

***Our Lady & St Edmund of Abingdon***  
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**Confessions: 11.00 - 11.30am or by appointment**

**Parish Life**

**PAX CHRISTI - INTERNATIONAL CATHOLIC PEACE MOVEMENT** Copies of the Dec/Jan edition of Justpeace are on the table at the back of church. Please take a copy. The theme of this edition is Ethical Investment. Peace Sunday is on the horizon - 20th January - which gives us all a chance to hear what Pope Francis has to say about our vocation as peacemakers.

**HELP REQUIRED PLEASE** We are seeking help to dismantle the Christmas trees and floral decorations on Tuesday 8th January at 10.00 o'clock. Please Contact Jo Milham 01235526177. Thank you and happy new year.

**Parish lunch** Wednesday 9th January at 12.30. All welcome.

**Cake & Conversation** We will start again on Wed 9th Jan. in the Parish Centre from 9.30 to 11am. Everyone whose first language isn't English is warmly welcome to this friendly, informal weekly session.

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

**The Baby and Toddler Group** reopens after our Christmas break on Friday, 11th January 2019 in our parish centre on Oxford road at 9.30am.

**The Alpha Course** returns to our Parish this January 2019. If you are interested in attending or you know someone who might be interested, please contact Maeve on 01865 321179. The Course will be running at my home in Kennington, commencing Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> of January from 11am - 12.30 pm. All are welcome.

**THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

**Sunday 6 January**

8.45am	Mass	Pauline & John Keller RIP
10.15am	Mass	Geoff Wyatt RIP
4.30pm	Polish Mass	
6.30pm	Mass	John & Joanne Hyland Intentions (40 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary)

**Monday 7 January**

8.30am	Rosary	
9am	Mass	Martin Furey RIP

**Tuesday 8 January**

8.30am	Rosary	
9am	Mass	Patrick & Teresa O'Brien RIP

**Wednesday 9 January**

11am	Funeral Ernest Wright RIP	
6.30pm	Rosary	
7pm	Mass	

**Thursday 10 January**

9am	Rosary	
9.30am	Mass	Private Intention

**Friday 11 January**

6.30pm	Rosary	
7pm	Mass	

**Saturday 12 January**

10.15am	Mothers Prayers	
11am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
11-11.30am	Confessions	
12 noon	Mass	

**Faith Development**

**Association of Christian Counsellors Annual Conference: Embodied Hope.** If you are a student or qualified counsellor or working

pastorally with people (including in spiritual direction or supervision roles), then this conference will offer a rich programme covering a mix of psychological, spiritual and Christian perspectives on a wide variety of different topics relevant to counselling and pastoral care. You will also find opportunities for personal development and restoration, creative practices and worship. The conference programme is split into the following streams - and it is possible to mix and match over the four days from 8 to 11 February 2019: Counselling Practice Skills & Knowledge; Hope, Faith & Spirituality; Body Work Psychotherapy; Working with diversity: LGBT+; Pastoral Care; Self-Development, Retreat & Restoration. For further information and to book, go to [www.acc-uk.org](http://www.acc-uk.org).

**Abingdon Gospel Choir** - Do you like Gospel Music? Rehearsals re-commence for this term on Thursday 10th January 2019 from 8.00pm to 9.30pm under the musical direction Heidi Cottrell. Singers of all standards are welcome. Come along and see (and sing) for yourself. Further information from Alan Joinson (01235 521247 or [alanj@phoncoop.coop](mailto:alanj@phoncoop.coop))

**Portsmouth Diocese Don Bosco Camp 2019:** 28th July - 3rd August 2019 an opportunity for secondary school boys to have an exciting, activity-packed camping holiday in a safe but challenging countryside setting. Further information: [www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/youth/donbosco](http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/youth/donbosco) and contact: [dbcamps@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:dbcamps@portsmouthdiocese.org.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](http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/enews) to sign up.

**Helping Refugees.** The Diocesan Refugee Response Working Group is looking for new members. We would especially welcome people with particular skills - such as administration experience, knowledge of the Middle East, refugee issues, familiarity with benefits and into-work programmes and / or project management skills - to join the core working group. Specific knowledge of Syrian refugee issues is not required for all members, but enthusiasm and desire to learn and help are essential. We are also looking for people who would like to gather in different locations around the diocese to listen to informed speakers and to discuss possible and current action for refugees. Anyone interested should see our website [www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/rrwg](http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/rrwg) email me on [PCS@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:PCS@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) or call me on 01730 262 290. Fr Peter Hollins

## Parish Events for the Week

**TODAY** Refreshments after 10.15am Mass

**Wednesday** Cake & Conversation resumes 9.30am  
Parish Lunch, 12.30pm

**Friday** Baby & Toddler Group resumes 9.30am

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

## Future Diary Dates

**15th Jan** RCIA sessions resume 7.30pm, Parish Centre

## Youth Events

*More info: [tipayouth@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:tipayouth@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)*

**On Saturday 12th January**, please pray and fast for the end of abortion and euthanasia in this Country. Your prayer and fasting is urgently needed, and it really does save lives. This is the day before the 22nd anniversary of the founding of the Good Counsel Network, for details of our live saving work see; [www.GoodCounselNetwork.com](http://www.GoodCounselNetwork.com)

## We pray for:

- The Repose of the Soul of Ernest Wright RIP. Funeral Wed 9<sup>th</sup> Jan at 11am.
- The Repose of the Soul of Sheila Finch RIP. Funeral Fri 18<sup>th</sup> Jan at 1.30pm.
- The Repose of the Soul of Arthur Cotterell RIP. Funeral 24<sup>th</sup> Jan at 10.45am.

**Money Matters:** 30<sup>th</sup> December 2018  
Envelopes: £354.38 Loose Plate £659.22 Many thanks

**Counters:** S. Campbell, D. & B. Stacey  
**Cleaners:** J. Alder, J. Hyland