

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

### Parish Life

**Message from Fr. Rob** "Thank you for your generosity last week, and for your encouragement and support over the last two years. It's been an amazing time, which I wish could continue. Please remember me in your prayers as I continue my ministry in Guernsey. With Love Fr. Rob".

**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 29<sup>th</sup> Sept until 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

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

**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.

**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.

### SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

#### Sunday 28 July

8.45am	Mass	Alice Daly RIP
10.15am	Mass	Jack McCoull RIP
6.30pm	Mass	Claire Wright Intentions

#### Monday 29 July St Martha

8.30am	Rosary
9am	Mass

#### Tuesday 30 July St Peter Chrysologus

8.30am	Rosary
9am	Mass Sayce Family Intentions

#### Wednesday 31 July St Ignatius of Loyola

6.30pm	Rosary
7pm	Mass

#### Thursday 1 August St Alphonsus Liguori

9am	Rosary
9.30am	Mass Nicola Cardella RIP

#### Friday 2 August St Eusebius of Vercelli

6.30pm	Rosary
7pm	Mass The Catenians Association Intentions

#### Saturday 3 August

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

### Faith Development

**CAFOD** Update meeting 4<sup>th</sup> September. You are invited to a CAFOD update meeting on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:nic.trinitylearning@gmail.com)

**Diocesan Day for Catechists** 19<sup>th</sup> October at Portsmouth Cathedral, 10am-4pm. Lunch provided. TO book a place [www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/catechists](http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/catechists) or call 01590 681874.

### Joyful Love 1 John 3:18

"Our love for God often consists of the leftovers that we give to Him, when in fact He is deserving of our highest commitment and our deepest motivations. Our love for God frequently badly trails behind the many other loves in our life. Our love for God, therefore, needs to become central and needs to be constantly renewed. Its renewal cannot depend on some vague guilt feeling that we should be doing better. It can only come from a thankful response to the experience of God's love for us."

**Dietrich Bonhoeffer.**

## 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

**26<sup>th</sup> July – 13<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.ourladyandstedmund.org.uk/events)*

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## Antiphons for Year I, Week XVII Ordinary Time

EA: God is in his holy place,  
God who unites those who dwell in his house;  
he himself gives might and strength to his people.  
CA: Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
and never forget all his benefits.

## Money Matters 21<sup>st</sup> July 2019

Envelopes £172.20 Loose Plate £592.85  
Average weekly Gift Aid Standing Orders £995  
Many thanks

**Counters:** T. & I. Kinsella, B. Malone

**Cleaners:** J. Ryan, M. Haddock