7 March

9am	Rosary	
9.30am	Mass	Alice & Maurice Daly RIP

Friday 8 March

6.30pm	Rosary	
7pm	Mass	Molly Gibbard RIP

Saturday 9 March

8.50-10.15am	FHC (5)	
11am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
11-11.30am	Confessions	
12 noon	Mass	

free of charge. There will be tea/coffee/bacon rolls from 9am in the clubhouse with first t at 10.04. As last year we will be in teams of 4 with the best two score to count on each hole. For more information and to register please contact Terry Murphy. Email terry.murphy62@yahoo.co.uk Home Ab. 527597 Mob.07584 248169. Thanks in advance for your usual wonderful support.

Parish Life

TODAY we welcome speakers from the Young Carer's Charity.

Live Simply Thought for February: Remembering that we are a Fairtrade Parish, watch out in the local shops for special promotions for Fairtrade Fortnight 25th Feb – 10th March. Fairtrade products are also on sale in Oxfam and at 35 Ock St.

PAX CHRISTI There are copies of the latest JustPeace at the back of church. Including an article by Pat Gaffney as she retires after 29 years at the helm of Pax Christi's work of peacemaking and peacebuilding. There is also an introduction to the new co-ordinator. Please take a copy. Further info www.paxchristi.org.uk

Follow Lent on our website. There are three sources of information and activities: The What's On page, the Parish Blog – and for children, the Youth section

Faith Development

CAFOD Lent family fast day is an opportunity to support our brothers and sisters overseas who are in need. On Fri 15th March can you eat simple meal so that others can simply eat. Please collect your fast day envelope from church and give whatever you can or you can donate online at cafod.org.uk/Fundraise/Fast-Day

The Called and Gifted teaching day is coming to a parish near us in March this year. It will be at English Martyrs parish, Reading, on 30th March 9am - 4pm. There are already a few parishioners booked to go. Please contact Clare on 847804 if you would like to come to this free and excellent day on the purpose of our lives and how we live it through particular gifts of the Holy Spirit. Car-shares will be organised.

Abingdon Passion Play will take place in the Abbey Grounds on Sat 6th April. There are many ways in which you can be involved with the event, including: singing in the choir; being a Steward; having a stall to sell products, or help entertain children e.g. with face paints etc. We also need help with advertising the event i.e. leafleting in your neighbourhood; placing a poster in your window, or putting up an estate agent board outside your home. For more info please contact Anne Green Ab. 520171 Email: anne.green@zen.co.uk Many thanks for your support.

Antiphons for Year I, Week VIII Ordinary Time

EA: The Lord became my protector.

He brought me out to a place of freedom;
he saved me because he delighted in me.

CA: I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me,
sing psalms to the name of the Lord Most High.

Parish Events for the Week

TODAY Refreshments after 10.15am Mass

Tuesday RCIA 7.30pm

Wednesday Cake & Conversation 9.30am
Soup Supper 7.30pm

Friday Baby & Toddler Group 9.30am

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

Future Diary Dates

13th March Talk - The Mystery of the Mass (source and summit of the Christian life) Bishop Robert Barron, Word on Fire Ministries Parish Centre 7.30pm

16th March St Patrick's Day Celebrations, Parish Centre

17th March St Patrick's Day Tea & Cake after 10.15am Mass, Parish Centre

21st March Talk - Sainthood, Sanctity and What Makes us Holy. Bishop Robert Barron Word on Fire Ministries Parish Centre 7.30pm

27th March Talk - Eucharist and the Church (The Eucharist is the source and summit of the Church's life and mission). Canon David Oakley, Rector of St Mary's College Oscott. Parish Centre 7.30pm

4th April Talk - Teaching the Eucharist (The Eucharist won't make sense unless it is taught from a lived context that makes sense of it). Sr Margaret Atkins is a member of the Augustinian Community in Cumbria. Parish Centre 7.30pm

10th April Being the Body of Christ in the World - Parish Centre 7.30pm (This event is a follow -on from the talks in March and on 4th April as listed above)

Youth Events

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

** Join us for some fun with friends on the ice! It doesn't matter if you're a seasoned pro. or you still need the help of a snowman...there'll be fun for everyone at the **Oxford Ice from 2-4pm on TODAY 3rd March.** Cost of the session is between £6.60 for children and £8.40 for adults. Please check their website for more information <https://www.fusion-lifestyle.com/centres/oxford-ice-rink/memberships/price-list/> Drop off and collection in the foyer. Looking forward to seeing you there! More info: tipayouth@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk*

** The next event for Parish Youth Groups is **Saturday 9th March 3.30-5.00pm.** More info: contact@ourladyandstedmund.org.uk*

Money Matters: 24th February 2018

Envelopes: £336.80 Loose Plate £677.96 Many thanks

Counters: A. & C. Lardner-Brown, N. Cairns

Cleaners: M. Kelly, M. Sheaf