

Our Lady & St Edmund of Abingdon

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Confessions: 11.00 - 11.30am or by appointment

Parish Life

Mary's Meals – World Porridge Day. Mary's Meals is a global movement supported by people from many walks of life and different backgrounds. Their mission is to enable people to offer their money, goods, skills, time, or prayer, and through this involvement, provide the most effective help to those suffering the effects of extreme poverty in the world's poorest communities. £13.90 is all it costs to feed one child for a whole school year. We will be holding a 'Porridge Smiles Party' on Saturday 13th October from 9.00 to 10.00am in the Parish Centre. Please do come along – donations you make will go towards providing meals for children in need.

Charismatic Prayer Meeting Wednesday 10th October at 4 Rawlings Grove. 7.45-9pm. Info Ab 528528.

Jesus loves our children even more than we do and He is eager for their protection and growth in Him. He has given us a free will and will only intervene when requested - He wants us to ask". We now have two **Mothers Prayers Groups** meeting in the church. One group will pray in Spanish and meet each week after the Tuesday morning mass. The other group will now meet on the Second Saturday of each month 10.15 - 10.45am. Everyone is most welcome whenever they can come. Mothers Prayers is a simple prayer booklet which we pray together. We then place the names of our children & grandchildren into a basket at the foot of the cross offering them into Jesus' care. We have seen many answers to our prayers.

October – Month of the Rosary. October is the month of the Rosary. In addition to the already scheduled sessions of praying the Rosary, we will also be praying the Rosary every Saturday at 10.30am in the Church (except for Saturday 13th October). Please do join us to honour Our Lady who asked us to pray the Rosary often. We would also like to invite you all to the Parish Centre on Thursday evenings in October, from 7.30 to 8.30pm for talks, videos and prayers.

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 7 October

8.45am	Mass	Catherine & Joseph Dunleavy RIP
10.15am	Mass	The Bregazzi Family FIP
4.30pm	Polish Mass	
6.30pm	Mass	Donie Kearney Intentions

Monday 8 October

8.30am	Rosary	
9am	Mass	Sr. Cora Richardson Special Intentions

Tuesday 9 October Blessed John Henry Newman

8.30am	Rosary	
9am	Mass	Patrick Thornton RIP (Anniversary)

Wednesday 10 October St Paulinus of York

6.30pm	Rosary	
7pm	Mass	Beatrice Massarella Intentions

Thursday 11 October St John XXIII

9.00am	Rosary	
9.30am	Mass	Tony Cashman RIP

Friday 12 October

11am	Funeral Mary Jane Murray RIP	
6.30pm	Rosary	
7pm	Mass	Gayle Belcher RIP

Saturday 13 October St Edward the Confessor

10.15am	Mothers Prayers	
11am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
11-11.30am	Confessions	
12 noon	Mass	Alexandra Paterson Intentions

Monthly Parish Lunch We would welcome more people joining us on the 2nd Wednesday of the month, but we also need more cooks and helpers to join the rota. If you would like to help, please ring Mary Ab 534873 or Justin 523310.

Church in Abingdon Annual Bereavement Service
18th November at 3pm Our Lady & St Edmund's.

Faith Development

As we come to this **Election Day in Cameroon** while the results will shape the country for the next 7 years and decision impacting the peace at our sister Diocese of Bamenda region from now on , we ask for wisdom to the entire voting population **this Sunday**, pray God to protect and to grant to them the courage to stand up for what is right, the strength to try to make a difference, the humility to accept the outcome helping to put an end to the long struggle that all country is enduring looking for a better life for them and their children.

Join us for a **Night of Light to celebrate the Vigil of All Saints** from 16:30-18:30 at English Martyrs Catholic Church Didcot, on Wednesday 31st October. Come along dressed as your favourite Saint or wear something white. There'll be art and crafts, games, cake and cookie decorating and clay modelling and much more to enjoy! No tricks only treats! Everyone welcome. Children under 8 years of age must be accompanied by an adult. Cost: £2 per child. Contact Melanie at tipayouth@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk to book your place.

School News

St Edmund's School This term we are supporting Mary's Meals, and we would like to invite individual parishioners and families to support us if they wish. Mary's Meals is a charity who work to give children in very poor countries a hot meal at school every day, enabling children to be fed and receive an education. We are supporting Mary's Meals in 2 ways:

- **The Backpack Project** - We are collecting resources to make backpacks including school equipment, clothing and personal hygiene supplies which will be sent directly to schoolchildren in Malawi. Lists of what to include in a backpack are available at the back of church. Please drop any donations off at the school office on Radley Road before 30th November.
- **Race to feed 100 children** - Fiona Semple (Nursery Class teacher) is running the Great South Run, a 10 mile road race around Portsmouth, on 21st October. If you would like to donate to this appeal then please visit www.marysmeals.org.uk , click on the 'Fundraising' box at the bottom of the page and then 'Search for a friend's project', and then type in 'Fiona Semple' or 'Race to feed 100 children'.

Money Matters: 30th September 2018
Envelopes: £377.86 Loose Plate £691.84 Many thanks

Counters: C. Macfarlane, T. Murphy, G. Brady
Cleaners: M. Mulqueen, F. Daly

Parish Events for the Week

TODAY Refreshments after 10.15am Mass

Tuesday RCIA Session 7.30pm

Wednesday Cake & Conversation 9.30-11am

Friday Baby & Toddler Group 9.30-11.15am

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

Future Diary Dates

20th Oct Day for Catechists - St John's Cathedral, Portsmouth. Further information: www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/catechists
15th Nov 'Fabulous Flowers' Christmas Demonstration, Parish Centre 7pm. For more details contact Christina on 07775 166683
25th Nov Parish AGM, Parish Centre

Youth Events

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St Edmund's School - 'Stay and Sing' and 'Stay and Play'. Our 'Stay and Sing' pre-school music sessions begin again on Wednesday 10th October and are held every Wednesday morning during term-time from 9 am to 9.30 am at St Edmund's School. The first 'Stay and Play' of this school year is on Tuesday 16th October - further details and dates for the rest of the year are on the school website.

We pray for:

- The Repose of the soul of Hugh McLaughlin RIP. Funeral 18th Oct 1.30pm
- Michael O'Shea RIP. Funeral 17th Oct 11am
- Mary Jane Murray RIP. Funeral 12th Oct at 11am
- Michael Gerring RIP. Funeral 16th Oct at 11am.
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Antiphons for Year II, Week XXVII Ordinary Time

EA: Within your will, O Lord, all things are established,
and there is none that can resist your will.
For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth,
and all that is held within the circle of heaven;
you are the Lord of all.
CA: Though many, we are one bread, one body,
for we all partake of the one Bread and one Chalice.