

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

Parish Life

Charismatic Prayer Meeting Wednesday 28th August at 4 Rawlings Grove, 7:45-9pm. All welcome! Info Ab 528528.

WEEK OF ACCOMPANIED PRAYER 29th Sept – 5th Oct 2019. The purpose of Spiritual Direction during a week of accompanied prayer is to help the pilgrim to discern where God is working in his or her life. By making a retreat available to all who do not have the resources of time or money to leave home, these weeks make this opportunity available to all. During the week 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 to express your interest in attending. More information to follow.

RCIA - the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults. This is the way we welcome Adults into the sacramental life of the Church. If you are not baptised, from another faith denomination, or a Catholic who has been baptised but not completed the other sacraments, RCIA sessions will begin again each Tuesday evening in the parish centre commencing 24th September, 7.30pm. A warm welcome awaits you. For further information, please contact Fr Jamie or Pauline Hanley via the parish office.

VOTIVE CANDLES The collection box for donations is now situated next to the votive candles at the front of the church. The slot at the back of the church is for contributions to the St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP) – donations gratefully received for that.

We are offering the Alpha course this Autumn. Alpha focuses on the key parts of the Christian faith and is run in a relaxed and friendly way. We encourage any question, however hostile or ignorant sounding, to discuss in small groups after hospitality and a 30 min video each week. Would you like to come and try the

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 25 August

8.45am	Mass	Maura Judge RIP
10.15am	Mass	Reg Sargeant RIP
6.30pm	Mass	Charlie & Gabrielle Henville Special Intentions

Monday 26 August Blessed Dominic Barberi

8.30am	Rosary	
9am	Mass	Edward Hargreaves RIP

Tuesday 27 August St Monica

NO Mass See: www.ourladyandstedmund.org.uk/thames-isis-pastoral-area for other masses

Wednesday 28 August St Augustine of Hippo

6.30pm	Rosary	
7pm	Mass	Joanna Lake RIP

Thursday 29 August The Passion of John the Baptist

9am	Rosary	
9.30am	Mass	Marion Kearns RIP Anniversary

Friday 30 August Ss Margaret Clitherow, Anne Line & Margaret Ward

6.30pm	Rosary	
7pm	Mass	Isabelle Langley Intentions

Saturday 31 August St Aidan & All Saints of Lindisfarne

11am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
11-11.30am	Confessions	
12 noon	Mass	Catherine Mullin RIP

first week and see? Do you know anyone who might be interested in coming? Who do you know from friends, neighbours, family or acquaintances that have asked you questions about the meaning of life and would like to

explore further? We are running 3 courses in parishioner's houses: Thursdays 11am - 12.30pm; Fridays 9.30-11am; Sundays 6pm - 8.15pm, all starting late September. Do ring Maeve 01865 321179

All the Christian churches are coming together to offer a Launch Supper to explain more about Alpha. This supper is a great way of inviting friends, neighbours to something that is not in a Church and that will be very relaxed and fun. It will be held at the Spice Valley restaurant, 11th September at 7.30 pm. There will be a meal, enlivened by magic tricks by John Hains who is Vice President of the Magic Circle. Jon will then talk about Alpha and Christianity in an engaging manner. Who can you bring? Booking is essential, at least 5 days beforehand but ideally more! Ring Clare 847804

JOURNEYING TOGETHER IN FAITH (JTIF) A new programme is starting on Wed 25th 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. We need to know numbers, so if you are interested in taking part, please can you fill in the form on the table at the back of the church or on the 'News' section of our website.

Faith Development

The Season of Creation is from the beginning of September to St Francis of Assisi's feast day on Oct 4th. It's a time when we celebrate the wonders of our earth and commit to protecting it, encouraged by Pope Francis in his heartfelt letter 'Laudato Si - caring for our Common Home'. Watch out next Sunday for the Season of Creation calendar to take home, to use for prayer and individual action.

Father Thomas Joins the Oxford Catenians for Dinner During his recent visit to the UK, Fr. Thomas joined the Oxford Catenian Circle for their monthly meeting and dinner at the Oxford Thames hotel in Sandford. The meeting was attended by 36 members of the association and Fr. Thomas addressed the gathering, speaking about the work he is undertaking in India and the local difficulties they have experienced. Paul Tierney, President of Oxford Circle and parishioner here at St Edmund's, presented Fr Thomas with a cheque for £240 which was raised on the night for Light for the Blind.

Future Diary Date 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 Masses on 22nd Sept. More information can be found in leaflets at the back of the church or at <https://catenianbursary.com/> or info@oxfordshire-catenians.uk

Parish Events for the Week

TODAY Refreshments at 10.15am Mass

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

Future Diary Dates

24th September RCIA sessions commence 7.30pm, Parish Centre

25th September: Journeying Together in Faith (JTIF) commence, 7.30pm Parish Centre

Youth Events

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

SATURDAY 7th SEPTEMBER:

*** 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

More info: bhabayeb@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Diocesan Day for Catechists Portsmouth Cathedral, 19th October, 10am-4pm. Lunch provided. To book a place www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/catechists or call 01590 681874.

Antiphons for Year I, Week XXI Ordinary Time

EA: Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trusts in you, my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

CA: The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord; you bring forth bread from the earth and wine to cheer the heart.

Money Matters 18th August 2019

Envelopes £246.70 Loose Plate £711.60
Average weekly Gift Aid Standing Orders £995
Many thanks

Counters: D. & B. Stacey

Cleaners: L. Osazuwa, S. Pritchett