

**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

**Parish Office** closed tomorrow.

**Thanks** to All parishioners who supported Garden Produce Sunday. We raised £137 to help the poor through CAFOD's Common Home Campaign.

**Catenian Bursary Fund** Are you between 16 & 25 years of age and contemplating embarking on a project next summer with VSO or some other voluntary organisation? The Catenian Bursary Fund helps to support young adults financially in undertaking these types of projects. We will be explaining how the fund operates and how to apply at all Masses TODAY. Members of the Association will be around after Mass to talk to anyone interested in finding out more, whether for themselves or on behalf of a child or grandchild. More information can be found at <https://catenianbursary.com/> or [info@oxfordshire-catenians.uk](mailto:info@oxfordshire-catenians.uk)

**JOURNEYING TOGETHER IN FAITH (JTIF)** This programme is starting in our parish on 25<sup>th</sup> Sept, aimed at anyone who has an enquiring mind and is interested in growing their faith. This would also be a suitable programme for anyone who has completed the RCIA course. If you would like to take part in this programme, please fill in the form on pink sheets at the back of our church or on the news page of our website., as soon as possible.

**Red Mission Boxes** The Holy Father has now named Oct 2019 as an Extraordinary Month of Mission (EMM2019). His prayer intentions are included in this month's magazine. Also included are Daily Reflections for the whole world. The free Missio booklets and prayer cards are available at the back of Church.

**The Alpha course** is starting next week. Alpha is a great place to discuss and learn about the meaning of life, in a relaxed hospitable environment. Come and try the first

### TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

#### Sunday 22 September

8.45am	Mass	The Flood Family Intentions
10.15am	Mass	Private Intention
6.30pm	Mass	Sally O'Brien Intentions

#### Monday 23 September St Pio of Pietrelcina

8.30am	Rosary	
9am	Mass	Fr. Rob Intentions

#### Tuesday 24 September Our Lady of Walshingham

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

#### Wednesday 25 September

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

#### Thursday 26 September

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

#### Friday 27 September St Vincent de Paul

6.30pm	Rosary	
7pm	Mass	Special Prayer Intentions

#### Saturday 28 September

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

week and see what you think! There are 3 parallel courses in parishioners' houses: Thurs 11am - 12.30pm; Fri 9.30-11am; Sun 6pm - 8.15pm. Please ring Maeve 01865 321179.

**WEEK OF ACCOMPANIED PRAYER** During the week of 29<sup>th</sup> September to 5<sup>th</sup> October, each participant receives one on one Spiritual direction, for many this is their first experience

of being listened to in a holy, safe and confidential space. A sign-up sheet is available at the back of the church or on the news page of our website, to express your interest in attending. It is not too late to register - the deadline is 22nd September. You can also get more information by contacting Eileen at: eileenbrooks@gmail.com

**PAX CHRISTI** Copies of the current issue of Justpeace are at the back of church. This issue focuses on the engagement of young people in peace, justice and environmental issues. Please help yourself to a copy if you wish.

**BIBLE ALIVE – OCTOBER EDITION.** Copies of Bible Alive are available every month at the back of the church, for only £2.50. Please do take a copy.

**Cash4Coins collection.** On Sunday 29th September the SVP will be having its annual collection of foreign money. We can take currency – notes or coins – from any country. Please could you remember to bring it with you to Mass that day. Thank you!

**NOTICES/POSTERS IN OUR CHURCH** If you have anything that you would like displayed, please can you send it, or hand it in, to the parish office in the first instance. If appropriate, it will then be displayed for a suitable period of time. Please do not leave items in the church yourself or move the ones already displayed. For guidance on notices/posters, anything above A5 size makes it difficult to be displayed and we may reduce the size for practical purposes. Thank you for your understanding.

**SPECIAL SERVICE** To mark the end of the Season of Creation we are inviting members of the other churches in Abingdon to a Service of Thanksgiving and Commitment to Caring for the Environment that Our Lady and St Edmund's is hosting on Sat 5<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm. We hope that as many parishioners as possible will be able to attend. The Service will be followed by a simple meal and a Climate Quiz in the Parish Centre.

### Faith Development

**Day for Catechists and Children's Liturgy Leaders** – Portsmouth Cathedral, 19<sup>th</sup> October 10am to 4pm  
The Dominican Sisters and the Formation for Mission team invite everyone engaged in passing on the faith to children, young people and adults to Portsmouth Cathedral on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October for a day of thanksgiving, celebration and formation where we will discover ways to share our faith in Jesus Christ as his witnesses within our ministries. The day will be led by Fr Mark Hogan, and Mass will be celebrated in thanksgiving for all diocesan catechists. Lunch will be provided. Register online:  
<http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/catechists> or phone the Dominican Sisters to book a place: 01590 681874

## Parish Events for the Week

**TODAY** Refreshments at 10.15am Mass

**Tuesday** RCIA Group 7.30pm

**Wednesday** Cake & Conversation 9.30am  
Journeying Together into Faith 7.30-9pm

**Friday** Baby & Toddler Group 9.30am

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

## Future Diary Dates

**5<sup>th</sup> October** Service to celebrate end of the Season of Creation in Church 7pm, followed meal and Quiz in Parish Centre

**7<sup>th</sup> October** Knock Shrine Pilgrimage Information Evening 7pm, Parish Centre

**19<sup>th</sup> October** Diocesan Day for Catechists Portsmouth Cathedral 10am-4pm.

## Youth Events

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

### **SATURDAY 5<sup>th</sup> October:**

*\* 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 XXV Ordinary Time

EA: I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord.

Should they cry to me in any distress,  
I will hear them, and I will be their Lord forever.

CA: You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept;

may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

### **Money Matters** 15<sup>th</sup> September 2019

Envelopes £262.23 Loose Plate £635.62

Average weekly Gift Aid Standing Orders £995

Many thanks

**Counters:** P. & D. Brooks, M. O'Mullane

**Cleaners:** S. Nelson, J. Lardner