

Our Lady & St Edmund of Abingdon

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<i>We live stream most services (the 10.15am Mass on the first Sunday of every month is not live streamed).</i>		
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Roman Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth Reg. Charity No 246871	www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk	

Confessions: Saturday, 11.00 – 11.30am or by appointment

Parish Life

A HUGE thank you to everybody who helped with the task of clearing away the Christmas decorations. It was a terrific turnout and very much appreciated.

Regards Jo Milham.

PAX CHRISTI Peace Sunday NEXT SUNDAY 20th

January. Please collect an envelope from back of Church. Many thanks.

TODAY there will be a second collection for the White Flower Appeal.

The Alpha Course is 9 sessions that explore the Christian faith in a relaxed and welcoming way. At each session there is a video talk that looks at a different question around faith, followed by conversation around the topic or on anything to do with God! The Alpha course is run in more Catholic churches around the world than in any other Christian church. It is highly recommended by both parishioners and those who have no faith. 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 her home in Kennington, commencing Thurs 24th of January from 11am - 12.30 pm. If you cannot make this day/time, but would like to try Alpha, please contact Maeve too as we will run it at other days/times in Abingdon if there is enough interest.

Light for the Blind - St Joseph's Hospices - India

Supporters of Father Thomas' charity "Light for the Blind" should have received the 2018 newsletter delivered to their home address just before Christmas. If you did not receive a copy, then please take one from the box at the back of the Church and let Peter Dodd know so that the list of supporters can be kept up to date. There are also some Charity Gift Aid declaration forms and Standing Order Mandates for anyone who needs one of these. Peter Dodd (Trustee) peteranne@aol.com

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Sunday 13 January

8.45am	Mass	Peggy & John Anderson RIP
10.15am	Mass	John & Letitia Fay RIP
6.30pm	Mass	William Delaney RIP

Monday 14 January

8.30am	Rosary	
9am	Mass	Bill Delany RIP

Tuesday 15 January

8.30am	Rosary	
9am	Mass	Private Intention

Wednesday 16 January

6.30pm	Rosary	
7pm	Mass	Matty Duncan RIP

Thursday 17 January St Anthony of Egypt

9am	Rosary	
9.30am	Mass	Rita Murphy RIP

Friday 18 January

1.30pm	Funeral	Sheila Finch RIP
6.30pm	Rosary	
7pm	Mass	Sheila Finch RIP

Saturday 19 January St Wulstan

8.50-10.15am	FHC (1)	
11am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
11-11.30am	Confessions	
12 noon	Mass	Dennis Dewsnap RIP (Anniversary)

Our parish needs a new representative on the Abingdon group which prepares the World Day of Prayer service for March 1st. It is very rewarding to work with women from the other churches in Abingdon, with material this year from Christian women in Slovenia. More information from Angela Waterhouse Ab 532296/ 07866 195998 and at www.wwdp.org.uk

Due to the cold weather we are going to extend our collection for the homeless in Oxford.....Hats gloves socks and toiletries. The contributions so far have been very gratefully received

Faith Development

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity: 19-25 January 2019. The CiA will be organising the following activities:

- United Service, Christ Church, 27 January, 3 pm
- Midday prayers, St Nics, Mon 21 to Friday 25 January, 12noon, led by the following clergy:
Monday 21 Jan – Pastor Ed Evans
Tuesday 22 Jan – Revd Paul Smith
Wednesday 23 Jan – Revd Keith Dunnett
Thursday 24 Jan – Revd Steve Millard
Friday 25 Jan – Revd Kath/Phil Cooke
- Inter-church quiz, St Helen's, Friday 25 January, Church open 7.30 pm, papers on tables 7.40 pm, first questions read 8 pm. Max 8 people per team and no limit on number of teams. Suggested donation £2 per person. Basic refreshments provided – people welcome to bring bottles and snacks. Contact administrator@sthelens-abingdon.org.uk or 01235 520144 to enrol teams by Monday 14 January. All profits to local charity.

Marriage Care is a faith-based charity which draws on its Catholic tradition and contemporary research to help couples in both good times and bad. We provide relationship counselling services to thousands of people across England and Wales each year and have local counselling centres in Oxford (Cowley and Headington) and Abingdon. If you are facing a stressful time in your relationship, we can help. Whether you are feeling things just aren't quite right or whether you are encountering serious difficulties, our professionally trained volunteer relationship counsellors are here to listen and to support you towards a positive outcome. You will never be turned away because you cannot afford to give very much but we do ask all our clients to make a donation at the start of each session and pay an initial registration fee of £10 to secure a place on the waiting list. Call us on 0800 389 3801 or for more information visit: www.marriagecare.org.uk

Vacancies

Trinity Learning Education Development Officer

0.4 FTE, salary £30,000 pro-rata. Starting as soon as possible. Based at The Conduit Centre in Abingdon. For more information and an application form, contact: trinity.abingdon@gmail.com or 01235 520282. Closing date for applications is 25th Jan.

Parish Events for the Week

TODAY Refreshments after 10.15am Mass

Tuesday RCIA 7.30pm

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

Friday Baby & Toddler Group resumes 9.30am
SVP meeting 7.30pm

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

Future Diary Dates

13th Feb Parish Lunch 12.30pm, Parish Centre

6th March Soup Supper, 7.30pm Parish Centre

Youth Events

More info: tipyouth@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

LIVE SIMPLY - THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

The Live Simply team would like to wish all parishioners a Happy, Prosperous and Holy 2019. Because we are a LIVE SIMPLY PARISH where we try to Live Simply, Sustainably and in Solidarity with the Poor, we will be giving a LIVE SIMPLY THOUGHT for each month. Some months we will also promote an activity such as Carless Sunday, Garden Produce Sunday and a Creation Walk as last year, activities that that many parishioners can participate in. Our THOUGHT FOR JANUARY is that parishioners try to cut down plastic use. One suggestion is that we buy loose fruit and vegetables rather than those pre packed. Another suggestion is that gardeners use fibre pots rather than plastic pots. For more ideas look at Abingdon Carbon Cutters' website. www.abingdoncarboncutters.org.uk/abingdon-cuts-plastic

Antiphons for Year I, Week I Ordinary Time

EA: Upon a lofty throne, I saw a man seated,
whom a host of angels adore, singing in unison:
Behold him, the name of whose empire is eternal.
CA: With you, O Lord, is the fountain of life,
and in your light we see light.

Money Matters: 6th January 2018

Envelopes: £353.75 Loose Plate £630.58 Many thanks

Counters: M. & M. Martin, M. Knott

Cleaners: L. Osazuwa, S. Pritchett