

Our Lady & St Edmund of Abingdon
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We are a *LiveSimply* parish aiming to live Simply, Sustainably and in Solidarity with the Poor

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Confessions: Saturdays 11.00 – 11.30am or by appointment

PARISH CENSUS – THANK YOU

Thank you to those who have completed and handed in our parish census forms. If you have not yet managed to do so, there are copies at the back of the church, and you can also download a copy from the *News* page of our website. We ask you to please fill in one sheet per household, mark them for the attention of the PPC and drop them off through the presbytery letterbox as soon as possible. Please do not leave them in the church. Thank you for your help.

GRANDPARENTS ASSOCIATION - CRIB COLLECTION

Our *Grandparents Association* are organising an outdoor crib for Christmas. If you would like to contribute to the cost, there will be a **second** collection **this Sunday 30th October** as you leave the church. Thank you for your generosity.

ALL SAINTS DAY ON TUESDAY 1st NOVEMBER

Masses on that day will be at 9am and 7pm. The Rosary will be prayed before each Mass.

HELP NEEDED

We are looking for volunteers to help clear up around the Church grounds. If you can help, please come along on Sat 12th November at 1.30pm. Please contact David Stretton-Smith for more info, 07803 497872. Many thanks.

PRAYER FOR UKRAINE AND RUSSIA

Loving God, we pray for the people of Ukraine and Russia, for all those suffering or afraid, that you will be close to them and protect them.

We pray for world leaders, for compassion, strength and wisdom to guide their choices.

We pray for the world, that in this moment of crisis, we may reach out in solidarity to our brothers and sisters in need. May we walk in your ways so that peace and justice become a reality for the people of Ukraine and Russia and for all the world. Amen.

Week 31 in Ordinary Time

Sunday 30 Oct

8.45am Mass (Private Intention)
10.15am Mass (Teresa Brady RIP)
2.00pm Mass in Polish
6.30m Mass (Private Intention)

Monday 31 Oct

8.30am Rosary
9.00am Mass (Denis O'Driscoll RIP)

Tuesday 1 Nov

8.30am Rosary
9.00am Mass (Private Intention)
6.30pm Rosary
7.00pm Mass (Elizabeth Gardner RIP)

ALL SAINTS

Wednesday 2 Nov

6.30pm Rosary
7.00pm Mass (Kathleen Brady RIP)

All Souls

Thursday 3 Nov

9.00am Rosary
9.30am Mass (Kathleen & Michael Healey RIP)

Friday 4 Nov

6.30pm Rosary
7.00pm Mass (Michael Butler RIP)

St Charles Borromeo

Saturday 5 Nov

11am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
11-11.30am Confessions
12pm Mass (Special Intention)

Our Lady on Saturday

SCAM EMAILS

I am aware that emails, supposedly from me but with a fictitious Gmail address, are circulating. Please note that I would **not** send emails asking for money or suchlike! I advise you to check the address of emails you receive and delete such emails - and definitely do not respond to them. *Fr Jamie*

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION 2023

There will be a meeting, in the Church on **THURSDAY 10 NOVEMBER AT 7.30pm**, for parents to enrol their children on the 2023 programme. It is **ESSENTIAL** that parents attend the meeting to receive enrolment forms and a copy of the programme and lesson dates. If you have any enquiries, please contact Hilary Webb by email at humwebb53@gmail.com.

UPDATE ON OUR LENTEN PROJECT

There has been impressive progress in building the new classrooms and latrines for St. Monica's Primary in Malawi. Despite an initial delay in getting materials, Fr. Charlie now reports that things are moving quickly. He has sent photos showing the walls and roof supports of the classrooms are in place, as are the latrine blocks, and it is hoped that everything will be finished by the end of November, assuming the fuel situation improves. Fr. Charlie and the school once again thank parishioners, who have made all this possible.

FRIENDS OF THE HOLY LAND

THIS SUNDAY there will be a sale of Christmas cards and other items in aid of Friends of the Holy Land.

MOTHERS PRAYERS

Mothers Prayers is restarting in the Church on the first Saturday of each month. We use the prayers of the international Catholic movement to pray for our children and grandchildren. Any mother or grandmother is most welcome to come and join us. We meet in the Lady Chapel 10.15 – 11am and the first meeting will be on 5th November. Or do ring Clare on 847804

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

We hope to restart this soon, during the first part of the 10.15 mass. We need some volunteers to help during the sessions, on a rota. If you are interested in helping this restart, please ring Clare 847804 or email clare@claresimpson.com

ARE YOU IN NEED?

If you are in need or know someone who is, do contact our parish SVP group (St Vincent de Paul Society) via the parish office and we will see what we can do to help. We always maintain confidentiality. Our members meet every fortnight on a Wednesday evening.

ANNUAL BEREAVEMENT SERVICE

This years' service will be taking place on Sunday 6th November at 3pm at Christ Church, Northcourt Road, Abingdon, in liaison with the *Footprints Bereavement Group* at Christ Church. All are welcome to attend the service.

BLESSING OF GRAVES

Fr Jamie will bless graves on Sunday 6th November here at Our Lady & St Edmunds at 10.00am and then at Spring Road cemetery at 1.00pm.

PARISH EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

- **Sunday:** Refreshments in the parish centre after the 10.15am Mass.
- **Monday:** Journeying Together in Faith (JTIF) at 7.30pm in the parish centre. All welcome.
- **Friday:** Baby & Toddler group in the parish centre 9.30am to 11.15am in term time.
- **Saturday:** Parish Youth Groups activities in the parish centre 3.30-5pm. School years 3 upwards welcome.

FUTURE DATES

- **Mon 7th Nov:** Journeying Together in Faith (JTIF) at 7.30pm in the parish centre. All welcome.
- **Wed 9th Nov:** Parish Lunch, 12.30pm in Parish Centre.
- **Sat 19th Nov:** Parish Youth Groups activities in the parish centre 3.30-5pm. School years 3 upwards welcome.

YOUNG ADULT GROUP

For 18-35s at Holy Rood Church on Abingdon Road. Our next meeting is Monday the 7th of November at 19:30 with Fr Kelvin, OCD talking on prayer in the letters of St Paul. We begin with a talk at 19:30, have a discussion and end with prayer by 21:00. Contact Kate on 07933765367 if you have any questions. All are welcome.

FLAME 23 YOUTH GATHERING

This will take place on **Saturday 4th March** and is open to young people in Year 9 or above, at College, or Uni, or a young adult. Tickets to attend *Flame 23* are now on sale at the early bird price of £24 and should be purchased through the Diocese by emailing youth@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk Clothing bearing the Diocesan logo and transport from Portsmouth Cathedral are also available for purchase. Please book without delay as the tickets will be snapped up very quickly!

CARE OF CREATION SERVICE

THIS SUNDAY at 7.30pm there will be a short reflective Service on the Care of Creation, concluding the Weekend on Christian Stewardship of the Environment, organised by Abingdon Church Twinning. The Service will be Our Lady and St Edmund's main contribution to the weekend and all parishioners are warmly invited to join Christians from the other churches in Abingdon and visitors from churches in our twin towns for this Service. Further details from Anne Dodd 525997 or Pat Warren 07526033715

WE PRAY FOR:

- Mike Mallet RIP
- Michael Boyd, RIP