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Confessions: Saturday, 11.00 - 11.30am or by appointment

Parish Life

The Summer Edition of Christian Focus is now available at the back of church. Articles by St. Edmund's parishioners are inside. Give it a try!

TODAY there will be a second collection for Day for Life.

Mohanraj Edward, who lived with us for a year learning English is to be ordained priest in Portsmouth Cathedral next month on 20th July. You are invited to attend (see invitation on notice board). If there are enough parishioners interested, we could hire a coach for the day. But there would have to be a critical number, say 25. If you are interested, please let Lisa know over the next few weeks certainly by June 24th. We'll announce the result after that.

Christian Aid All are invited to the Summer Concert at Trinity Church Abingdon on the 27th June 2019 at 7.00 pm. featuring Carswell School Choir, Abingdon Gospel Choir, and Abingdon Ladies Morning and Afternoon Choirs. Tickets Adult £8. Children £4 at the door or Ab. 530480.

Confirmation 2019-20 This years' course for the sacrament of confirmation will commence in September. If your child is of the age of 12+ (school year 8 in September) and would like to attend this year there will be a meeting for children and parents on Monday 1st July at 7.30pm. If you have any questions prior to the meeting please contact Tammy Lavers at tammylavers@hotmail.co.uk

Church Twinning There are 2 great opportunities coming up to visit Argentan in Normandy and Sint Niklaas in Belgium, two of Abingdon's twin towns. The visit to Argentan is from Thurs 12th to Mon 16th September which is Heritage Weekend in Argentan. The only cost is transport to and from Argentan which is kept

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

Sunday 16 June

8.45am Mass Beck Family RIP 10.15am Mass Matthew Dannfald RIP

12noon FHC Celebrations 4.30pm Polish Mass

6.30pm Mass Craig Family Intentions

Monday 17 June

8.30am Rosary

9am Mass Helen Birkbeck RIP

Tuesday 18 June

8.30am Rosary 9am Mass

Wednesday 19 June St Romuald

6.30pm Rosary

7pm Mass The Deceased relatives & friends

of the Corbett Family RIP

Thursday 20 June St Alban

9am Rosary 9.30am Mass

Friday 21 June St Aloysius Gonzaga

6.30pm Rosary 7pm Mass

Saturday 22 June Ss JOHN FISHER & THOMAS MORE

11am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

11-11.30am Confessions 12 noon Mass

to a minimum. The visit to Sint Niklaas will be next April 2^{nd} to 6^{th} the weekend of their Passion Play. For more information or to reserve a place, please ring Anne 525997 or Angela 07866195998

Faith Development

Dementia-friendly cafes. The first step of a small steering group working towards making Abingdon a dementia-friendly community has been to work with two local cafes to arrange specific times when people with dementia/mild cognitive impairment and their carers can come in and be welcomed with a friendly face: 35 Ock Street: every Friday, 10.30 – 11.30 am Barns Café, Northcourt Road: 1st and 3rd Tuesdays, 2.30 – 3.30 pm. For more information, contact Ab. 559120 or email dementiafriendlyabingdon@gmail.com, or go to www.healthyabingdon.org.uk

The Great Get Together: Sunday 23rd June 12-3pm at St Ethelwolds,30 East St Helen Street OX14 5EB. Come to a Bring and Share picnic in the gardens. This is a national event to promote community cohesion and is held annually. Please join in and help prove Abingdon is a very friendly town!

A Chance to Add your Signature A small group of parishioners are going down to the Climate Change Lobby on 26th June, organised by CAFOD and other organisations. We will be meeting our MP, with others from Abingdon, to enlist her support for legislation to tackle the effects of climate change. We know that some parishioners cannot be at the Lobby in person but we would like to take a list of those who are with us in spirit, if not in person, when we meet Layla Moran our MP. We will be gathering signatures today and next Sunday outside church after all Masses. For more details, please ring Anne Dodd 525997

TrinityLearning, the charity which helps the wellbeing of Abingdon's school communities, is one of Waitrose's June charities. Please support this Christian outreach by putting your tokens in their box whenever you shop in June (and asking your friends to, as well!)

Golf Day in aid of CAFOD The Catenians of Province 11 are organising a Golf Day to raise funds for CAFOD on Friday 12th July at Weybrook Golf Club in Basingstoke. After the golf there will be a dinner for golfers and their non-golfing partners which will include a speaker from CAFOD head Office. For more information please contact Pat Murphy on pfm190654@outlook.com

School News

St Edmund's Primary School is looking for a Foundation Governor to complete its Governing Body. Foundation Governors have to be practising Catholics as they play a vital role in ensuring the Catholic ethos of our school. Please speak to one of the current governors after Mass or Fr Jamie if you feel you could help in this way.

St Edmund's Primary School would welcome volunteers from the Parish to go into school and listen to children read.

Parish Events for the Week

TODAY Refreshments after 10.15am Mass
Post Communion Celebrations & Picnic, 12noon

Wednesday Cake & Conversation 9.30-11am

Blessed John Henry Cardinal Newman

Talk, 7.30pm

Friday Baby & Toddler Group 9.30am SVP Meeting 7.30pm

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

Future Diary Dates

21st **July** Parish Day - Outdoor Mass and BBQ 10.30am **26**th **July - 9**th **Aug** Parish Office closed

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 (Years 3 to 6) is Saturday 22nd June from 3.30 to 5.00pm. More info: bhabayeb@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

OLA Open Morning Wed 19th June, 9.30am – 12noon. If you are considering Catholic independent education for your child, come and see us in action at our Open Morning. You can:

- Talk to our Headteachers, staff and pupils
- Tour our Nursery and Reception, Junior and Senior Schools
- Find out what makes us different so your child achieves more!

To discover more and book your school tours visit www.olab.org.uk/Open-Morning. We hope to see you soon.

Antiphons for Year I, Week XI Ordinary Time

EA: O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you; be my help.

Do not abandon or forsake me, O God, my Saviour!

CA: There is one thing I ask of the Lord, only this do I seek:

to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

Money Matters 9th June 2019 Envelopes £ 262.86 Loose Plate £619.31 Average weekly Gift Aid Standing Orders £995 Many thanks

Counters: M. Knott, M. & M. Martin **Cleaners:** Michelle Anne, S. Pritchett