

**Our Lady & St Edmund of Abingdon**  
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**St Edmund Campion Deanery, Old Berkshire – Thames ISIS Pastoral Area**

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**Confessions: Saturday, 11.00 – 11.30am or by appointment**

### Parish Life

**TODAY** there will be a second collection for the Catholic Education Service.

**Parish Office** closed tomorrow, 9<sup>th</sup> September.

**Please come** and join the children and staff at St Edmund's School as they celebrate their first Mass of the school term this Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> at 2pm.

**Charismatic Prayer Meeting** Wed. 11<sup>th</sup> Sept at 4 Rawlings Grove, 7:45-9pm. All welcome! Info Ab 528528.

**Baby and Toddler Group** is for families and carers with babies and pre-school children. We meet every Friday during school term time at the parish centre, from 9.30-11.15am. Our friendly drop-in group provides opportunity for social, craft, play and singing. We look forward to welcoming new, and returning families from 9.30am on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September.

**Dear Parishioner.** Transport needed now and then to collect two lovely ladies from Lady Eleanor's Court for 8.45am Mass on Sundays. If you can help, would you please let Donie Kearney or the Parish Office know. Thank you.

**SEASON OF CREATION & GARDEN PRODUCE STALL**  
Next Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> there will be a special Mass celebrating God's Created World and our part in it. After each Mass there will be a Garden Produce Stall outside church. If you have an excess of fruit, veg, flowers etc. from your garden or allotment, or home produce, jams pickles etc. please bring them to church before Mass. They will be sold after each Mass to other parishioners to raise funds for CAFOD to support their Common Home Campaign.

**Christian Focus:** The Autumn edition is now available at the back of the church. As always, there are articles by our parishioners. Only 50p!

### TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

#### Sunday 8 September

8.45am	Mass	Joe Collins RIP
10.15am	Mass	Betty Hemmings RIP
6.30pm	Mass	Canon Desmond Sheehan RIP

#### Monday 9 September

8.30am	Rosary	
9am	Mass	Paddy Rowley RIP

#### Tuesday 10 September

NO Mass See: [www.ourladyandstedmund.org.uk/thames-isis-pastoral-area](http://www.ourladyandstedmund.org.uk/thames-isis-pastoral-area) for other masses

#### Wednesday 11 September

6.30pm	Rosary	
7pm	Mass	Edward & Jean Cooper RIP

#### Thursday 12 September

9am	Rosary	
9.30am	Mass	Eithne Naughton RIP

#### Friday 13 September St John Chrysostom

6.30pm	Rosary	
7pm	Mass	Maureen & John Logan Intentions

#### Saturday 14 September THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

10.15-10.45am	Mothers Prayers	
11am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
11-11.30am	Confessions	
12 noon	Mass	

**WEEK OF ACCOMPANIED PRAYER 29<sup>th</sup> Sept – 5<sup>th</sup> Oct 2019.** 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. There will be an introductory meeting in the parish centre for participants on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September 7.30pm for about an hour.

**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 Tues evening in the parish centre commencing 24<sup>th</sup> Sept 7.30pm. A warm welcome awaits you. For further information, please contact Fr Jamie or Pauline Hanley via the parish office.

**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. We are running 3 courses in parishioner's houses: Thurs 11am - 12.30pm; Fri 9.30-11am; Sun 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, 11<sup>th</sup> Sept at 7.30 pm. Please ring Clare 847804.

**Parish Pilgrimage to the shrine of Our Lady of Knock Co. Mayo, Ireland.** Monday 11th May – Friday 15th May 2020. If you would like to join Fr Jamie on a pilgrimage to the shrine of Our Lady of Knock next year during the month of May, you are invited to a short meeting and video on Monday 7th October in the parish centre at 7.00pm. The cost of the pilgrimage is £649 sharing per person. Including all transfers, flights, accommodation, meals and excursions. Booking forms and further details of the pilgrimage will be available. If you are interested in the pilgrimage, please sign the sheet at the back of the church. If you cannot make the meeting but are interested in joining the pilgrimage, please contact the parish office. Thank you.

### Faith Development

**The Season of Creation** is from the beginning of Sept to St Francis of Assisi's feast day on Oct 4th. If you haven't taken a Creation Calendar home, these can be found at the back of Church. It will help us to Think, Pray and Act to be good stewards of God's wonderful world. CAFOD's website has a useful tab 'Our Common Home' to consult too.

### Vacancy

**OLA** seeks a friendly, approachable person to supervise our Junior School pupils at lunchtime (12-1pm) during term time. Further details and application form are available from the school website ([www.olab.org.uk/aboutus/jobvacancies](http://www.olab.org.uk/aboutus/jobvacancies)) or by calling the school on 524658. Deadline for applications midnight, TODAY.

### Parish Events for the Week

**TODAY** Refreshments at 10.15am Mass

**Wednesday** Cake & Conversation resumes 9.30am  
Parish Lunch 12.3-3pm

**Thursday** Week of Accompanied Prayer Information Meeting 7.30pm

**Friday** Baby & Toddler Group 9.30am

**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

**5th October** Service to celebrate the end of the Season of Creation followed meal and Quiz, 7pm Parish Centre

**7th October** Knock Shrine Pilgrimage Information Evening 7pm, Parish Centre

**19th October** Diocesan Day for Catechists Portsmouth Cathedral 10am-4pm.

### Youth Events

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

#### **SATURDAY 21st 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](http://www.ourladyandstedmund.org.uk/events)*

*More info: [bhabayeb@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:bhabayeb@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)*

### Antiphons for Year I, XXIII Ordinary Time

EA: You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right;

treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

CA: Like the deer that yearns for running streams,

so my soul is yearning for you, my God;

my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

### Money Matters 1<sup>st</sup> September 2019

Envelopes £265.60 Loose Plate £650.34

Average weekly Gift Aid Standing Orders £995

Many thanks

**Counters:** E. Midwinter, J. Ryan

**Cleaners:** M. Mulqueen, F. Daly