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Confessions: Saturday, 11.00 – 11.30am or by appointment

LENT Charity Fundraising 2019

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. All welcome. Tickets available TODAY after 10.15am mass or email to reserve tickets: auraashleycarter@btinternet.com or bernadette.m.osullivan@gmail.com or phone Laura on 07947 178394. **On 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 29th March at 7pm, at Drayton Village Hall. You will be entertained by Abingdon Big Band and St Edmund School Choir, with a hot supper and dessert. A bar will be available. Tickets are £10 adults and £3 children. All 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.

Big Breakfast and Home Produce Sale. Sun 31st March after 8.45 and 10.15 Masses. Do come along after Mass to the Parish Centre and enjoy a hot bacon or sausage roll, coffee, tea or juice with your fellow parishioners. Could you bake a CAKE that is TYPICAL OF YOUR COUNTRY to sell at the Produce Sale? Cakes, biscuits, jams and chutneys are very welcome. Also needed are suitable prizes for the Parish Dance Raffle. Items can be dropped off at the Parish Centre from 8.30 on Sun 31st March.

Golf Day Mon 1st April. Entrance fee of £25 per golfer £10 for students/juniors. For more information and to register please contact Terry Murphy. E:

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Sunday 10 March

8.45am	Mass	Betty Hemmings RIP (Anniversary)
10.15am	Mass	Betty Hemmings RIP (Anniversary)
6.30pm	Mass	Margaret Maguire RIP

Monday 11 March

8.30am	Rosary	
9am	Mass	Canon MacDermot-Roe RIP

Tuesday 12 March

8.30am	Rosary	
9am	Mass	Dick Richardson RIP

Wednesday 13 March

9am	Mass	
6.30pm	Rosary	
7pm	Mass	Rita Ring RIP

Thursday 14 March

9am	Rosary	
9.30am	Mass	Private Intention

Friday 15 March

6pm	Stations of the Cross	
6.30pm	Rosary	
7pm	Mass	McCarthy Family Intentions

Saturday 16 March

11am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
11-11.30am	Confessions	
12 noon	Mass	Pat Castle Intentions

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Parish Life

Parish Office will be closed TOMORROW, Monday 11th March.

Gift Aid boxes are available for collection at the back of the church and have your name on them. These boxes cover the period to the end of March 2020. It is necessary that you are a UK taxpayer when making gift aid donations. If your tax status changes and you cease to be a UK taxpayer, please let the parish office know, as you will no longer be able to make gift aid donations. Should you decide you no longer wish to use the "blue box" system, please also let the parish office know. Boxes not collected by Sunday 31st March will be removed because of limited space at the back of the church.

Parish Lunch this Wednesday 13th March, 12.30pm in Parish Centre.

Charismatic Prayer Meeting Wed 13th March at 4 Rawlings Grove. 7:45-9pm. All welcome! Info Ab 528528.

Host Abingdon: The local organization that tries to help the Syrian refugees around the area. We now have a rep. from our parish on the Host Abingdon "core group". Our thanks to Rodney Mearns who will be our contact person.

Would all Eucharist Ministers please register for this year's retreat day at Stonehill Barn, Drayton Road on Saturday April 13th 10-4pm. Fr Rob to lead and please bring a packed lunch.

Faith Development

CAFOD Lent family fast day Fri 15th March can you eat a simple meal so that others can simply eat. Please **collect your fast day envelope from back of church.**

Carmelite Prayer, Mindfulness and Mental Prayer Sat 16th March Venue: Carmelite Priory, Boars Hill, Oxford OX1 5 HB, 10am - 12noon (Registration from 9:30 am) Fee: £30 per lecture. To book a place, please email: events@cacarmelitesp.co.uk or T. 01865 735133

The Called and Gifted teaching day English Martyrs parish, Reading, on 30th March 9am - 4pm. Please contact Clare on Ab. 847804 if you would like to come. Car-shares will be organised.

Barn Dance/Cheese & Drinks Tastings There is an opportunity to meet members of churches in two of our twin towns - Saint Niklaas in Belgium and Argentan in France. Barn Dance, Fri 5th April at the Conduit Centre by Trinity Church at 7.30pm. Cheese and Drinks Tasting, Sat 6th in St Helens Church Centre at 7.30pm. Tickets available from Angela 07866 195998. Further details see poster.

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. If you are willing to help promote APP 2019 or for more info please contact Anne Green Ab. 520171 Email: anne.green@zen.co.uk

Parish Events for the Week

TODAY Refreshments after 10.15am Mass

Tuesday RCIA 7.30pm

Wednesday Cake & Conversation 9.30am
Parish Lunch 12.30pm
Talk - Bishop Robert Barron 7.30pm

Friday Baby & Toddler Group 9.30am
SVP meeting 7.30pm

Saturday St Patrick's Day Celebrations, 7-10pm

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

Future Diary Dates

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 the Film Club on Saturday 6th April. More info: tipayouth@portsmouthdiocese.org.*

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

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.

Money Matters: 3rd March 2018
Envelopes: £414.20 Loose Plate £688.94 Many thanks

Counters: C. Macfarlane, T. Murphy, G. Brady
Cleaners: D. & D. Kearney