

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

Parish Life

Light for the Blind. My dear friends and supporters of this wonderful parish. On behalf of all the staff and patients of St Joseph's Hospices, I express our heartfelt thanks for your continued generosity in helping to fund our vital work in caring for the dying, destitute and abandoned street people of Tamil Nadu. We are the only charity engaged in such work of mercy, caring for the humblest and most de-humanised of God's children. You are always in my thoughts and prayers and may God bless you all, and your families. Fr Thomas.

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.

The Baby and Toddler Group's last session this term was last Friday 12th July. We look forward to welcoming new and returning families and carers with their children after the summer break on Friday September 13th.

'COME AND SEE' Are you interested in the Catholic Faith? Then join us this 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.

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 14 July

8.45am Mass Marian Hume RIP
10.15am Mass
6.30pm Mass

Monday 15 July

8.30am Rosary
9am Mass

Tuesday 16 July

8.30am Rosary
9am Mass

Wednesday 17 July

6.30pm Rosary
7pm Mass Gabriel Dover RIP

Thursday 18 July

9am Rosary
9.30am Mass Stanislaw Dyjak RIP

Friday 19 July

6.30pm Rosary
7pm Mass Kathleen & James Ring RIP

Saturday 20 July

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

Taizé Prayer Group 7.30 p.m. Wed 17th July in the church. The Taizé chants are a very spiritual, beautiful and uplifting way of reaching our Lord. If you have never sung any Taizé before, it is very easy. Or you can just listen and meditate quietly...

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.

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

Do you like flowers? A demonstration of flower arranging by Christine Pearce a NAFAS Area Demonstrator will take place at St Mary Magdalen Church, Shippon on Tuesday 16th July at 7.15pm, in the church hall. Tickets £10 includes wine, juice or coffee. Just pay on arrival or phone 01235 523859 for tickets.

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.

Parish Events for the Week

TODAY Refreshments after 10.15am

Tuesday 'Come and See' evening 7.30pm

Wednesday Taizé Prayer Group 7.30pm, Church

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

Antiphons for Year I, Week XV Ordinary Time

EA: As for me, in justice I shall behold your face;
I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

CA: The sparrow finds a home,
and the swallow a nest for her young:
by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.

Blessed are they who dwell in your house,
for ever singing your praise.

Money Matters 7th July 2019

Envelopes £257.75 Loose Plate £613.13

Average weekly Gift Aid Standing Orders £995

Many thanks

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

Cleaners: P. Shephard, M. Kelly