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Confessions: Saturday, 11.00 – 11.30am or by appointment

Parish Life

TODAY we welcome Bishop Philip to the parish.

Charismatic Prayer Meeting Wednesday 27th February, at 4 Rawlings Grove. 7:45-9pm. All welcome! Info Ab. 528528.

Chrism Mass 2019, St John's Cathedral, Portsmouth, Tuesday 16th April. The bus will pick up from Our Lady and St Edmund's at 7.45am and English Martyrs, Didcot at 8.15am. Mass at the Cathedral at 11am. The cost per person is £12. Bookings through Didcot Parish Office on 812338, email didcot@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk by 9th April please.

St Vincent de Paul Society Our parish SVP group has a new President: Ben Osei is taking over from Andrew Nash who has completed his 5-year term of office. If you are interested in joining the SVP to visit and help those in need, or if you know of anyone who needs the SVP's help, please contact us via the Parish Office.

COLLECTION FOR THE HOMELESS This weekend our extended Advent collection for the homeless ends. O'HANLON HOUSE SENDS SINCERE THANKS. Our weekly delivery of new socks, hats, gloves, scarves and toiletries has made an ENORMOUS difference and has brought cheerful relief to those who are homeless and in need. Through your care, you have provided warm relief and consolation.

The Baby and Toddler group restarts between 9.30 & 11.15am on Friday March 1st. We are a friendly drop-in group providing opportunities for families/carers with their babies and pre-school children. We look forward to seeing you. Please come along or phone 07818443592 for further information.

This Friday, 1st March, is Women's World Day of Prayer. The services, produced this year by the women of

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 24 February

8.45am Mass Teresa O'Brien RIP
10.15am Mass Finbar Hurley RIP (Anniversary)
6.30pm Mass Sheila Finch RIP

Monday 25 February

8.30am Rosary
9am Mass Josette Dufeigneux RIP

Tuesday 26 February

8.30am Rosary
9am Mass Alexandra Paterson Intentions (18th Birthday)

Wednesday 27 February St Gregory of Narek

6.30pm Rosary
7pm Mass

Thursday 28 February

9am Rosary
9.30am Mass Sr. Monica & Sr. Helen Sheehan Intentions

Friday 1 March ST DAVID

6.30pm Rosary
7pm Mass Isabel Kolb In Thanksgiving

Saturday 2 March

8.50-10.15am FHC (4)
11am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
11-11.30am Confessions
12 noon Mass Robert William Butt Pole RIP

Slovenia, will be held in Abingdon at Christ Church, Northcourt Road at 10.30am and again at 7.30pm. All welcome, including men!

BE PREPARED We spend much of our lives living our faith and so preparing for God's Kingdom when we die. Why not also make sure that our loved ones know our wishes for our

funeral when we die? There are forms at the back of the church to help you to do this. Please do take one and follow the instructions on it.

Faith Development

CIA AGM: This will be taking place on Thursday 28 Feb 2019, 7.45 pm, at Salvation Army Headquarters. All welcome to come along.

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.

A Diocesan Confirmation Day is planned to be held in Farnborough on 23rd March for all those young people who are preparing for Confirmation or who have been Confirmed in the last three years. Content for the day will include:

- Eucharist: deepening our understanding and making the most of Mass.
- Scripture and Initiation: How Baptism and Eucharist lead to Confirmation through scripture and tradition, recognising the importance of personal desire for faith and relationship.
- Reconciliation: recognising the importance of seeking God's mercy.
- Plenty of social time as well!
- Live music.

The day starts at 10am and concludes after 4pm Mass. Talks, games, activities will be led by volunteers from around the diocese. Please email: contact@ourladyandstedmund.org.uk if you are interested and we will get back to you.

LENT Charity Fundraising 2019

This year the PPC are looking for Fundraising suggestions for our three charities. It may be a sponsored walk or event
A coffee morning or a soup lunch
A cookery demonstration
A Bring and Buy Sale
And a myriad of ideas.....we need suggestions....please have a think what you/we/us could do.....
Ideas and suggestions please contact Hilary Webb 01235 525928 or Debbie Brooks 01865432423.

Antiphons for Year I, Week VII Ordinary Time

EA: O Lord, I trust in your merciful love.
My heart will rejoice in your salvation.
I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me.
CA: I will recount all your wonders,
I will rejoice in you and be glad,
and sing psalms to your name, O Most High.

Parish Events for the Week

TODAY Refreshments after 10.15am Mass

Tuesday RCIA 7.30pm

Wednesday Cake & Conversation 9.30am

Friday Baby & Toddler Group 9.30am
SVP Meeting 7.30pm

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

Future Diary Dates

- 6th March** Soup Supper, 7.30pm Parish Centre
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 (more details to follow)
17th March St Patrick's Day Tea & Cake after 10.15am Mass, Parish Centre (more info to follow)
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 Sunday 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: 17th February 2018
Envelopes: £349.92 Loose Plate £597.00 Many thanks

Counters: T. & I. Kinsella, B. Malone
Cleaners: M. Anne, S. Pritchett