

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

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Parish Website: www.ourladyandstedmund.org.uk
Primary School: St. Edmund's School, Radley Road, Abingdon, OX14 3PP Tel 521558
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 Parents to attend a meeting in the Parish Centre if they wish to enrol their child onto the programme in 2020. It is essential that they personally attend this meeting so that they can be informed of the requirements for their child and for themselves. This meeting will be held at 8pm on Wednesday 13th November. Please contact either Errol Midwinter on Ab. 522679 or Hilary Webb on Ab. 525928 if you require further information.

TODAY there will be a second collection for Foreign Missions.

CAFOD many thanks for your donations. We raised £469.44.

Knock Pilgrimage Patricia Ronane, organiser, will be visiting the parish to take bookings and deposit **TODAY**, in the parish centre after evening mass. There are still places available, if you would like to join in the pilgrimage, please come along and meet Patricia for further information.

READERS More readers are needed for the 8:45am and 6:30pm Masses. Please contact Pat Lonergan on 07521 333430 or at patlon@ntlworld.com. We have a Readers' Guide which will help you get started. You would have to decide which Mass you are willing to read at. Many thanks.

Charismatic Prayer Meeting, Wed 23rd October at 4 Rawlings Grove. 7:45-9pm. All welcome! Info Ab 528528.

Friends of Holy Land sale of olive wood products and Christmas cards will take place on Sunday 27th October after all Masses.

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

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 20 October

8.45am	Mass	Michael Lardner RIP
10.15am	Mass	Private Intention
4.30pm	Polish Mass	
6.30pm	Mass	Margaret Maidens RIP

Monday 21 October

8.30am	Rosary	
9am	Mass	

Tuesday 22 October

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

Wednesday 23 October

6.30pm	Rosary	
7pm	Mass	

Thursday 24 October

9am	Rosary	
9.30am	Mass	Mary Rogers RIP

Friday 25 October

6.30pm	Rosary	
7pm	Mass	Marie Tierney RIP

Saturday 26 October

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

We are holding a parish retreat, led by Sr. Veronica, one of the Dominican Sisters at the Priory in the New Forest. It will be in the Church on Sat 9th Nov, 10am - 4pm. Mass on this day will be at 9am and Confessions will be during the afternoon part of the retreat. The retreat will focus on the Great Story of Jesus mainly through video excerpts, prayer and reflection time plus

short times of sharing in small groups. In the morning we will look at why and how Jesus came, His life, His death, his resurrection and ascension. In the afternoon we will look at His invitation for each of us to encounter Him and follow Him and give you time to respond in private to Him. This retreat has been running around the diocese and the feedback is that it is a much needed opportunity for us to explore our faith journey and reflect on our relationship with God and what that means for our everyday life. To book a free place, please email clare@claresimpson.com

Parish Blog Please take a little time to visit our blog page in the 'News' section on the parish website regularly. You will find useful news, snippets of information – and if you have anything appropriate of interest, you can send it to us to be included.

A Safe Guarding course for those who require either Vulnerable Adults Training or a Refreshers Training will take place at English Martyrs, 15 Manor Crescent, Didcot OX11 7AJ) on Sat 9th Nov 10am – 12.30pm. To register please contact the Diocesan Safeguarding Co-ordinator, by email: soraya@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk. Please note: There are three requirements to volunteer to work with vulnerable adults or children in the Catholic Church: (1) a DBS application processed & agreed; (2) providing references; (3) training in either Vulnerable Adult Awareness or Child Protection Awareness. All three requirements need to be completed before such a post in the parish can be taken up. If you require any further info please contact Anne Green. Email: anne.green@zen.co.uk

Save the Children Christmas card sale after 8.45am & 10.15am Masses on Sunday 10th and Sunday 17th November.

Fijian Mass We will be sharing our 12noon Mass on Saturday 16th November with the Fijian Catholic Community. All welcome!

Faith Development

Thank you to everyone who sponsored me, raising money for 'Be Free Young Carers' by running the Oxford Half Marathon last Sunday. So far we have raised £506 for the charity, so thank you again for your prayers, kind words and donations. Fiona Semple.

Abingdon Community Fridge is fighting food waste and food poverty by redistributing surplus food donated by food businesses and local people to all members of the community. Anyone can collect food from the fridge and it is free. Times: Mon-Fri 9:30-3:30 at the Abbey Centre off Audlett Drive OX14 3GD.

Abingdon Traditional Craft Fair 8 to 10th November. Further details see poster or on the website www.abingdontraditionalcraftfair.org.uk

Parish Events for the Week

TODAY Refreshments at 10.15am Mass

Tuesday RCIA Group 7.30pm

Wednesday Cake & Conversation 9.30am
Journeying Together in Faith (JTIF)
Session 7.30pm

Friday Baby & Toddler Group 9.30am

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

Future Diary Dates

9th November 10am - 4pm Parish Retreat, Church

3rd November Parish AGM, after Mass

13th November FHC Parents Meeting, 8pm in Parish Centre

Youth Events

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

SATURDAY 16th November:

** 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

Antiphons for Year I, Week XXIX Ordinary Time

EA: To you I call, for you will surely heed me, O God;

turn your ear to me; hear my words.

Guard me as the apple of your eye;

in the shadow of your wings protect me.

CA: Behold, the eyes of the Lord

are on those who fear him,

who hope in his merciful love,

to rescue their souls from death,

to keep them alive in famine.

Money Matters 13th October 2019

Envelopes £215.30 Loose Plate £719.98

Average weekly Gift Aid Standing Orders £995

Many thanks

Counters: D. & B. Stacey, J. Dowling

Cleaners: D. & D. Kearney