

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

Parish Life

The final total for the Lenten project is £9,900. The three charities will each be presented with a cheque for £3,300 on Parish Day. Thank-you to everyone in the Parish and the children at St Edmund's and Our Lady's for the tremendous effort in supporting this years charities. Another successful year!

PARISH DAY SUNDAY 21 JULY Dear Parishioners, we need volunteers to help with the following:

- SETTING UP CHAIRS AND FURNITURE ON THE GRASSED AREA BOTH BEFORE AND AFTER MASS.
- TO RUN THE BARBEQUE
- CHILDRENS' ACTIVITIES (SUGGESTIONS GRATEFULLY RECEIVED)

If you can help in any way to make the day a success, please speak to Fr. Jamie or Fr. Rob, or leave your contact details at the parish office, or phone Hilary Webb on Ab. 525928. Many thanks.

Fr. Thomas - Light for the Blind We are pleased to advise that Fr. Thomas will be returning to the parish to make an appeal at all three Masses TODAY on behalf of his beloved charity, providing unconditional love, hope, compassion and care for the most disadvantaged of God's children - the dying destitute and abandoned street people of Tamil Nadu. The words of Jesus "Whatever you do to one of the least of my brothers and sisters, you do to me", is his guiding light supporting his unshakeable dedication. Please join Fr Thomas for coffee and a chat in the Parish Centre after the 10.15 Mass.

Cake and Conversation The last session before we take the Summer Break will be Wed 10th July.

Charismatic Prayer Meeting Wednesday 10th July at 4 Rawlings Grove. 7:45-9pm. All welcome! Info Ab 528528.

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 7 July

8.45am	Mass	Houghton & Dunne Family RIP
10.15am	Mass	Peter O'Riordan RIP
4.30pm	Polish Mass	
6.30pm	Mass	Elsie Molloy RIP

Monday 8 July

8.30am	Rosary
9am	Mass

Tuesday 9 July St Augustine Zhao Rong & Companions

8.30am	Rosary
9am	Mass

Wednesday 10 July

9.30am	Funeral Mass Tom O'Donoghue RIP
6.30pm	Rosary
7pm	Mass Sofia Kolb Intentions (18 th Birthday)

Thursday 11 July ST BENEDICT

9am	Rosary
9.30am	Mass

Friday 12 July

6.30pm	Rosary
7pm	Mass

Saturday 13 July St Henry

10.15-10.45am	Mothers Prayers
11am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
11-11.30am	Confessions
12 noon	Mass

'COME AND SEE' Are you interested in the Catholic Faith? Then join us on Tuesday 16th July in the parish centre at 7.30pm. RCIA – The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults. This is the way we welcome Adults into the sacramental life

of the Church. So if you are from another Faith, Denomination, or a Baptized Catholic adult who missed out on First Holy Communion or Confirmation, THEN this is for you! A warm welcome awaits.

Pastoral Area Youth Worker – pick up a leaflet After a long period of preparatory work, this post was funded by a grant from the Diocese for three years. Last year the full funding was taken on by the parishes, helped by an appeal to concerned individuals. Sadly, it has now been decided that the post is unsustainable, and it will end in August. An 'Update' leaflet, outlining achievements and challenges, is available in church. Melanie Parris-Dollar, who has been our Youth Worker for four years, will be made redundant. Fortunately, she has been able to find employment elsewhere. We hope to have an occasion in the autumn at which those she has worked with will be able to thank her for all she has done. Happily, in our parish youth groups will continue to thrive thanks to our devoted volunteers, many thanks. Our thanks too to Fr. Paul King & Youth Worker support team.

BIBLE ALIVE is a Catholic scripture magazine which draws its strength, inspiration and direction from the liturgical cycle. "The Bible is living, active and therefore dynamic and alive" (Hebrews 4:12). From the Bible we draw life, strength and power to live the Christian life. 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.

CHURCH TWINNING VISIT TO NORMANDY The date of the visit to Argentan, our twin town in Normandy, has been changed. It is now Thurs 19th to Mon 23rd Sept. Accommodation is with host families from the churches in Argentan. For further details, please contact Anne 525997 or Angela 532296.

Faith Development

PARLIAMENTARY LOBBY & CAFOD Thank you to all those who signed the CAFOD Climate Petition. We took the 200+ signatures with us when we met our MP Layla Moran at the Parliamentary Lobby and then sent the sheets of signatures onto CAFOD to be added to the petition sheets collected from parishes up and down the country which CAFOD will be presenting to the Prime Minister. 12000 + people took part in the Parliamentary Lobby. Photos can be seen on the CAFOD Portsmouth blog.

We pray for:

- The Repose of the Soul of Tom O'Donoghue RIP. Funeral 10th July at 9.30am.

Parish Events for the Week

TODAY Refreshments after 10.15am Mass with Fr. Thomas
Confirmation Group 4pm

Wednesday Cake & Conversation 9.30-11am
Parish Lunch 12.30pm

Friday Baby & Toddler Group 9.30am

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

Future Diary Dates

21st July Parish Day - Outdoor Mass and BBQ 10.30am

26th July – 9th Aug Parish Office closed

Youth Events

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

** On **Saturday 20th July** we will have our final event before the summer holidays. This will also be from **3.30pm to 5.00pm in the Parish Centre** and it will be a small party to celebrate. We request that the children come in suitable play clothes and suggest that they bring a change of clothes in case they get wet.*

More info: bhabayeb@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

School News

Governors' Fund 100+ Club The winning numbers were:

1st Prize (£30) – Number 27 Leila Brown
2nd Prize (£20) – Number 53 Sarah Demarchi
3rd Prize (£10) – Number 79 Peter Hendricks
Congratulations to the winners. Please do not hesitate to contact me – by email at pcole@st-edmunds-rc.oxon.sch.uk or phone on 07779 662725 if you would like to join or have any questions.

Antiphons for Year I, Week XIV Ordinary Time

EA: Your merciful love, O God,
we have received in the midst of your temple.
Your praise, O God, like your name,
reaches the ends of the earth;
your right hand is filled with saving justice.
CA: Taste and see that the Lord is good;
blessed the man who seeks refuge in him.

Money Matters 30th June 2019

Envelopes £379.94 Loose Plate £648.80
Average weekly Gift Aid Standing Orders £995
Many thanks

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

Cleaners: E. & T. Janicka