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Confessions: Saturday, 11.00 – 11.30am or by appointment

LENT Charity Fundraising 2019

TODAY The retiring collection is in aid of our Lenten charities this year. It enables parishioners who have not been able to attend any of the fundraisers to support, or to top up if you already have. Thank you for your generosity.

RCIA Easter Hamper Raffle. The winners of the Easter Hamper raffle are:

1st Prize - V Attridge

2nd Prize - Hemmings

3rd Prize - Calnans

Please would you collect the prizes from the parish office. We raised £295!! Many thanks for your support.

Soup Supper Tuesday 16th April. Representatives from all three of our charities will be coming to talk about their work on Tuesday 16th - Please come and join us in the parish centre for a Lenten soup & bread supper. There will an opportunity to hear more about the work done by all 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 Ab. 847804.

RCIA Fish Finger/Fizz'Fish'Quiz Supper. Come and enjoy our Fish Finger/Fizz' Quiz Supper on Friday 3rd May in the parish centre. Everybody welcome for a fun family evening. All proceeds for Lenten Charities. Tickets on Sale today.

Holy Week

On **Maundy Thursday** our church is putting up a gazebo in the market square 10am - 1pm to clean people's shoes, offer children's easy Easter crafts, drinks and conversations. Please consider either joining the rota or coming along to support us, bringing children too if you can, so the whole area is busy and attractive! Tel Clare 847804

HOLY WEEK

Sunday 14 April PALM SUNDAY

8.45am Mass Horton & Dunne Family RIP
10.15am Mass Mike Moriarty RIP
6.30pm Mass Mary Walsh Intentions

Monday 15 April HOLY WEEK

8.30am Rosary
9am Mass Mary Walsh Intentions

Tuesday 16 April HOLY WEEK

11am Chrism Mass Portsmouth Cathedral

Wednesday 17 April HOLY WEEK

6.30pm Rosary
7pm Mass Sean Brady RIP (Anniversary)

Thursday 18 April MAUNDY THURSDAY

N.B. No morning Mass
7.30pm Mass of Lords Supper

Friday 19 April GOOD FRIDAY

10am Stations of the Cross
3pm Solemn Liturgy
N.B. No evening Mass

Saturday 20 April HOLY SATURDAY

N.B. No Confessions
11am Polish Blessing of Easter Food
8pm Easter Vigil

Sunday 21 April EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

8am Mass
9.30am Mass
11.30am Mass
4.30pm Polish Mass
N.B. No evening Mass

We are now in the final few days of Lent and on Thursday the Triduum starts with the commemoration of the Last Supper, followed on Good Friday with the Liturgy of the Lord's Passion and Veneration of the Cross. This is a

day of fasting and abstinence. On Saturday evening we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus at the Easter Vigil, with the lighting of the Paschal Candle, followed by three morning Masses on Easter Sunday.

Please note that the **times of Masses on Easter Sunday** are different to the usual Sunday Mass times, and there is no evening mass. Also there will be an **obligatory collection for the Holy Places on Good Friday**. The **traditional blessing of Easter foods** will take place on Easter Saturday at 11am. All are welcome.

Parish Life

Parish Office will be closed tomorrow Monday 15th April.

Living Simply You are invited to a joint conference (CAFOD and Caritas Portsmouth) on 'Living simply and in solidarity with the poor' at St Peter's Church Winchester on Saturday 4th May, 10am to 4pm. There are full details on the small poster at the back of church or from Anne Dodd. (525997). There are 3 places available in a car going down to Winchester and back. St Edmunds will be sharing our experience of becoming a Live Simply parish in one of the afternoon workshops.

CAMEROON Bishop Philip urges us as one of our Lenten activities to raise awareness of the atrocities that are occurring in Cameroon, including our sister diocese there, the diocese of Bamenda and to do all that is possible to bring about a peaceful solution. There is a template letter that can be sent to our MP Layla Moran on the Bamenda - Portsmouth website www.bamendaandportsmouth.com. There is also a copy on the small board at the back of church. As Bishop Philip says "Imagine the impact we could achieve if we did this across the diocese"

Youth

SCENES FROM THE PASSION AND EASTER Please do come along to the Parish Centre between Good Friday and Easter Sunday to see the display which the youth groups have recently been working on.

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

If you enjoyed the Abingdon Passion Play and would like to see it again and bring your friends, LAMPS will be performing the touring version of 'The Passion' at Radley College Theatre 7.30 pm on Saturday 20th April. Tickets £10 (£6 under 16's) available from www.tickettailor.com/events/lampscollective or on the door.

Parish Events for the Week

TODAY Refreshments after 10.15am Mass

Tuesday Soup Supper 7.30pm

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

Future Diary Dates

26th April Baby & Toddler Group resumes, 9.30am

27th April Schubert Winterreise, St Birinus Festival, Dorchester Abbey, Dorchester-on-Thames. 7pm. Please see flyers at back of Church.

1st May Cake & Conversation resumes, 9.30-11am

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.

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.

Money Matters

Envelopes: £294.66 Loose Plate £635.18 Many thanks

Counters: E. Midwinter, J. Ryan

Cleaners: M. Kelly, P. Moriarty