

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

Parish Life

PARISH OPEN DAY Hopefully, we have been blessed with good weather today as we celebrate all the gifts & blessings we have received this year in our parish. We renew our Covenant with the Poor today, and present our cheques to the three Lenten projects. We also say farewell to Fr. Rob, and wish him well in his new ministry in September. Enjoy the BBQ!

Newsletter Items. Could all newsletter items for Sunday 28th July, 4th and 11th August be received by the office on or before Tuesday 23rd July please. Many thanks. The **Parish Office will be closed from Friday 26th July until Tuesday 13th August.**

Collection for Light for the Blind Father Thomas and the trustees of "Light for the Blind" would like to thank parishioners for their generous donations after the appeal on July 7th. The money raised that weekend was £2860 from the collections with just over half of it gift aided and a generous donation of £2000 from an individual. This money will make a big contribution towards his work in India. Peter Dodd (Trustee - Light for the Blind)

Charismatic Prayer Meeting Wednesday 24th July at 4 Rawlings Grove. 7:45-9pm. All welcome! Info Ab 528528.

Week of Accompanied Prayer has been organised in our parish this coming autumn. The Diocesan Formation Team will come to be with us each day, from 29th Sept until 5th October. Those who wish to take part, sign up to see a spiritual director each day, who is a trained person to assist you on your spiritual journey. It will be a unique opportunity for parishioners to reflect on your faith journey, and to deepen and grow. Please feel welcome to sign up over the summer as we receive more information.

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 21 July

10.30am Mass Claire Wright Intentions
 4.30pm Polish Mass
 6.30pm Mass

Monday 22 July ST MARY MAGDALENE

8.30am Rosary
 9am Mass Dunleavey Family RIP

Tuesday 23 July ST BRIDGET OF SWEDEN

8.30am Rosary
 9am Mass

Wednesday 24 July St Sharbel Makhluf

6.30pm Rosary
 7pm Mass Maria Norton RIP

Thursday 25 July ST JAMES

9am Rosary
 9.30am Mass Lisa & Alex Paterson Intentions

Friday 26 July Ss Joachim & Anne

6.30pm Rosary
 7pm Mass Jeremiah & Edith Collins RIP

Saturday 27 July

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

BIBLE ALIVE – AUGUST EDITION This is now available! 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

Book Sale Another great book sale and coffee morning will be held on Saturday 27th July from 10.00am to 12.30pm in St Nicolas' Church, Market Place, Abingdon, in aid of church funds! All welcome.

CAFOD Update meeting 4th September. You are invited to a CAFOD update meeting on Wednesday 4th September from 7:15pm to 9pm at St Joseph & St Margaret of Clitherow Church, 39 Braccan Walk, Bracknell RG12 1BE. Nikki Evans CAFOD's programme officer for Bolivia will be speaking about our work there and how your donations are making a difference to people's lives. Please book your place so that we have an idea of how many people are coming by emailing portsmouth@cafod.org.uk or phone 01252 329385.

Volunteer with Marriage Care. Could you give an hour a week to support us? Do you enjoy meeting people and putting them at their ease? We can offer you some quiet time secure in the knowledge that your presence is supporting vital work in helping people's lives? One of Marriage Care's most valued services is our relationship counselling. Our trained professional volunteer counsellors help couples and individuals with their relationships. However, they cannot offer this service without a chaperone (receptionist) to welcome clients and stay in reception during the counselling session. We are looking for a friendly and helpful volunteer to spend an hour on a Tuesday evening, on a rota with other volunteers. Ideally you will be located within the OX14 postcode. If you would like to help us to help others, please ring Catherine on 07470 412800 or email catherine@marriagecare.org.uk. visit our website for more information.

TrinityLearning Final preparations are now in place for TrinityLearning's new emotional literacy project for Primary-School children, Thinking Books. Training for mentors will take place on Tuesday 10th September, 9:30 - 3:00pm. There are still places left, so if you're interested in joining and haven't got round to it, please contact TrinityLearning as soon as possible: nic.trinitylearning@gmail.com

Parish Events for the Week

TODAY Parish Day - Outdoor Mass and BBQ 10.30am

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

Future Diary Dates

26th July - 13th 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.

** The youth groups meet again after the summer break on Saturday 7th September. There will be two groups – one for children in primary school from Years 3 to 6 and one for young people in secondary school. 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

We pray for:

- Ed Evans, Pastor for Abingdon Community Church, who has suffered a major heart attack. He is currently in an induced coma and receiving treatment.

Antiphons for Year I, Week XVI Ordinary Time

EA: See, I have God for my help.

The Lord sustains my soul.

I will sacrifice to you with willing heart, and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

CA: The Lord, the gracious, the merciful, has made a memorial of his wonders; he gives food to those who fear him.

Money Matters 14th July 2019

Envelopes £262.12 Loose Plate £668.99

Average weekly Gift Aid Standing Orders £995

Many thanks

Counters: E. Bennett, L. Cribben, M. Haddock

Cleaners: R. & P. Taylor, M. Jarvis