

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

Parish Priest:	Fr. Jamie McGrath	Tel: 01235 520375
Assistant Priest	Fr. Rob Stewart	Tel: 01235 520375
Parish Secretary:	Lisa Paterson	Tel: 01235 520375
Office Hours:	9am-12pm Monday to Friday	
Office Email:	abingdon@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk	
<i>We live stream most services (the 10.15am Mass on the first Sunday of every month is not live streamed).</i>		
Youth Worker:	Melanie Parris-Dollar E: tipayouth@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk	Tel.07470 094818
Safeguarding Team:	Tel. 07572 935 230	
Visits at JR Hospital:	Fr Pius 01865 221732	
Visits and Help:	Society of Vincent de Paul Group, contact via Parish Office	
Parish Website:	www.ourladyandstedmund.org.uk	
Primary School:	St. Edmund's School, Radley Road, Abingdon, OX14 3PP Tel 521558	
Roman Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth Reg. Charity No 246871	www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk	

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. Any enquiries to Hilary on 525928 or to Errol on 522679.

BAMENDA SUNDAY SPECIAL COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND. Please remember our brothers and sisters in your prayers this weekend and be as generous as you can in your donation for the projects we support in our troubled twinned diocese in Cameroon. For an update please see your copy of the Bamenda Newsletter or visit our website: www.bamendaandportsmouth.com

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 contact Carmen 01865 739154 or Angela 532296

TODAY Blessing of the Graves will take place 10am here at St Edmund's and 1pm at Spring Road.

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 The names listed on the rotas at all three Masses are out of date.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. Contact Errol Midwinter and let me know your phone number. Email: errolm@btinternet.com or 522679.

PAX CHRISTI. There are copies of the current JustPeace at the back of church. The theme of this current edition is Remembrance. Please take a copy.

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 4 November

8.45am	Mass	Abbey Wilson RIP
10.15am	Mass	Gayle Belcher RIP
4.30pm	Polish Mass	
6.30pm	Mass	Bill Foster RIP (Anniversary)

Monday 5 November

8.30am	Rosary	
9am	Mass	Gabriel Dover RIP
11am	Funeral Marion Maloret RIP	

Tuesday 6 November

8.30am	Rosary	
9am	Mass	Jane Naughton RIP

Wednesday 7 November St Willibrord

6.30pm	Rosary	
7pm	Mass	Kinsella Family Members RIP

Thursday 8 November

9am	Rosary	
9.30am	Mass	Private Intention

Friday 9 November THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA

6.30pm	Rosary	
7pm	Mass	Bridget Dyjak RIP

Saturday 10 November St Leo the Great

10.15-10.45am	Mother's Prayers	
11am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
11-11.30am	Confessions	
12 noon	Mass	Marriage Preparation Couples Intentions

Bereavement Service Sunday 18 Nov. at 3pm: This year St Edmund's is hosting this short service on behalf of the Church in Abingdon (CiA). Those invited are friends and relatives of those who have passed away in the Abingdon area during the past year, of all faiths and none. After the service there will be refreshments in the Parish Centre. Parishioners of St Edmund's are warmly welcomed to join the service to show support for the bereaved. If you are not able to come, perhaps you could bake a cake? There will be someone in the Parish Centre before both morning masses on the 18th to receive your contribution. For more information contact Margaret Ab. 524534.

Advent Repentance and Renewal. We will be holding an Advent Repentance and Renewal event in our church on Saturday 24th November, 5 - 6.45pm. A time of silence and organised prayer, with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and availability of confessions, to:

- Ask the Lord for forgiveness for the abuse scandals in the Church, for the times in the parish that we have offended the Lord, and also for our own wrongdoings.

- Ask for blessing as we seek to grow our parish into a missionary community, inviting and serving all those in need, and helping everyone to grow a personal relationship with God.

6.45 - 7.30pm Supper in the Parish Centre (Bring & Share)

7.30 - 9.30pm. A chance to praise God through a mixture of uplifting music and prayer. This is a wonderful way to prepare for the season of Advent. Everyone is welcome to join in all, or just part of this event.

Faith Development

Fabulous Flowers Shelter Floral Demonstration 15th November 7pm. Come and join the Fabulous Flowers Team for a Spectacular Christmas Floral demonstration. 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, 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 Sat 17th November.

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

Money Matters: 28th October 2018
Envelopes: £384.76 Loose Plate £659.99 Many thanks

Counters: E. Midwinter, J. Ryan
Cleaners: Michelle Anne, S. Pritchett

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
SVP Meeting 7.30pm

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

Future Diary Dates

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

30th Nov Global Healing film & Meal 7.30-9.00pm details to follow

Youth Events

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.

We pray for:

- The Repose of the Soul of Marion Maloret RIP. Funeral Mon 5th Nov at 11am.
- The Repose of the Soul of Patricia Davies RIP. Funeral Garford Crematorium, Thurs 8th Nov at 2pm.
- The Repose of the Soul of Nola Millikin RIP.

Antiphons for Year II, Week XXXI Ordinary Time

EA: Forsake me not, O Lord, my God;
be not far from me!

Make haste and come to my help,
O Lord, my strong salvation!

CA: Just as the living Father sent me
and I have life because of the Father,
so whoever feeds on me

shall have life because of me, says the Lord.