

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

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Roman Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth Reg. Charity No 246871 www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Confessions: Saturday, 11.00 – 11.30am or by appointment

Parish Life

First Holy Communion 2020. The programme for 2020 starts in January. If you haven't already enrolled your child, please contact Fr. Jamie to obtain an enrolment pack. Please phone Ab. 520375 or email abingdon@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk. Any queries please contact Errol Midwinter on Ab. 522679.

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS ON THE PARISH WEBSITE

From Saturday 30th November and throughout the Advent period, there will be a page on the youth section of the parish website www.ourladyandstedmund.org.uk with activities, information and an interactive Advent calendar. Please do visit the website with your child/children. There will also be a page in the What's On section for adults.

RED MISSION BOXES Will box holders please bring their boxes to Church so that their donations may be collected in time for Christmas. The 2020 calendars will also be available for collection at back of Church.

The God Who Speaks – The Year of the Word "We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life." 1 John 1:1 Scripture is at the centre of everything the Church does. The Word of God shapes our prayer and worship. The Bible shows us how to understand the world, how we are called to live and relate to each other. 2020 is the 10th anniversary of Pope Benedict XVI's Apostolic Exhortation on 'The Word of the Lord' and the 1,600 anniversary of St Jerome's death. These dates have inspired the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales to dedicate 2020 as a year of focus on the Bible and 'The God Who Speaks' On **Wednesday 4th December**, 7.30pm in the parish centre, we invite you to the launch of 'The God Who Speaks' with a short video and commentary by Cardinal Vincent Nichols and reflection and prayers to welcome

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sunday 1 December

8.45am	Mass	Edna Bale RIP
10.15am	Mass	Tony Miles RIP
4.30pm	Polish Mass	
6.30pm	Mass	Miceal Lee RIP

Monday 2 December

8.30am	Rosary	
9am	Mass	Maurice Daly RIP

Tuesday 3 December St Francis Xavier

NO Mass See: www.ourladyandstedmund.org.uk/thames-isis-pastoral-area for other masses

Wednesday 4 December

6.30pm	Rosary	
7pm	Mass	Marcella Incarbona RIP

Thursday 5 December

9am	Rosary	
9.30am	Mass	Theodore Koulloupas Intentions

Friday 6 December

6.30pm	Rosary	
7pm	Mass	Private Intention

Saturday 7 December St Ambrose

11am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
11-11.30am	Confessions	
12 noon	Mass	Isabella Rose Paterson Special Intentions (1 st Birthday)

how we will be celebrating, living and sharing God's word in an exciting new way during the coming year.

Prayer for the year 'The God Who Speaks'
*Living God,
you walk alongside us
and speak to us throughout the Scriptures.*

Your Son, Jesus Christ, listens to our hopes and fears and shows us how to live for one another. Send us the Holy Spirit to open our hearts and minds so that we may be your witnesses throughout the world. Amen.

Our Lady of the Annunciation Pray for Us. St Matthew Pray for Us St Jerome Pray For Us

Taizé Prayer Group meets this Wednesday 4th Dec at 7.30pm in the St Edmunds side chapel. The Taizé prayer tradition centres around the singing of some very simple and beautiful chants. If you have never experienced the Taizé prayer, do come and join us and find out why the Taizé prayer tradition has inspired millions of Christians around the World.

Christmas Lunch for Seniors on Sun 8th Dec, 12.30pm in the Parish Centre. Please put your name on the list at the back of church if you would like to attend. We also need cooks and helpers on the day please. Please telephone 534873 or 203103 if you would like to help. Raffle Prizes Welcome. Many thanks.

Advent Collection for the Homeless 2019 Owing to the enormous success of last year's collection for O'Hanlon House, we are repeating the collection during this Advent season. Please donate the following: SHAMPOO, TOOTHPASTE, SOAP, NEW SOCKS. The items will be delivered weekly to a hostel for the homeless in Oxford. There is a box for your donations at the back of the Church. With Grateful thanks. An Advent thought: Our Giving Becomes A Prayer.

Parish Office will be closed on Thurs 12th & Fri 13th December. The office will again close from Mon 23rd and re-open on Monday 30th Dec. Can all newsletter inserts for Sunday 22nd and 29th December be sent to the office on or before Wednesday 18th Dec. Many thanks.

Parish Lent Project 2020 Looking ahead to the Lent Project 2020, do you wish to propose a charity? While thinking this Advent and Christmas season about those who are less fortunate than we are, please think about whom you would like the parish to help through our next Lent Project and send your proposal to the Parish Council, through the parish office by Friday 17 January 2020. Many thanks.

Faith Development

Shalom TV is an online Catholic TV network which broadcasts live on the internet and also has lots of programmes you can download, including a new one on St. John Henry Newman which includes interviews with a couple of St. Edmund's parishioners. Go to <https://shalomworld.org/episode/st-john-henry-newman-the-quest-for-truth-glorious-lives-shalom-world>

Parish Events for the Week

TODAY Refreshments after 10.15am Mass

Tuesday RCIA Group 7.30pm

Wednesday Cake & Conversation 9.30am
'The God Who Speaks' 7.30pm

Friday Baby & Toddler Group 9.30am

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

Future Diary Dates

8th December Parish Christmas Lunch for Seniors, 12.30pm, Parish Centre

12th & 13th December Parish Office Closed

17th December Penitential Service, 7pm, Church

22nd December Carol Service, 4p, Church

23rd – 27th December Parish Office closed

Youth Events

SATURDAY 14th DECEMBER:

* *Children of Our Lady (COOL) group meets from 3.30 to 5.00pm in the Parish Centre (primary school years 3 to 6 are all invited).*

* *St Edmund's Knights meet from 3.30-5.00pm in the Parish Centre (young people in secondary school are all invited).*

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

More info: bhabayeb@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Abingdon Scouts & Guides Christmas Post delivery in Abingdon, Radley & Shippon only. Guaranteed delivery by Christmas Eve. Costs 25p per card and these may be deposited in the box at the back of the church. Collections will be from 17th Nov – 16th Dec. We have secured the box and this will be emptied daily where possible. St. Edmund's Guides would like to thank you for your support.

Come and join the traditional New Year's Day Walk in support of Christian Aid, 1st January 2020, 10am Abingdon Baptist Church OX14 5AG Route Circular via Drayton with a distance of 5 miles (or less if you choose!) Refreshments will be provided at the finish. Only £1 payable on the day.

Money Matters 24th November 2019
Envelopes £316.58 Loose Plate £654.38
Average weekly Gift Aid Standing Orders £995
Many thanks

Counters: E. Bennett, L. Cribben, M. Haddock
Cleaners: F. & C. Rogers