

***Our Lady & St Edmund of Abingdon***  
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**Confessions: 11.00 - 11.30am or by appointment**

**Parish Life**

**Red Mission boxes** are now available to be collected from the table at the rear of the Church. The white labels attached are your receipts for your donations which have now been forwarded to APF (Association for the Propagation of the Faith). Many Thanks.

**TODAY** we take the annual collection in support of our Cathedral in Portsmouth. Envelopes are available at all masses for those who do not have gift aided planned giving envelopes for second collections. This collection is the only support our Cathedral receives from the wider Diocesan family. Please give generously, gift aiding your donation wherever possible.

**CONFIRMATION GROUP:** The 22 young people from our parish are on a retreat this weekend. Please keep them in your prayers.

**Taizé Prayer Group** meets this Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> at 7.30 in the St Edmunds side chapel. The Taizé prayer tradition centres around the singing of some very simple and beautiful chants. If you have never experienced the Taizé prayer, do come and join us and find out why the Taizé prayer tradition has inspired millions of Christians around the World. É

**ORDER OF MASS CARDS FOR CHILDREN** From Sunday 2nd February our welcoming team will distribute Order Of Mass cards for children. We hope it will help your child to follow the Mass and join in with the responses. Please return them after Mass. *LET'S GO TO MASS* booklets, published by Redemptorist Publications, are also available for sale in the church porch for £3.00. We hope your children enjoy them.

**PAX CHRISTI** Any further donation envelopes can be put in the ordinary collection plate today. There are still copies of the full text of Pope Francis' Reflection for World Peace Day on the table at the back of church.

**THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Sunday 26 January**

8.45am	Mass	Diane Tull RIP
10.15am	Mass	Sharon Alison Brady RIP
6.30pm	Mass	Michael Hawtin RIP

**Monday 27 January**

8.30am	Rosary	
9am	Mass	Lucas Family Intentions

**Tuesday 28 January**

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

**Wednesday 29 January**

6.30pm	Rosary	
7pm	Mass	Edward Joseph Ryan RIP

**Thursday 30 January**

9am	Rosary	
9.30am	Mass	Philip Dunn RIP

**Friday 31 January**

6.30pm	Rosary	
7pm	Mass	Gina O'Hanlon RIP

**Saturday 1 February**

11am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
11-11.30am	Confessions	
12 noon	Mass	Margherita Taylor (Thanksgiving)

Please take a copy if you wish.

**LIVE SIMPLY** There will be a meeting in the Parish Centre at 7.30pm **this Thursday 30th Jan** to plan the ways in which our parish can continue throughout the coming year to live up to being a Live Simply parish. Everyone is

welcome - please bring any ideas and suggestions, big or small!

We will be running the **Alpha Course** again next term, on Tuesday evenings, starting mid January. Alpha is a series of interactive sessions that explore the Christian faith in a relaxed and safe way. Great for both those new to faith and those who are wanting to look at faith again. [www.alpha.org.uk](http://www.alpha.org.uk). Please contact [clare@claresimpson.com](mailto:clare@claresimpson.com) for more details.

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

### Faith Development

**Pope Francis:** “Worship means going to Jesus without a list of petitions, but with one request alone: to abide with him. In worship we allow Jesus to heal and change us. Worship means letting his consolation come down to earth, and letting ourselves be pervaded by his tender love”.

### School News

#### St Edmund's Governor's Fund 100+ Club

The St Edmund's Governor's Fund 100+ Club has been running for a few years now, and is a fun way of raising money (for the school) and strengthening links between the school and the wider parish. Entrants can apply to purchase a number (at £15 for the year) between 1 and 100. Each month 3 numbers are picked at random, with each number winning a prize: 1st Prize - £30, 2nd Prize - £20, 3rd Prize - £10. If you'd like to join the fun, please complete the form on the school's website:

<https://st-edmunds-rc.oxon.sch.uk/6144/st-edmunds-governors-fund-100-club/>

...and return it to the school office in an envelope (marked for the attention of the “Governor's 100 Club”), along with payment in cash or cheque (please make cheques payable to “St Edmund's Governor's Fund”). Alternatively, you can contact Vice Chair of Governors Stuart Smith by *email* ([ssmith@st-edmunds-rc.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:ssmith@st-edmunds-rc.oxon.sch.uk)) if you'd like to apply via online registration and bank transfer, or if you have any other questions. To ensure you're included in the first draw for this year, please return forms and payments by the 8th February. Many thanks.

#### Our Lady's Abingdon School (OLA) Open Morning

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February, 9.30am – 11.30am. This is a perfect opportunity for parents who want to find out more about OLA to come and see our Nursery and Reception, Junior School, Senior School and Sixth Form in action on a regular teaching day. Staff and pupils will also be available to chat with and to help you find out all you need to know. No need to book just come along. Parking available. Find out more [www.olab.org.uk/Open-Morning](http://www.olab.org.uk/Open-Morning). We hope to see you soon.

### Parish Events for the Week

**TODAY** Refreshments at 10.15am Mass

**Tuesday** RCIA 7.30pm

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

**Thursday** Live Simply Meeting 7.30pm

**Friday** Baby & Toddler Group 9.30am

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

### Future Diary Dates

**7<sup>th</sup> Feb** Parish Office closed

**12<sup>th</sup> Feb** Parish Lunch, 12.30pm, Parish Centre

**26<sup>th</sup> Feb** Soup Supper 7.30pm, Parish Centre

**8<sup>th</sup> March** Big Breakfast (more details to follow)

**26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> March** Parish Office closed

### Youth Events

#### **SATURDAY 8<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY**

*\* 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)*

### Antiphons for Year II, Week III Ordinary Time

EA: O sing a new song to the Lord;  
sing to the Lord, all the earth.

In his presence are majesty and splendour,  
strength and honour in his holy place.

CA: I am the light of the world, says the Lord;  
whoever follows me will not walk in darkness,  
but will have the light of life.

#### **Money Matters:** 19<sup>th</sup> January 2020

Envelopes £264.80 Loose Plate £490.73

Average weekly Gift Aid Standing Orders £995

Many thanks

**Counters:** B. & D. Keaney, B. Innes

**Cleaners:** Michelle Anne, S. Pritchett