

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

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

First Holy Communion 2020. The programme for 2020 starts in January. If you haven't already enrolled your child, please contact Fr. Jamie to obtain an enrolment pack. Please phone Ab. 520375 or email abingdon@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk. Any queries please contact Errol Midwinter on Ab. 522679.

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.

Bamenda Many thanks for your generosity total collected was £1,347.55.

MANY THANKS again for your generosity. We raised £1,238.22 for our Syrian Appeal.

The God Who Speaks. There will be an introduction to the 'God Who Speaks', an initiative of the Catholic Bishops Conference for parishes, on Wednesday 4th December in the parish centre at 7.30pm. More information next week.

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.

THIRTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 24 November OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

8.45am	Mass	Rose & Derek Andrews RIP
10.15am	Mass	Ellen Quirke RIP
6.30pm	Mass	Wright Family Intentions

Monday 25 November

8.30am	Rosary	
9am	Mass	Richard 'Dick' Kearney RIP

Tuesday 26 November

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

Wednesday 27 November

6.30pm	Rosary	
7pm	Mass	Massarella Family RIP

Thursday 28 November

9am	Rosary	
9.30am	Mass	Nellie Quirke RIP

Friday 29 November

6.30pm	Rosary	
7pm	Mass	Kinsella Family RIP

Saturday 30 November ST ANDREW

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

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.

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

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.

Our Penitential Service will be on 17th December at 7pm.

Faith Development

Pope Francis: “We must put an end to the culture of waste, we who pray to the Lord to give us our daily bread. Food waste contributes to hunger and to climate change”

Pope Francis “How beautiful it would be if the poor could occupy in our hearts the place they have in the heart of God!”

Election Hustings: organised by the Church in Abingdon and Abingdon Chamber of Commerce. Monday 2 December 2019, 7 - 9 pm. Amey Theatre, Abingdon School. People are invited to submit questions for the candidates to the CiA Administrator at cia35abingdon@aol.co.uk by Friday 29th November. Questions will then be selected to cover as many topics as possible.

Abingdon Scouts & Guides Christmas Post – 12th Abingdon (St Edmund’s) Guides are taking part in the Christmas postal service run by the Scouts & Guides for delivery in Abingdon, Radley & Shippon only. Guaranteed delivery by Christmas Eve. Costs 25p per card and these may be deposited in the box at the back of the church. Collections will be from 17th November - 16th December. All proceeds go to Scout & Guide funds to provide additional facilities for young people. We have secured the box and this will be emptied daily where possible. St. Edmund's Guides would like to thank you for your support.

Christmas Day Lunch at Peachcroft If you are alone this Christmas you are invited to Christmas Day lunch from 1pm-3pm (arrive 12.30pm). To book your place please contact Astrid 07379 469311 or email events@peachcroft.org If you are able to help with this event please also contact Astrid.

Parish Events for the Week

TODAY Refreshments at 10.15am Mass

Tuesday RCIA Group 7.30pm

Wednesday Cake & Conversation 9.30am
Journeying Together in Faith (JTIF) 7.30pm

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

17th December Penitential Service, 7pm, Church

Youth Events

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

SATURDAY 30th 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 XXXIV Ordinary Time

EA: The Lord speaks of peace to his people and his holy ones

and to those who turn to him.

CA: O praise the Lord, all you nations, for his merciful love towards us is great.

Money Matters 17th November 2019

Envelopes £263.48 Loose Plate £570.99

Average weekly Gift Aid Standing Orders £995

Many thanks

Counters: R. & P. Taylor, M. Webster

Cleaners: M. Kelly, P. Moriarty