

Our Lady & St Edmund of Abingdon ***1 Radley Rd, Abingdon on Thames, Oxon, OX14 3PL***

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Confessions: 11.00 - 11.30am or by appointment

Parish Life

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2019. There will be a Meeting for parents to enrol their children for the 2019 Programme. The Meeting will be at 8pm in the Parish Centre on Weds 14th November. Parents will be asked to enrol their children at this Meeting. A copy of the 2019 programme will be handed out and will be explained. Sessions start in January and First Communion services will be in June. If you have enquiries, please use the form on our 'News' page on this website.

Charismatic Prayer Meeting on Wednesday 31st October at 4 Rawlings Grove, 7:45-9pm. Info Ab 528528.

Refreshments are served after 10.15 Mass every Sunday in the parish centre – newcomers to our church are especially welcome.

We do need more people to keep the rota going, however, so if you can help once per month, or on an occasional basis, please let us know via the parish office.

October – Month of the Rosary. October is the month of the Rosary. In addition to the already scheduled sessions of praying the Rosary, we will also be praying the Rosary every Saturday at 10.30am in the Church. Please do join us to honour Our Lady who asked us to pray the Rosary often. We would also like to invite you all to the Parish Centre on Thursday evenings in October, from 7.30 to 8.30pm for talks, videos and prayers.

Blessing of the Graves will take place **NEXT SUNDAY** 4TH NOVEMBER, 10am here at St Edmund's and 1pm at Spring Road.

The Friends of the Holy Land is a national charity based in Kenilworth, helping vulnerable Christians in the Holy Land. At all Masses this weekend there will be a short presentation. There will also be an opportunity to support employment projects with the purchase of Christmas cards and olive wood products, all made in the Holy Land.

THIRTIETH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 28 October

8.45am	Mass	Michael Lardner RIP
10.15am	Mass	Theresa McAreavey RIP
6.30pm	Mass	Maria Loretta Harvey RIP (Anniversary)

Monday 29 October

8.30am	Rosary	
9am	Mass	Barbara Habayeb Intentions

Tuesday 30 October

8.30am	Rosary	
9am	Mass	Souls with no one to pray for them

Wednesday 31 October

6.30pm	Rosary	
7pm	Mass	Elizabeth Gayther RIP

Thursday 1 November ALL SAINTS

8.30am	Rosary	
9.00am	Mass	People of the Parish
7pm	Mass	Jane Naughton RIP

Friday 2 November ALL SOULS

6.30pm	Rosary	
7pm	Mass	In Thanksgiving

Saturday 3 November St Martin de Porres

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

BAMENDA SUNDAY NEXT WEEKEND (3rd /4th Nov.). Please support our sister diocese in Bamenda that sadly, over the last few years has been in the middle of a deteriorated socio/political situation in the conflicted north west of Cameroon.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS ROTAS. The names listed on the rotas at all three Masses are out of date. Some names need to come off and others need to be added. Rotas are prepared every 3 months, the next rota will be from 1st Dec. Please let me know if you wish to be included on the rotas, or taken off. Please contact Errol Midwinter and let him know your phone number.

PAX CHRISTI. There are copies of the current JustPeace - the newsletter of Pax Christi, the International Catholic Peace Movement - at the back of church. The theme of this current edition is Remembrance. Please take a copy.

Faith Development

Join us for a **Night of Light to celebrate the Vigil of All Saints** from 16:30-18:30 at English Martyrs Catholic Church Didcot, on Wednesday 31st October. Come along dressed as your favourite Saint or wear something white. There'll be art and crafts, games, cake and cookie decorating and clay modelling and much more to enjoy! No tricks only treats! Everyone welcome. Children under 8 years of age must be accompanied by an adult. Cost: £2 per child. Contact Melanie at tipayouth@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk to book your place.

Fabulous Flowers Shelter Floral Demonstration 15th November 7pm. Come and join the Fabulous Flowers Team for a Spectacular Christmas Floral demonstration, full of ideas for you to recreate in your own home. We are working with the homeless charity Shelter this Christmas and all proceeds from this event will go to Shelter. The evening starts at 7pm in the Parish Centre with festive refreshments included in the price of £10 per ticket. There will be a raffle for all of the items displayed. Please buy your tickets outside mass or at Fabulous Flowers Shop in Abingdon. Contact Christina on 07775166683 if you require any further information.

Peachcroft Christian Centre will be hosting The Big Quiz as a Tearfund fundraiser on Saturday 17th November. This quiz will be taking place all over the country simultaneously.

Each November CAFOD holds Memorial Masses across England and Wales in honour of supporters and loved ones who have died. The Memorial mass for CAFOD Portsmouth will be on Sunday 18th November at 9am at Our Lady of Lourdes Church Hungerford RG17 0AF. Everyone is welcome.

Abingdon Food Bank. Thank you for all contributions – please do continue. Please also consider cartons of fruit juice and small packets of sugar.

Parish Events for the Week

TODAY Refreshments after 10.15am Mass

Tuesday RCIA Session 7.30pm

Wednesday Cake & Conversation 9.30-11am

Friday Baby & Toddler Group 9.30-11.15am

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

Future Diary Dates

4th Nov Blessing of the Graves 10am St Edmunds, 1pm Spring Road

15th Nov 'Fabulous Flowers' Christmas Demonstration, Parish Centre 7pm. For more details contact Christina on 07775 166683

18th Nov Church in Abingdon Annual Bereavement Service at Our Lady & St Edmund's, 3pm

25th Nov Parish AGM, Parish Centre, 7.30pm

Youth Events

*Come and join other young people across the pastoral area for 2 games of **Laser Kombat, on Saturday 3rd November 3-4.30pm**, at the Kassam Stadium (Ozone Leisure Park, Grenoble Road, Oxford, OX4 4XP). If we have more than 15 people in our group, we'll be able to pay £4.50 per game instead of £5.95! All welcome. Children under 8 years old must be accompanied by an adult. Sign up now at tipayouth@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk*

School News

St. Edmund Primary School is looking for two Foundation Governors to complete its Governing Body. Foundation Governors must be practising Catholics as they play a vital role in ensuring the Catholic ethos of our school. Please speak to one of the current Governors or Fr Jamie if you feel you could help in this way.

Antiphons for Year II, Week XXX Ordinary Time

EA: Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face.

CA: Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, as a fragrant offering to God.

Money Matters: 21st October 2018

Envelopes: £311.70 Loose Plate £640.50 Many thanks

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

Cleaners: K. Gibbons, S. Pritchett