

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

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**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 13<sup>th</sup> November. Please contact either Errol Midwinter on Ab. 522679 or Hilary Webb on Ab. 525928 if you require 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.

**TODAY Blessing of the Graves.** 10am Church, 12noon, at Spring Lane.

**PARISH AGM,** this evening after Mass in the Parish Centre. All welcome!

**BAMENDA SUNDAY SPECIAL COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND.** Please remember our brothers and sisters in your prayers this weekend and be as generous as you can in your donation for the projects we support in our troubled twinned diocese in Cameroon. For an update please see your copy of the Bamenda Newsletter or visit our website: www.bamendaandportsmouth.com

**Can you find time** to come and spend some time with Our Lord next Sat 9<sup>th</sup> Nov at our parish retreat? We have 2 fantastic retreat leaders coming. Sr Veronica OP in the morning and Fr Kelvin, one of the young Carmelite priests at Boars Hill, in the afternoon. We will look at The Great Story of Jesus and what that means for us, using the Bible. It will be relaxed, encouraging and personal. The retreat will be in the Church between 10am and 4pm. Please book a free place by email [clare@claresimpson.com](mailto:clare@claresimpson.com)

### THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

#### Sunday 3 November

8.45am	Mass	Abbey Wilson RIP
10.15am	Mass	Eddie Mullin RIP
4.30pm	Polish Mass	
6.30pm	Mass	Giuseppina Magnaghi RIP

#### Monday 4 November St Charles Borromeo

8.30am	Rosary	
9am	Mass	Celia Edwards & Celia Jones RIP

#### Tuesday 5 November

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

#### Wednesday 6 November

6.30pm	Rosary	
7pm	Mass	

#### Thursday 7 November

9am	Rosary	
9.30am	Mass	

#### Friday 8 November

2pm	Funeral	Anthony Miles RIP
6.30pm	Rosary	
7pm	Mass	Johanna Hendre RIP

#### Saturday 9 November THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA

9am	Mass	Bridget Dyjak RIP
10am-4pm	Parish Retreat Day	
No Adoration or Confessions		

**PAX CHRISTI** "To be true followers of Jesus today also includes embracing his teaching about nonviolence" Pope Francis, World Peace Day 2017. Copies are at the back of church. Please take a copy.

**A Safe Guarding course** for those who require either Vulnerable Adults Training or a Refreshers Training will take place at English Martyrs, Didcot on Sat 9<sup>th</sup> Nov 10am – 12.30pm. To register please email: soraya@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk. If you require any further info please contact Anne Green. Email: anne.green@zen.co.uk

**Christmas Lunch for Seniors** on Sun 8<sup>th</sup> Dec, 12.30pm in the Parish Centre. Please put your name on the list at the back of church if you would like to attend. We also need cooks and helpers on the day please. Please telephone 534873 or 203103 if you would like to help. Many thanks.

**NEW PAGE ON WEBSITE:** We now have a **Bereavement Support** page on our website, in the **Groups** section.

**Bereavement Support:** During the Month of November we will have a dedicated Mass for all those who have been bereaved. This will be on Wed 20<sup>th</sup> Nov at 7pm.

**SHOEBOX APPEAL** The mission of Operation Christmas Child is to show God's love in a tangible way to children in need around the world, and together with the local church worldwide, to share the good news of Jesus Christ. The Mini Vinnies (St Edmund's primary school branch of the St Vincent de Paul Society) are running a shoebox appeal. They aim to fill 50 shoeboxes by 16<sup>th</sup> Nov. Please support them. The instructions on what to do and suggestions for possible gift items, is available in the flyer on the table at the back of the church, but can also be downloaded from the blog or news page on our website. Thank you for helping, if you can. The Mini Vinnies will supply and pack the boxes. Please drop off your donations at St Edmund's School after half term or put them in the box at the back of the church - by 14<sup>th</sup> Nov.

### Faith Development

**CiA Annual Bereavement** This special service provides the bereaved with a space to remember lost loved ones, light a candle in their remembrance and join in fellowship with others who have been bereaved. This year, the bereavement service is on Sun 17<sup>th</sup> Nov at 3pm at Abingdon Baptist Church. All welcome.

**St. John Henry Newman** – Prophet on the Road to Rome. A lecture to launch the new critical edition of Newman's Essays Critical and Historical, written in the years leading up to his conversion to the Catholic Church, will be given by Dr Andrew Nash and Fr Nicholas Schofield at The College, Littlemore, Oxford, on Fri 15<sup>th</sup> Nov at 7.30pm. All welcome. Refreshments provided.

**LAMPS** are looking for people to join their core volunteer team to help promote their shows to the church community and build their fundraising capacity. If you think this might be you then please call Julie Kemp-Harper on 01235 521049/07741276833.

### Parish Events for the Week

**TODAY** Refreshments at 10.15am Mass  
Parish AGM, after evening Mass.

**Tuesday** RCIA Group 7.30pm

**Wednesday** Cake & Conversation 9.30am

**Thursday** Parents Confirmation meeting 7pm

**Friday** Baby & Toddler Group,

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

### Future Diary Dates

**9<sup>th</sup> November** 10am - 4pm Parish Retreat, Church

**13<sup>th</sup> November** FHC Parents Meeting, 8pm, Parish Centre

**8<sup>th</sup> December** Parish Christmas Lunch for Seniors, 12.30pm, Parish Centre

### Youth Events

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

**SATURDAY 16<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.ourladyandstedmund.org.uk/events)*

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

### Antiphons for Year I, Week XXXI Ordinary Time

EA: Forsake me not, O Lord, my God;  
be not far from me!

Make haste and come to my help,  
O Lord, my strong salvation!

CA: You will show me the path of life,  
the fullness of joy in your presence, O Lord.

**Money Matters** 27<sup>th</sup> October 2019

Envelopes £313.70 Loose Plate £642.11

Average weekly Gift Aid Standing Orders £995

Many thanks

**Counters:** E. Midwinter, J. Ryan

**Cleaners:** P. Shephard, M. Kelly