

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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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.

A big thank you to all who came to our Porridge Party on the 19th Oct. Thanks to your generous support we have sent to Mary's Meals £275. With this amount 22 children will be fed for a whole year. Wonderful news to share.

READERS More readers are needed for the 8:45am and 6:30pm Masses. Please contact Pat Lonergan on 07521 333430 or at patlon@ntlworld.com.

Friends of Holy Land sale of olive wood products and Christmas cards will take place TODAY after all Masses.

NEXT SUNDAY Blessing of the Graves. 10am Church, 12noon, Spring Lane.

BAMENDA SUNDAY NEXT WEEKEND (2nd / 3rd Nov.). Every year we have a special collection to support the projects driven by our friends in our twinned Diocese of Bamenda, Cameroon. Please ensure you see a copy of the Bamenda Newsletter to understand the mutual benefits of our twinned relationship and how much your help is needed in these troubled times.

BIBLE ALIVE – This booklet is an excellent aid to reading and understanding the Holy Scriptures. The November edition is now available at the back of the church (only £2.50).

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 27 October

8.45am	Mass	Private Intention
10.15am	Mass	Marie Tierney RIP
6.30pm	Mass	Maria Loretta Harvey RIP

Monday 28 October Ss SIMON & JUDE

8.30am	Rosary	
9am	Mass	Sandra Oliver Intentions

Tuesday 29 October

NO Mass See: www.ourladyandstedmund.org.uk/thames-isis-pastoral-area for other masses

Wednesday 30 October

6.30pm	Rosary	
7pm	Mass	Peter Pitt-Pulford RIP

Thursday 31 October

9am	Rosary	
9.30am	Mass	James Bland RIP

Friday 1 November ALL SAINTS

9am	Mass	Nellie Quirke RIP
6.30pm	Rosary	
7pm	Mass	Sheila Finch RIP

Saturday 2 November ALL SOULS

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

We are holding a parish retreat, led by Sr. Veronica, one of the Dominican Sisters at the Priory in the New Forest. It will be in the Church on Sat 9th Nov, 10am - 4pm. Mass on this day will be at 9am and Confessions will be during the afternoon part of the retreat. To book a free place & more info, please email clare@claresimpson.com

Parish Blog Please take a little time to visit our blog page in the 'News' section on the parish website regularly. You will find useful news, snippets of information – and if you have anything appropriate of interest, you can send it to us to be included.

A Safe Guarding course for those who require either Vulnerable Adults Training or a Refreshers Training will take place at English Martyrs, 15 Manor Crescent, Didcot OX11 7AJ) on Sat 9th Nov 10am – 12.30pm. To register please contact the Diocesan Safeguarding Co-ordinator, by email: soraya@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk. Please note: There are three requirements to volunteer to work with vulnerable adults or children in the Catholic Church: (1) a DBS application processed & agreed; (2) providing references; (3) training in either Vulnerable Adult Awareness or Child Protection Awareness. All three requirements need to be completed before such a post in the parish can be taken up. If you require any further info please contact Anne Green. Email: anne.green@zen.co.uk

Save the Children Christmas card sale after 8.45am & 10.15am Masses on Sunday 10th and Sunday 17th November.

Christmas Lunch for Seniors on Sunday 8th December, 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.

Faith Development

CiA Annual Bereavement Service Every year, the Church in Abingdon, in collaboration with local funeral directors, organises a service for those who have lost loved ones, especially during the past year, to provide comfort and hope in the midst of their loss. 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 Sunday 17 November at 3 pm at Abingdon Baptist Church. All welcome.

Abingdon Traditional Craft Fair 8th to 10th November. Further details see poster or on the website www.abingdontraditionalcraftfair.org.uk

We pray for:

- The Repose of the Soul of Anthony Miles RIP. Funeral. Fri 8th Nov at 2pm.
- The Repose of the Soul of John Ryce RIP. Funeral Tues 12th Nov at 1pm.

Parish Events for the Week

TODAY Refreshments at 10.15am Mass

Tuesday RCIA Group 7.30pm

Wednesday Cake & Conversation 9.30am

Friday SVP Meeting 7.30pm

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

Future Diary Dates

3rd November Parish AGM, after 6.30pm Mass, Parish Centre

9th November 10am - 4pm Parish Retreat, Church

13th November FHC Parents Meeting, 8pm, Parish Centre

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

Antiphons for Year I, Week XXX Ordinary Time

EA: Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face.

CA: We will ring out our joy at your saving help and exult in the name of our God.

Money Matters 20th October 2019

Envelopes £246.30 Loose Plate £534.73
Average weekly Gift Aid Standing Orders £995
Many thanks

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

Cleaners: E. & T. Janicka