

**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

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

**GARDEN PRODUCE SUNDAY** will be held on the 15<sup>th</sup> September this year as part of the Season of Creation. Further details will be available next week.

**BIBLE ALIVE – SEPTEMBER EDITION.** Copies of Bible Alive are available every month at the back of the church, for only £2.50. Please do take a copy.

**VOTIVE CANDLES** The collection box for donations is now situated next to the votive candles at the front of the church. The slot at the back of the church is for contributions to the St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP) – donations gratefully received for that.

**WEEK OF ACCOMPANIED PRAYER 29<sup>th</sup> Sept – 5<sup>th</sup> Oct 2019.** The purpose of Spiritual Direction during a week of accompanied prayer is to help the pilgrim to discern where God is working in his or her life. By making a retreat available to all who do not have the resources of time or money to leave home, these weeks make this opportunity available to all. 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

### TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

#### Sunday 1 September

8.45am Mass Private Intention  
10.15am Mass Richard & Siobhan Intentions  
4.30pm Polish Mass  
6.30pm Mass Patricia Harding RIP

#### Monday 2 September

8.30am Rosary  
9am Mass Edward & Jean Cooper RIP

#### Tuesday 3 September ST GREGORY THE GREAT

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

#### Wednesday 4 September

6.30pm Rosary  
7pm Mass Betty Hemmings RIP

#### Thursday 5 September

9am Rosary  
9.30am Mass Margaret Dorn RIP

#### Friday 6 September

6.30pm Rosary  
7pm Mass Celia Jones & Celia Edwards RIP

#### Saturday 7 September

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

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. Would you like to come and

try the first week and see? Do you know anyone who might be interested in coming? Who do you know from friends, neighbours, family or acquaintances that have asked you questions about the meaning of life and would like to explore further? 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, 11th September at 7.30 pm. There will be a meal, enlivened by magic tricks by John Hains who is Vice President of the Magic Circle. Jon will then talk about Alpha and Christianity in an engaging manner. Who can you bring? Booking is essential, at least 5 days beforehand but ideally more! Ring Clare 847804. **AFTER ALL MASSES TODAY** we are handing out invitations that you can give to someone. You could offer to go with them!

**JOURNEYING TOGETHER IN FAITH (JTIF)** A new programme is starting on Wed 25<sup>th</sup> Sept, aimed at anyone who has an enquiring mind and is interested in growing their faith. This would also be a suitable programme for anyone who has completed the RCIA course. We need to know numbers, so if you are interested in taking part, please can you fill in the form on the table at the back of the church or on the 'News' section of our website.

### Faith Development

**The Season of Creation** is from the beginning of Sept to St Francis of Assisi's feast day on Oct 4th. It's a time when we celebrate the wonders of our earth and commit to protecting it, encouraged by Pope Francis in his heartfelt letter 'Laudato Si - caring for our Common Home'. Watch out next Sunday for the Season of Creation calendar to take home, to use for prayer and individual action. Please take a Creation Calendar home TODAY as the month-long Season of Creation begins. 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.

**Future Diary Date** Are you between 16 & 25 years of age and contemplating embarking on a project next summer with VSO or some other voluntary organisation? The Catenian Bursary Fund helps to support young adults financially in undertaking these types of projects. We will be explaining how the fund operates and how to apply at Masses on 22<sup>nd</sup> Sept. More information can be found in leaflets at the back of the church or at <https://catenianbursary.com/> or [info@oxfordshire-catenians.uk](mailto:info@oxfordshire-catenians.uk)

### Parish Events for the Week

**TODAY** Refreshments at 10.15am Mass

**Friday** SVP Meeting 7.30pm

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

### Future Diary Dates

**11<sup>th</sup> September** Parish Lunch 12.30pm, Parish Centre

**12<sup>th</sup> September** - Week of Accompanied Prayer Information Evening for 7:30 pm Parish Centre.

**13<sup>th</sup> September** Baby & Toddler Group resumes 9.30am, Parish Centre

**24<sup>th</sup> September** RCIA sessions commence 7.30pm, Parish Centre

**25<sup>th</sup> September:** Journeying Together in Faith (JTIF) commence, 7.30pm Parish Centre

**19<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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)*

### 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, Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> Sept.

### Antiphons for Year I, XXII Ordinary Time

EA: Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long

O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.

CA: How great is the goodness, Lord, that you keep for those who fear you.

**Money Matters** 25<sup>th</sup> August 2019

Envelopes £357.60 Loose Plate £614.75

Average weekly Gift Aid Standing Orders £995

Many thanks

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

**Cleaners:** F. & C. Calnan