

**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

**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.

**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

**Welcome the exile** As mentioned last week, please help us to continue our support for the Syrian family we are helping locally. Please be generous in the retiring collection today. Thank you.

**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.

**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.

**Save the Children Christmas card sale** after 8.45am & 10.15am Masses on TODAY.

**Taizé Prayer Group meeting** this coming Wednesday November 20th 7.30pm.

**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).

### THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

#### Sunday 17 November

8.45am	Mass	Peggy & John Anderson RIP
10.15am	Mass	Antonio Gomes RIP
4.30pm	Polish Mass	
6.30pm	Mass	John Ryce RIP

#### Monday 18 November

8.30am	Rosary	
9am	Mass	Patrick O'Brien RIP

#### Tuesday 19 November

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

#### Wednesday 20 November

6.30pm	Rosary	
7pm	Mass	Bereaved members of the parish

#### Thursday 21 November The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9am	Rosary	
9.30am	Mass	William Seery RIP

#### Friday 22 November St Cecilia

6.30pm	Rosary	
7pm	Mass	SVP's deceased Visitees, Members & Benefactors RIP

#### Saturday 23 November

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

**Christmas Lunch for Seniors** on Sun 8<sup>th</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup> Nov at 7pm.

### 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 17<sup>th</sup> Nov at 3pm at Abingdon Baptist Church. All welcome.

**Caritas Event "World Day of the Poor"** – Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> 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 information contact Kevin Gallagher from Caritas at [caritas@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:caritas@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) or call 07388994057.

**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."

**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](mailto:cia35abingdon@aol.co.uk) by Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November. Questions will then be selected to cover as many topics as possible.

**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 Astid 07379 469311 or email [events@peachcroft.org](mailto: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

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

### Future Diary Dates

**8<sup>th</sup> December** Parish Christmas Lunch for Seniors, 12.30pm, Parish Centre

**17<sup>th</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.ourladyandstedmund.org.uk/events)*

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### Antiphons for Year I, Week XXXIII Ordinary Time

EA: The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction.

You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

CA: To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in God the Lord.

**Money Matters** 10<sup>th</sup> November 2019

Envelopes £262.00 Loose Plate £608.42

Average weekly Gift Aid Standing Orders £995

Many thanks

**Counters:** P. & D. Brooks, M. O'Mullane

**Cleaners:** J. Ryan, M. Haddock