

# ***Our Lady & St Edmund of Abingdon*** ***1 Radley Rd, Abingdon on Thames, Oxon, OX14 3PL***

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**Confessions: Saturday, 11.00 – 11.30am or by appointment**

## **Parish Life**

**THANK YOU** to all who have made our Easter Celebrations as beautiful as ever. We thank especially our Servers, Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, our choirs and musicians, flower ladies, and cleaners and Donie and Barbara for the behind the scenes touches. Happy Easter. **MANY THANKS** also for your generosity in the Easter Offerings. Fr. Jamie and Fr. Rob.

**TODAY** we welcome the Comboni Fathers to the parish to preach the annual Mission Appeal. We pray for the Comboni Missionaries, especially for those who are at present working in difficult and dangerous conditions. Please be generous in the retiring collection.

**RCIA Fish Finger/Fizz'Fish'Quiz Supper.** Come and enjoy our Fish Finger/Fizz' Quiz Supper on Friday 3rd May in the parish centre. Everybody welcome for a fun family evening. All proceeds for Lenten Charities. Tickets on Sale today.

**BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT** Our parish offers bereavement support for anyone who requests it. Please see the information in the 'Bereavement Book' at the back of the church, or contact us via the parish office or our website. Paul Crookes (trainee deacon) is the representative for this and he will be available after all Masses this Sunday so that you know who he is.

**SCENES FROM THE PASSION & EASTER** There is one last opportunity for you to see what the children from our youth groups have made - come to the parish centre after Mass this Sunday.

**POSTERS, LEAFLETS, LOST PROPERTY,** etc In an effort to reduce the clutter on our notice boards and at the back of the church, we would be extremely grateful if you could hand in anything you want displayed to the parish office. Due to limited space, posters which are A5 size are

## **SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER**

### **Sunday 28 April**

8.45am	Mass	Bill & Betty Fleetwood RIP
10.15am	Mass	Tom Mullen RIP
6.30pm	Mass	Tom Mullen RIP

### **Monday 29 April St CATHERINE of SIENA**

8.30am	Rosary	
9am	Mass	Michael Mitchell RIP

### **Tuesday 30 April**

8.30am	Rosary	
9am	Mass	Private Intention

### **Wednesday 1 May St Joseph the Worker**

6.30pm	Rosary	
7pm	Mass	Clementina Guarracino RIP

### **Thursday 2 May St Athanasius**

9am	Rosary	
9.30am	Mass	Private Intention

### **Friday 3 May Ss PHILIP & JAMES**

6.30pm	Rosary	
7pm	Mass	Maureen & John Logan Intentions

### **Saturday 4 May THE ENGLISH MARTYRS (1535-1680)**

8.50-10.15am	FHC (8)	
11am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
11-11.30am	Confessions	
12 noon	Mass	Grace Molloy Special Intentions

more likely to get a place on the notice boards. Also, please note that lost property will be kept in the porch for a maximum of 2 weeks. Thank you for your understanding.

**Living Simply** You are invited to a joint conference (CAFOD and Caritas Portsmouth) on 'Living simply and in solidarity with the poor' at St Peter's Church Winchester on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May, 10am to 4pm. There are full details on the small poster at the back of church or from Anne Dodd. (525997). There are 3 places available in a car going down to Winchester and back. St Edmunds will be sharing our experience of becoming a Live Simply parish in one of the afternoon workshops.

**Taize Prayer Group** 7.30 p.m. 1st May in the church. Please do come join St Edmund's new Taize Prayer Group! The Taize chants are a very spiritual, beautiful and uplifting way of reaching our Lord. If you have never sung any Taize before, it is very easy. Or you can just listen and meditate quietly...

### Faith Development

**HEALING SEMINARS** with Fr. Nicholas Broadbridge of Douai Abbey. To be held at Elmore Abbey, Church Lane, Speen, Newbury RG14 1SA 10am-5pm.

**Seminar 1.** Healing of Memories 11<sup>th</sup> May

**Seminar 2.** Deliverance 25<sup>th</sup> May

**Seminar 3.** Gift & Gifts of the Spirit 8<sup>th</sup> June

**Seminar 4.** Healing Families 22<sup>nd</sup> June

If you wish to attend please contact Fr. Nicholas: nicholas@douaiabbey.org.uk or Tel. 0118 971 5372.

**The Secular Franciscan Order (OFS), Oxford** will hold an Open Day of Recollection, Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May at the Mornese Centre, Elmthorpe Convent, Oxford Road, Cowley OX4 2LF, 10:00 to 16:00. Fr. Paul Coleman OFM Cap, will provide reflection around the theme 'The Gospel according to Francis'. All welcome - details on the church notice board. Further details: mamartin@live.co.uk."

**Marriage Encounter weekend** from 24-26 May. Park Place Pastoral Centre, Wickham, near Fareham. The weekend is an opportunity for married couples of any age to deepen and enrich their relationship. This is not marriage counselling or crisis solving but a residential weekend away from the distractions of daily life which many thousands of couples in this country have found to be the best thing they did since getting married. Interested? Please go to <https://wwme.org.uk/marriage-enrichment/#about> or phone 02380 275401.

### Youth

**In the hotspot.** Aged 11 to 16? In Secondary School? Then there is an event for you on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May from 12.45 to 2.45pm in the parish centre. Come along and bring your friends for a pizza lunch, a chance to meet other people and an opportunity to ask questions about.... well almost about anything... and it's all free! For catering, we need to know numbers, so please email: bhabayeb@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

### Parish Events for the Week

**TODAY** Refreshments after 10.15am Mass

**Wednesday** Cake & Conversation 9.30-11am

**Friday** Baby & Toddler Group 9.30am  
Fish Finger/Fizz'Quiz supper evening 7.30pm

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

### Future Diary Dates

**7<sup>th</sup> May** RCIA resumes 7.30pm, Parish Centre

**8<sup>th</sup> May** Parish Lunch 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.*

**Mini Walking Pilgrimage** to Boars Hill from Abingdon: Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May - 9:00am for a 9:30am start from Tilsley Park car park (OX14 1PU) to Youlbury Scout Camp in Boars Hill. Bring a packed lunch and water bottle. Cooking over a campfire and other organised events on arrival at Youlbury. For more information or to book your place, please contact Melanie at [tipayouth@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:tipayouth@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) or on 07470094818.

*\* The next event for ages 11 -16 is Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May, 12.45 - 2.45pm. See information on the main section of this newsletter. More info: [bhabayeb@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:bhabayeb@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)*

*\* The next event for Parish Youth Groups (Years 3 to 6) is Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May, 3.30-5.00pm. More info: [bhabayeb@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:bhabayeb@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)*

### School News

**Governors' Fund 100+ Club** The winning numbers were:

1st Prize (£30) – Number 2 Tammy Lavers

2nd Prize (£20) – Number 4 Suzanne Ghafoor

3rd Prize (£10) – Number 8 Maria Delany-White

Congratulations to the winners.

**Money Matters** 21<sup>st</sup> April 2019

Easter Offerings

Many thanks

**Counters:** R. & P. Taylor, M. Webster

**Cleaners:** J. Alder, J. Hyland