

Our Lady & St Edmund of Abingdon ***1 Radley Rd, Abingdon on Thames, Oxon, OX14 3PL***

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Confessions: Saturday, 11.00 – 11.30am or by appointment

Parish Life

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE 22 parishioners will be on a pilgrimage in the Holy Land from 21st to 30th May. They will pray for you – please also pray for them. You can follow their progress on the parish blog on our website (in the 'News' section):
<https://www.ourladyandstedmund.org.uk/parish-blog>

Charismatic Prayer Meeting Wednesday 22nd May at 4 Rawlings Grove. 7:45-9pm. All welcome! Info Ab 528528.

CAN YOU HELP? An older parishioner is looking for some one -to -one help with her basic literacy skills. Is there anyone in the parish who has experience of teaching adult literacy who would be able to help? For further information please contact Anne Ab 525997 or Angela 532296.

PAX CHRISTI There are copies of the Annual Report of this Catholic Movement for Peace on the table at the back of church. Please take one if you wish.

Safe guarding training is taking place in the Parish Centre on the 1st June. There are two sessions: the Child protection session 10:00 -12:30 and a Refreshers Training 1:30 - 4 pm. The latter (refresher) course is a requirement for those who completed the initial training in safe guarding three years ago. The morning (child protection) is for any volunteers who are actively involved with young people. It is necessary to register directly to the SG office in Portsmouth where all of the records re the SG Training are kept. Please email soraya@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk to book a place on the course.

Faith Development

Abingdon's new Community Fridge Can you spare 30mins – 2hrs a week to help with the new food bank initiative in Abingdon? It's a fridge in a public space that

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sunday 19 May

8.45am	Mass	Carolyn Maria Tucker RIP
10.15am	Mass	Imberti Meniconi Family Intentions
4.30pm	Polish Mass	
6.30pm	Mass	Viviana Gentilini RIP

Monday 20 May

8.30am	Rosary	
9am	Mass	Alberto Incarbona RIP

Tuesday 21 May

8.30am	Rosary	
9am	Mass	Francisco Naldo RIP

Wednesday 22 May

6.30pm	Rosary	
7pm	Mass	Florencia Naldo RIP

Thursday 23 May

9am	Rosary	
9.30am	Mass	Fr. Rob Intentions

Friday 24 May St Dunstan

6.30pm	Rosary	
7pm	Mass	Isabelle Langley Intentions

Saturday 25 May

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

receives surplus food from local supermarkets and provides it to anyone in need. It reduces waste and food poverty, and is situated at Community Services centre, Audlett Drive. Volunteers are needed for keeping the fridge clean or collecting food in their own car (expenses paid). Contact abingdoncommunityfridge@gmail.com

Trinity Evergreen Club invites senior citizens to its monthly afternoon sessions at The Conduit Centre, Conduit Road. Third Monday of every month. Next meeting is 20th May 2pm - 3.30pm. There is always a talk or a demonstration and time to chat. This month there will be a cookery demonstration. Do come and see - you will receive a warm welcome! Run by Trinity Church. If you wish ring Rita 528837, but just turn up if you can.

Abingdon Street Pastors have a vacancy for a Co-Ordinator (average 10 hours per week. £10 per hr). The role provides overall administrative support for the Street Pastor initiative in Abingdon. For further information about the vacancy please visit <https://streetpastors.org/locations/abingdon/> or email Ed Evans at Ed Evans (ede@occ.org.uk) Applications: Please send your CV and application letter to Dr Ed Evans by email to Ed Evans (ede@occ.org.uk) or by post c/o Dr Ed Evans, Abingdon Street Pastors. 35 Ock Street, Abingdon, OX14.5AG. Closing date: Wednesday 19th June.

Newman's anticipated canonisation. The Oxford University Catholic chaplaincy is hosting a series of talks at the chaplaincy in anticipation of Newman's canonisation in the autumn. These talks will be on Tuesdays at 7pm on 14th, 21st, 28th May and 4th June. All talks are open to everyone. For further details contact Tessa Sheaf at sheaftessa@hotmail.com

Thinking Books Mentoring Project *Trinity Learning* are starting a new project in Abingdon schools involving mentoring through regular reading sessions, giving children the opportunity to talk about feelings or difficulties as they discuss the difficulties of the characters in the books. The Thinking Books project is starting in September so we are now recruiting volunteers through the churches in Abingdon. *Trinity Learning* offer full training, provided by Relate, and support throughout the project. **How can I help?** Please pray for *Trinity Learning*, that we might find the right people to support children through this project. If you think you might be interested in helping out with this rewarding project please contact Nicola at nic.trinitylearning@gmail.com Volunteers should be over 18, have some experience of working with children and hold, or be willing to undertake DBS.

Marriage Encounter weekend from 24-26 May. Park Place Pastoral Centre, Wickham, near Fareham. The weekend is an opportunity for married couples of any age to deepen and enrich their relationship. This is not marriage counselling or crisis solving but a residential weekend away from the distractions of daily life. Interested? Please go to <https://wwme.org.uk/marriage-enrichment/#about> or phone 02380 275401.

Parish Events for the Week

TODAY Refreshments after 10.15am Mass

Tuesday RCIA 7.30pm

Wednesday Cake & Conversation 9.30-11am

Friday Baby & Toddler Group 9.30am
SVP Meeting 7.30pm

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

Future Diary Dates

21st July Parish Day - Outdoor Mass and BBQ

26th July - 9th Aug Parish Office closed

Youth Events

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

* The next event for Parish Youth Groups (Years 3 to 6) is **Saturday 8th June 3.30-5.00pm**. More info: bhabayeb@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

I.T. - avoiding the scams: Internet fraud is increasingly common and increasingly convincing. To help its members avoid the scams, All Saints Methodist Church has organized an advice session on June 25th at 2pm. The speaker, NatWest's Community Banker from Aylesbury, comes very highly recommended and her talk will suit all levels of internet proficiency. The event is free and open to all - come along and bring anyone you feel might benefit.

School News

Governors' Fund 100+ Club. The winning numbers were:

1st Prize (£30) – Number 44 Pauline Anderson

2nd Prize (£20) – Number 56 Carole Sawyers

3rd Prize (£10) – Number 30 Guy Rogers

The next draw will take place on Fri 7th June. Tickets can be purchased by anyone with a connection to the school, so please encourage grandparents, aunts, uncles, brothers, sisters etc. to join in and buy a number. Please do not hesitate to contact me – by email at pcole@st-edmunds-rc.oxon.sch.uk or phone 07779 662725 if you would like to join or have any questions.

Money Matters 12th May 2019

Envelopes £245.47 Loose Plate £640.23

Average weekly Gift Aid Standing Orders £995

Many thanks

Counters: A & C. Lardner Brown, N. Cairns

Cleaners: M. Mulqueen, F. Daly