

**Our Lady & St Edmund of Abingdon**  
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**St Edmund Campion Deanery, Old Berkshire – Thames ISIS Pastoral Area**

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**Confessions: Saturday, 11.00 – 11.30am or by appointment**

### Parish Life

**WEEK OF ACCOMPANIED PRAYER 29<sup>th</sup> Sept – 5<sup>th</sup> Oct 2019.** The purpose of Spiritual Direction during a week of accompanied prayer is to help the pilgrim to discern where God is working in his or her life. By making a retreat available to all who do not have the resources of time or money to leave home, these weeks make this opportunity available to all. During the week each participant receives one on one Spiritual direction, for many this is their first experience of being listened to in a holy, safe and confidential space. A sign-up sheet is available to express your interest in attending. More information to follow.

**RCIA - the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults.** This is the way we welcome Adults into the sacramental life of the Church. If you are not baptised, from another faith denomination, or a Catholic who has been baptised but not completed the other sacraments, RCIA sessions will begin again each Tuesday evening in the parish centre commencing 24<sup>th</sup> September, 7.30pm. A warm welcome awaits you. For further information, please contact Fr Jamie or Pauline Hanley via the parish office.

**BIBLE ALIVE – SEPTEMBER EDITION.** This is now available! The essence of Bible Alive are the daily reflections. Understanding the scriptures draws us closer to Jesus – who doesn't want that? Copies of Bible Alive are available every month at the back of the church, for only £2.50. Please do take a copy.

**VOTIVE CANDLES** The collection box for donations is now situated next to the votive candles at the front of the church. The slot at the back of the church is for contributions to the St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP) – donations gratefully received for that.

**FOOD BANK** Thank you for all contributions to the food bank. To make transportation easier, please leave items

### SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

#### Sunday 18 August

8.45am Mass Kate Clipperton RIP  
10.15am Mass Margaret & Gerry Miah RIP  
4.30pm Polish Mass  
6.30pm Mass Mike Moriarty RIP

#### Monday 19 August St John Eudes

8.30am Rosary  
9am Mass Ed Evans RIP

#### Tuesday 20 August St Bernard

NO Mass See: [www.ourladyandstedmund.org.uk/thames-isis-pastoral-area](http://www.ourladyandstedmund.org.uk/thames-isis-pastoral-area) for other masses

#### Wednesday 21 August St Pius X

12noon Funeral Mass Doreen Eato RIP  
6.30pm Rosary  
7pm Mass Private Intentions

#### Thursday 22 August The Queenship of Mary

9am Rosary  
9.30am Mass Reg Sargeant RIP

#### Friday 23 August St Rose of Lima

6.30pm Rosary  
7pm Mass Gertrude O'Riordan RIP

#### Saturday 24 August ST BARTHOLOMEW

11am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
11-11.30am Confessions  
12 noon Mass Jim Gilronan RIP

in a bag. Please do not donate items of clothing unless there is a specific appeal for these. Thank you.

### JOURNEYING TOGETHER IN FAITH (JTIF)

A new programme is starting in our parish this September, aimed at anyone who has an enquiring mind and is interested in growing

their faith. This would also be a suitable programme for anyone who has completed the RCIA course. More information will be available later this month.

### Faith Development

**Abingdon Gospel Choir** - Do you like Gospel Music? Are you always singing? Want to sing your heart out and make friends along the way? You are invited to a free TASTER NIGHT on 29th August 2019 at Trinity Church. Join us as we try out some new repertoire and sing some of our old favourites. Regular rehearsals will recommence after the Summer break at Trinity Church, Conduit Road starting on Thursday 12th September 2019 from 8.00pm to 9.30pm. Singers of all standards are welcome. We sing mainly Gospel and Spirituals and our repertoire is growing! Come along and see (and sing) for yourself. Further information from Alan Joinson (01235 521247 or alanj@phoncoop.coop) or on FB [www.facebook.com/abingdongospelchoir](http://www.facebook.com/abingdongospelchoir)

**CAFOD** You are invited to a CAFOD update meeting on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> Sept from 7:15pm to 9pm at St Joseph & St Margaret of Clitherow Church, 39 Braccan Walk, Bracknell RG12 1BE. Please book your place so that we have an idea of how many people are coming by emailing [portsmouth@cafod.org.uk](mailto:portsmouth@cafod.org.uk) or phone 01252 329385.

**Volunteer with Marriage Care.** Could you give an hour a week to support us? One of Marriage Care's most valued services is our relationship counselling. Our trained professional volunteer counsellors help couples and individuals with their relationships. However, they cannot offer this service without a chaperone (receptionist) to welcome clients and stay in reception during the counselling session. We are looking for a friendly and helpful volunteer to spend an hour on a Tuesday evening, on a rota with other volunteers. Ideally you will be located within the OX14 postcode. If you would like to help please ring Catherine on 07470 412800 or email [catherine@marriagecare.org.uk](mailto:catherine@marriagecare.org.uk). visit our website for more information.

**Volunteer Relationship Counsellors Needed.** Are you a Qualified Counsellor with a minimum Level 4 Diploma in Counselling? Would you like to train in Relationship Counselling and help Marriage Care reach more couples with our life-changing service. Our local centre is recruiting qualified counsellors to train in our Certificate in Relationship Counselling and provide just 2 sessions of counselling per week. We are also recruiting qualified relationship counsellors who already hold a certification in couples counselling. If you are interested in further developing your skills in this truly rewarding role and becoming part of a friendly local team making a real difference in your community please enquire. Please note that CRC Training costs are in the region of £1800. For more information please visit us at: [www.marriagecare.org.uk](http://www.marriagecare.org.uk) or email [volunteer@marriagecare.org.uk](mailto:volunteer@marriagecare.org.uk).

## Parish Events for the Week

**TODAY** Refreshments at 10.15am Mass

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

## Future Diary Dates

**24th September** RCIA sessions commence 7.30pm, Parish Centre

## Youth Events

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

*\* The youth groups meet again after the summer break on Saturday 7th September. There will be two groups – one for children in primary school from Years 3 to 6 and one for young people in secondary school. Reminders of future events are always included in the parish weekly newsletter and the full programme can be viewed in the youth section on our parish website at: [www.ourladyandstedmund.org.uk/events](http://www.ourladyandstedmund.org.uk/events)*

*More info: [bhabayeb@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:bhabayeb@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)*

**Diocesan Day for Catechists** Portsmouth Cathedral, 19<sup>th</sup> October, 10am-4pm. Lunch provided. To book a place [www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/catechists](http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/catechists) or call 01590 681874.

## We pray for:

- The Repose of the Soul of Doreen Eato RIP. Funeral Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> August at 12noon

## Antiphons for Year I, Week XX Ordinary Time

EA: Turn your eyes, O God, our shield;  
and look on the face of your anointed one;  
one day within your courts  
is better than a thousand elsewhere.  
CA: With the Lord there is mercy;  
in him is plentiful redemption.

## Money Matters 11<sup>th</sup> August 2019

Envelopes £286.80 Loose Plate £639.49  
Average weekly Gift Aid Standing Orders £995  
Many thanks

**Counters:** J. Dowling, P. & M. Mulqueen  
**Cleaners:** J. Alder, J. Hyland