

# ***Our Lady & St Edmund of Abingdon*** ***1 Radley Rd, Abingdon on Thames, Oxon, OX14 3PL***

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**Confessions: 11.00 - 11.30am or by appointment**

## **Parish Life**

**PEACE SUNDAY** Today is the Sunday chosen by the Bishops of England and Wales to hear news of the Pope's Reflection for World Peace Day. Please return your envelopes this week at the retiring collection for the work of *Pax Christi*, the International Catholic Movement for Peace. More envelopes available at the back of Church.

**TODAY** Sunday 19th January - Prayer Ministry. We invite you to come up after the 10:15am Mass for prayer with members of St Edmund's Prayer Ministry team. Give your hurts and burdens to Jesus, He cares for you.

**Red Mission boxes** are now available to be collected from the table at the rear of the Church. The white labels attached are your receipts for your donations which have now been forwarded to APF (Association for the Propagation of the Faith). Many thanks.

**Charismatic Prayer Meeting** Wednesday 22nd January at 4 Rawlings Grove, 7:45-9pm. All welcome! For more info contact Ab 528528.

**Next weekend** we take the annual collection in support of our Cathedral in Portsmouth. Please give generously, gift aiding your donation wherever possible.

We will be running the **Alpha Course** again next term, on Tuesday evenings, starting mid-January. Alpha is a series of interactive sessions that explore the Christian faith in a relaxed and safe way. Great for both those new to faith and those who are wanting to look at faith again.  
[www.alpha.org.uk](http://www.alpha.org.uk). Please contact [clare@claresimpson.com](mailto:clare@claresimpson.com) for more details.

**LIVE SIMPLY** There will be a meeting in the Parish Centre at 7.30pm on Thursday 30th Jan to plan the ways in which our parish can continue throughout the coming year to live up to being a Live Simply parish. Everyone is

## **SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

### **Sunday 19 January**

|         |             |                                |
|---------|-------------|--------------------------------|
| 8.45am  | Mass        | Pauline & John Keller RIP      |
| 10.15am | Mass        | Jimmy Calnan RIP               |
| 4.30pm  | Polish Mass |                                |
| 6.30pm  | Mass        | Julia & Argo Ashton Intentions |

### **Monday 20 January**

|        |        |                   |
|--------|--------|-------------------|
| 8.30am | Rosary |                   |
| 9am    | Mass   | Moya Birkbeck RIP |

### **Tuesday 21 January St Agnes**

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

### **Wednesday 22 January**

|        |        |                  |
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| 6.30pm | Rosary |                  |
| 7pm    | Mass   | Teresa Moran RIP |

### **Thursday 23 January**

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|--------|--------------|----------------------------|
| 9am    | Rosary       |                            |
| 9.30am | Mass         | Marie Monteiro RIP         |
| 2.30pm | Requiem Mass | Angela 'Gina' O'Hanlon RIP |

### **Friday 24 January St Francis de Sales**

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| 6.30pm | Rosary |                            |
| 7pm    | Mass   | Mary O'Connell Canning RIP |

### **Saturday 25 January THE CONVERSION OF ST PAUL**

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|------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 11am       | Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament |                               |
| 11-11.30am | Confessions                        |                               |
| 12 noon    | Mass                               | Ann & Ian Meekings Intentions |

welcome - please bring any ideas and suggestions, big or small!

**BIBLE ALIVE** - This booklet is an excellent aid to reading and understanding the Holy Scriptures. The February edition is now available at the back of the church (only £2.50).

## Faith Development

**Pope Francis:** Worship allows one to realize that faith is not simply a set of doctrines, but a relationship with a living person, Jesus Christ: "It is in encountering Jesus face to face that we come to see him as he is," he said. "Worship means being silent in the presence of the divine Word and learning to use words that do not wound but console."

## Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, 19<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> January

Week Midday Prayers. Prayers will be held in St Nicolas' church from Monday 20 to Friday 24 January, from 12.00 to 12.30. All are welcome. A light lunch will be provided afterwards. The prayers will be led by:

Monday: The Revd Paul Smith, St Nicolas  
Tuesday: Fr Jamie McGrath, St Edmunds  
Wednesday: The Revd Steve Millard, Abingdon Baptists  
Thursday: The Revds Kath and Phil Cooke  
Christchurch at Long Furlong  
Friday: The Revd Charles Masheder, St Helens  
Inter-church quiz, Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January, St Michael's Church, 7.30 pm. For more information, contact Hilary Clare at [hilarymclare@gmail.com](mailto:hilarymclare@gmail.com).

**Lecture by Dr Austen Ivereigh**, entitled "*The Papacy of Francis: Conversion & Resistance*" will be held on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January at 5.30pm Pembroke College. Register for free tickets at [www.eventbrite.com/e/the-papacy-of-francis-conversion-resistance-by-dr-austen-ivereigh-tickets-85767519961](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-papacy-of-francis-conversion-resistance-by-dr-austen-ivereigh-tickets-85767519961). For more info please speak to Tessa Sheaf.

## We pray for:

- The Repose of the Soul of Elizabeth Alder RIP.
- The Repose of the Soul of Francis 'Frank' Tracey RIP.
- The Repose of the Soul of Angela 'Gina' O'Hanlon RIP. Requiem Mass Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January at 2.30pm.

**Money Matters:** 12<sup>th</sup> January 2020  
Envelopes £318.37 Loose Plate £ 658.41  
Average weekly Gift Aid Standing Orders £995  
Many thanks

**Counters:** E. Midwinter, J. Ryan  
**Cleaners:** K. Gibbons & S. Pritchett

## Parish Events for the Week

**TODAY** Refreshments at 10.15am Mass

**Tuesday** RCIA 7.30pm

**Wednesday** Cake & Conversation 9.30am  
Journeying Together in Faith (JTIF) 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

**30<sup>th</sup> Jan** Live Simply meeting 7.30pm, Parish Centre  
**7<sup>th</sup> Feb** Parish Office closed  
**12<sup>th</sup> Feb** Parish Lunch, 12.30pm, Parish Centre  
**26<sup>th</sup> Feb** Soup Supper 7.30pm, Parish Centre  
**8<sup>th</sup> March** Big Breakfast (more details to follow)  
**26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> March** Parish Office closed

## Youth Events

### **SATURDAY 25<sup>th</sup> JANUARY**

\* *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](http://www.ourladyandstedmund.org.uk/events)  
More info: [bhabayeb@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:bhabayeb@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)*

## Peace Sunday Prayer

*Loving God of Peace*

*Strengthen*

*my determination to work for a world of peace and justice;*

*my conviction that, whatever our nationality or race, we are all global citizens, one in Christ;*  
*my courage to challenge the powerful with the values of the gospel;*

*my commitment to find non-violent ways of resolving conflict - personal, local, national and international;*

*my efforts to forgive injuries and to love those I find hard to love. Amen*

## Antiphons for Year II, Week II Ordinary Time

EA: All the earth shall bow before you, O God, and shall sing to you,

shall sing to your name, O Most High!

CA: We have come to know and to believe

In the love that God has for us.