

Our Lady & St Edmund of Abingdon

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<i>We live stream most services (the 10.15am Mass on the first Sunday of every month is not live streamed).</i>		
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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

TODAY there will be a second collection for Clergy Training Fund.

RCIA team would like to thank everyone who came to/was involved in the Fish n' Fizz Quiz supper last week and for making it such an enjoyable and fun evening. The supper raised £560 which, together with the Easter Hamper raffle and donation from Chris and TVM meant that an overall total of £1000 was raised for our Lenten charities! Thanks also to Waitrose Abingdon for their food contribution to the supper.

Taize Prayer Group 7.30 p.m. 15th May in the church. Please do come join Our Lady and St Edmund's new Taize Prayer Group! The Taize chants are a very spiritual, beautiful and uplifting way of reaching our Lord. If you have never sung any Taize before, it is very easy. Or you can just listen and meditate quietly....

Live Simply Each year following our designation as a Live Simply Parish, we make a small but significant effort to reduce both air pollution and consumption of non-renewable energy by having a **CAR LESS SUNDAY**. This will be on **SUNDAY 19TH MAY**. On this day please come to church by walking, cycling or car sharing. You might also consider making this a monthly effort, at least during the summer.

Safe guarding training is taking place in the Parish Centre on the 1st June. There are two sessions: the Child protection session 10:00 -12:30 and a Refreshers Training 1:30 - 4 pm. The latter (refresher) course is a requirement for those who completed the initial training in safe guarding three years ago. The morning (child protection) is for any volunteers who are actively involved with young people. It is necessary to register directly to the SG office in Portsmouth where all of the records re the SG Training are kept. Please email soraya@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk to book a place on the course.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sunday 12 May

8.45am	Mass	Wendy Cox RIP
10.15am	Mass	In Thanksgiving
6.30pm	Mass	Theresa Harrold RIP

Monday 13 May

8.30am	Rosary	
9am	Mass	Julie Garvey RIP

Tuesday 14 May ST MATTHIAS

8.30am	Rosary	
9am	Mass	Linda Kelly RIP

Wednesday 15 May

6.30pm	Rosary	
7pm	Mass	Celia Jones & Celia Edwards RIP

Thursday 16 May

9am	Rosary	
9.30am	Mass	Christopher Conway & William Behan RIP

Friday 17 May St Dunstan

6.30pm	Rosary	
7pm	Mass	Sr. Monica Sheehy Intentions

Saturday 18 May St John I

8.50-10.15am	FHC (9)	
11am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
11-11.30am	Confessions	
12 noon	Mass	Grace Molloy Intentions

Faith Development

Abingdon's new Community Fridge Can you spare 30mins – 2hrs a week to help with the new food bank initiative in Abingdon? It's a fridge in a public space that receives surplus food from local supermarkets and provides it to anyone in need. It reduces waste and food poverty, and is situated at Community Services centre, Audlett Drive. Volunteers are needed for keeping the fridge clean or collecting food in their own car (expenses paid). Contact abingdoncommunityfridge@gmail.com

Trinity Evergreen Club invites senior citizens to its monthly afternoon sessions at The Conduit Centre, Conduit Road. Third Monday of every month. Next meeting is 20th May 2pm - 3.30pm. There is always a talk or a demonstration and time to chat. This month there will be a cookery demonstration. Do come and see - you will receive a warm welcome! Run by Trinity Church. If you wish ring Rita 528837, but just turn up if you can.

ADORE (Alton Day Of REnewal) – Sat 18th May 11am-4pm, You are warmly welcome to a mini-retreat day (or morning/afternoon) of spiritual refreshment and renewal, focussing on the Power of Prayer. At Alton School, Anstey Lane, Alton GU34 2NG. 11.00am Rosary; 11.30am Mass; 12.15 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament; 1.00pm Shared lunch (please bring finger food to share); 2.00pm Praise & Worship; 2.30 Talk "Praying for Healing and Deliverance." – Fr. Nicholas Broadbridge OSB; 3.30 Individual healing prayer ministry. We end about 4pm. There is no need to register in advance, and no charge (though a collection will be taken to cover costs). For more information and directions, see poster or website: www.altonrenewal.com Or telephone Alastair Emblem on 01252 714809.

HEALING SEMINARS with Fr. Nicholas Broadbridge of Douai Abbey. To be held at Elmore Abbey, Church Lane, Speen, Newbury RG14 1SA 10am-5pm. If you wish to attend please contact Fr. Nicholas: nicholas@douaiabbey.org.uk or Tel. 0118 971 5372.

The Secular Franciscan Order (OFS), Oxford will hold an Open Day of Recollection, Saturday 18th May at the Mornese Centre, Elmthorpe Convent, Oxford Road, Cowley OX4 2LF, 10:00 to 16:00. Fr. Paul Coleman OFM Cap, will provide reflection around the theme 'The Gospel according to Francis'. All welcome - details on the church notice board. Further details: mamartin@live.co.uk.

Have you signed up for Bishop Philip's weekly e-News? Bishop Philip invites you to sign up for his FREE weekly e-Newsletter to keep in touch with the latest news and forthcoming events around the diocese. Visit www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/enews to sign up.

Parish Events for the Week

TODAY Refreshments after 10.15am Mass

Tuesday RCIA 7.30pm

Wednesday Cake & Conversation 9.30-11am

Friday Baby & Toddler Group 9.30am

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

Future Diary Dates

Youth Events

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

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.

* The next event for Parish Youth Groups (**Years 3 to 6**) is **Saturday 8th June 3.30-5.00pm**. More info: bhabayeb@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Marriage Encounter weekend from 24-26 May. Park Place Pastoral Centre, Wickham, near Fareham. The weekend is an opportunity for married couples of any age to deepen and enrich their relationship. This is not marriage counselling or crisis solving but a residential weekend away from the distractions of daily life. Interested? Please go to <https://wwme.org.uk/marriage-enrichment/#about> or phone 02380 275401.

School News

St Edmund's Primary School '100 Club' Do consider joining the School Governors' '100 Club' and help boost school funds. All monies are put to good use for the benefit of the children. It costs just £15 per year per number and there is a chance to win with cash prizes drawn monthly. Contact Phil Cole on 07779 662725 or email pcole@st-edmunds-rc.oxon.sch.uk for an application form or more information.

Money Matters 5th May 2019
Envelopes £303.60 Loose Plate £711.94
Average weekly Gift Aid Standing Orders £995
Many thanks

Counters: T. & I. Kinsella, B. Malone
Cleaners: F. & C. Calnan