

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

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Parish Website: www.ourladyandstedmund.org.uk
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Roman Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth Reg. Charity No 246871 www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Confessions: Saturday, 11.00 – 11.30am or by appointment

Parish Life

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2020 Parents to attend a meeting in the Parish Centre if they wish to enrol their child onto the programme in 2020. It is essential that they personally attend this meeting so that they can be informed of the requirements for their child and for themselves. This meeting will be held at 8pm on Wednesday 13th November. Please contact either Errol Midwinter on Ab. 522679 or Hilary Webb on Ab. 525928 if you require further information.

Parish Accounts Copies of the Parish Accounts for the period ended 31st August 2019 as discussed at the AGM are available at the back of the church.

Save the Children Christmas card sale after 8.45am & 10.15am Masses on TODAY and next Sunday 17th November.

Friends of the Holy Land would like to thank the parishioners for their generosity following the collection in your parish raising £1652.40.

Parish Lunch this Wednesday 13th November, 12.30pm in the Parish Centre.

Charismatic Prayer Meeting Wednesday 13th November at 4 Rawlings Grove. 7:45-9pm. All welcome! Info Ab 528528.

Dear friends, in this month of November, we are invited to pray for the dead. Let us entrust our family members, friends and acquaintances to God, especially in the Eucharist, keeping them close to us in the spiritual company of the church." Pope Francis, General Audience

Parish Annual Report: This year's report can now be read in the news section of the parish website and is also available in hard copy at the back of the church. Please take one and learn more about the wide range of groups and activities that are flourishing in our parish.

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 10 November Remembrance Sunday

8.45am	Mass	Pauline & John Keller RIP
10.15am	Mass	Kathleen Brady RIP
6.30pm	Mass	John Ryce RIP

Monday 11 November St Martin of Tours

8.30am	Rosary	
9am	Mass	Ben & Olive Bennellick RIP

Tuesday 12 November St Josaphat

NO Mass See: www.ourladyandstedmund.org.uk/thames-isis-pastoral-area for other masses
1pm Funeral John Ryce RIP

Wednesday 13 November

6.30pm	Rosary	
7pm	Mass	Anna Gentilini RIP

Thursday 14 November

9am	Rosary	
9.30am	Mass	Nora Sermon RIP

Friday 15 November

10am	Mass	Feast of St Edmund
6.30pm	Rosary	
7pm	Mass	Mary Louise Field RIP

Saturday 16 November ST EDMUND OF ABINGDON

11am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
11-11.30am	Confessions	
12 noon	Mass	Sir George Bowyer RIP

PAX CHRISTI "To be true followers of Jesus today also includes embracing his teaching about nonviolence" Pope Francis, World Peace Day. The current edition (Oct/Nov) of the newsletter from Pax Christi is devoted to the theme of non-violence. Copies are at the back of church. Please take a copy if you wish.

Christmas Lunch for Seniors on Sun 8th Dec, 12.30pm in the Parish Centre. Please put your name on the list at the back of church if you would like to attend. We also need cooks and helpers on the day please. Please telephone 534873 or 203103 if you would like to help. Many thanks.

NEW PAGE ON WEBSITE: We now have a **Bereavement Support** page on our website, in the **Groups** section.

Bereavement Support During the Month of November we will have a dedicated Mass for all those who have been bereaved. This will be on Wed 20th Nov at 7pm.

SHOEBOX APPEAL The mission of Operation Christmas Child is to show God's love in a tangible way to children in need around the world, and together with the local church worldwide, to share the good news of Jesus Christ. The Mini Vinnies (St Edmund's primary school branch of the St Vincent de Paul Society) are running a shoebox appeal. They aim to fill 50 shoeboxes by 16th Nov. Please support them. The instructions on what to do and suggestions for possible gift items, is available in the flyer on the table at the back of the church, but can also be downloaded from the blog or news page on our website. Thank you for helping, if you can. The Mini Vinnies will supply and pack the boxes. Please drop off your donations at St Edmund's School after half term or put them in the box at the back of the church - by 14th Nov.

Faith Development

CiA Annual Bereavement This special service provides the bereaved with a space to remember lost loved ones, light a candle in their remembrance and join in fellowship with others who have been bereaved. This year, the bereavement service is on Sun 17th Nov at 3pm at Abingdon Baptist Church. All welcome.

St. John Henry Newman – Prophet on the Road to Rome. A lecture to launch the new critical edition of Newman's Essays Critical and Historical, written in the years leading up to his conversion to the Catholic Church, will be given by Dr. Andrew Nash and Fr. Nicholas Schofield at The College, Littlemore, Oxford, on Fri 15th Nov at 7.30pm. All welcome. Refreshments provided.

Caritas Event "World Day of the Poor" – Sunday 17th November, 1pm - 5:30pm. Caritas Portsmouth are holding an afternoon in St. Peters, Winchester where we can all come together to share experiences and encourage new ideas around the issue of poverty. The event will include a short play by "Staging Faith" on the life of St. Vincent De Paul, and also some personal testimonies of people who have experienced life on the margins. For further info contact Kevin Gallagher from Caritas at caritas@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or call 07388994057.

Parish Events for the Week

TODAY Refreshments at 10.15am Mass

Tuesday RCIA Group 7.30pm

Wednesday Cake & Conversation 9.30am
Parish Lunch 12.30pm
FHC Parents Meeting, 8pm

Thursday Parents Confirmation meeting 7pm

Friday Baby & Toddler Group 9.30am
SVP meeting 7.30pm

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

Future Diary Dates

8th December Parish Christmas Lunch for Seniors, 12.30pm, Parish Centre

Youth Events

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

SATURDAY 16th November:

** 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

More info: bhabayeb@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

School News

Governors' Fund 100+ Club were made on 1st November.

The winning numbers for June were:

1st Prize (£30) – Number 85 Yuh Ling Cronin

2nd Prize (£20) – Number 76 Peter Hendricks

3rd Prize (£10) – Number 72 Severine Ouvry

Antiphons for Year I, XXXII Ordinary Time

EA: Let my prayer come into your presence.

Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

CA: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose,

near restful waters he leads me.

Money Matters 3rd November 2019

Envelopes £258.28 Loose Plate £539.44

Average weekly Gift Aid Standing Orders £995

Many thanks

Counters: B. & D. Keane, B. Innes

Cleaners: R. & P. Taylor, M. Jarvis