

Our Lady & St Edmund of Abingdon
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Confessions: Saturday, 11.00 – 11.30am or by appointment

Parish Life

Week of Accompanied Prayer has been organised in our parish this coming autumn. The Diocesan Formation Team will come to be with us each day, from 29th Sept until 5th October. Those who wish to take part, sign up to see a spiritual director each day, who is a trained person to assist you on your spiritual journey. It will be a unique opportunity for parishioners to reflect on your faith journey, and to deepen and grow. Please feel welcome to sign up over the summer as we receive more information.

Charismatic Prayer Meeting Wednesday 14th August at 4 Rawlings Grove. 7:45-9pm. All welcome! Info Ab 528528.

Parish Lunch this Wednesday 14th August, 12.30pm in Parish Centre.

BIBLE ALIVE – AUGUST 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.

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 24th September, 7.30pm. A warm welcome awaits you. For further information, please contact Fr Jamie or Pauline Hanley via the parish office.

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 11 August

8.45am Mass
10.15am Mass
6.30pm Mass

Monday 12 August St Jane Frances de Chantal

8.30am Rosary
9am Mass Lisa Intentions

Tuesday 13 August St Pontian & St Hippolytus

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

Wednesday 14 August St Maximilian Maria Kolbe

6.30pm Rosary
7pm Mass

Thursday 15 August THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

8.30am Rosary
9.00am Mass Fr. Leo Targett RIP
(1st Anniversary)
7.00pm Mass

Friday 16 August St Stephen

6.30pm Rosary
7pm Mass Helen & Jack Young RIP

Saturday 17 August

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

Faith Development

CAFOD Update meeting 4th September. You are invited to a CAFOD update meeting on Wednesday 4th September from 7:15pm to 9pm

at St Joseph & St Margaret of Clitherow Church, 39 Braccan Walk, Bracknell RG12 1BE. Nikki Evans CAFOD's programme officer for Bolivia will be speaking about our work there and how your donations are making a difference to people's lives. Please book your place so that we have an idea of how many people are coming by emailing portsmouth@cafod.org.uk or phone 01252 329385.

Volunteer with Marriage Care. Could you give an hour a week to support us? Do you enjoy meeting people and putting them at their ease? We can offer you some quiet time secure in the knowledge that your presence is supporting vital work in helping people's lives? 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 us to help others, please ring Catherine on 07470 412800 or email catherine@marriagecare.org.uk. visit our website for more information.

TrinityLearning Final preparations are now in place for TrinityLearning's new emotional literacy project for Primary-School children, Thinking Books. Training for mentors will take place on Tuesday 10th September, 9:30 - 3:00pm. There are still places left, so if you're interested in joining and haven't got round to it, please contact TrinityLearning as soon as possible: nic.trinitylearning@gmail.com

Diocesan Day for Catechists Portsmouth Cathedral, 10am-4pm. Lunch provided. To book a place www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/catechists or call 01590 681874.

The God of the Gaps Psalm 95:6-7

"God cannot simply be pertinent in our lives when we face failure or difficulty. We cannot only invoke Him when we have no answers. God is not the God of the gaps when we have run out of human resources or explanations. God is not to be called upon only when human wisdom fails. He is not waiting in the wings to be called upon only when things run into difficulty. He is there at the centre-central to our wisdom, to our answers, to our very life. His wisdom is not geared for a life of religious escapism. It is sufficiently comprehensive to embrace family and political life, personal faith and social transformation." **Dietrich Bonhoeffer.**

Parish Events for the Week

TODAY Refreshments at 10.15am Mass

Wednesday Parish Lunch 12.30pm

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

Future Diary Dates

26th July – 13th Aug Parish Office closed

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*

More info: bhabayeb@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Antiphons for Year I, Week XIX Ordinary Time

EA: Look to your covenant, O Lord,
and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever.
Arise, O God, and defend your cause,
and forget not the cries of those who seek you.
CA: O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord,
who gives you your fill of finest wheat.

Money Matters 4th August 2019

Not available

Average weekly Gift Aid Standing Orders £995

Many thanks

Counters: C. Macfarlane, T. Murphy, G. Brady

Cleaners: F. & C. Brady