

Our Lady & St Edmund of Abingdon
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| Office Hours: | 9am-12pm Monday to Friday | |
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| <i>We live stream most services (the 10.15am Mass on the first Sunday of every month is not live streamed).</i> | | |
| Youth Worker: | Melanie Parris-Dollar E: tipayouth@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk | Tel.07470 094818 |
| Safeguarding Team: | Tel. 07572 935 230 | |
| Visits at Oxford Hospitals: | Fr Pius 01865 221732 | |
| Visits and Help: | Society of Vincent de Paul Group, contact via Parish Office | |
| Parish Website: | www.ourladyandstedmund.org.uk | |
| Primary School: | St. Edmund's School, Radley Road, Abingdon, OX14 3PP Tel 521558 | |
| Roman Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth Reg. Charity No 246871 | www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk | |

Confessions: Saturday, 11.00 – 11.30am or by appointment

Parish Life

With recent fundraising events the total for the **Lenten charities** has now reached £7,545.75. Many thanks for your generous support.

Parish Office closed tomorrow 6th May.

Parish Lunch this Wednesday 8th May at 12.30pm in the Parish Centre.

Charismatic Prayer Meeting, Wednesday 8th May at 4 Rawlings Grove. 7:45-9pm. All welcome! Info Ab 528528.

NEXT SUNDAY there will be a second collection for Clergy Training Fund.

Live Simply Each year following our designation as a Live Simply Parish, we make a small but significant effort to reduce both air pollution and consumption of non-renewable energy by having a **CAR LESS SUNDAY**. This will be on **SUNDAY 19TH MAY**. On this day please come to church by walking, cycling or car sharing. You might also consider making this a monthly effort, at least during the summer.

Safeguarding 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.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT Our parish offers bereavement support for anyone who requests it. Please

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sunday 5 May

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| 8.45am | Mass | Deceased members of the Kelly & Moffat families RIP |
| 10.15am | Mass | Linda McKenna RIP |
| 4.30pm | Polish Mass | |
| 6.30pm | Mass | Lies Macfarlane RIP |

Monday 6 May

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| 8.30am | Rosary | |
| 9am | Mass | Private Intention |

Tuesday 7 May

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| 8.30am | Rosary | |
| 9am | Mass | Mike Paterson Intentions |

Wednesday 8 May

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| 6.30pm | Rosary | |
| 7pm | Mass | Wilf Murray Intentions |

Thursday 9 May

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| 9am | Rosary | |
| 9.30am | Mass | Sheila Finch RIP |

Friday 10 May St John of Avila

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| 6.30pm | Rosary | |
| 7pm | Mass | Clinton Joseph Intentions |

Saturday 11 May

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| 10.15-10.45am | Mothers Prayers | |
| 11am | Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament | |
| 11-11.30am | Confessions | |
| 12 noon | Mass | Spisiak & Bierla Family Intentions |

see the information in the 'Bereavement Book' at the back of the church, or contact us via the parish office or our website. Paul Crookes (trainee deacon) is the representative for this and he will be available after all Masses this Sunday so that you know who he is.

POSTERS, LEAFLETS, LOST PROPERTY, etc In an effort to reduce the clutter on our notice boards and at the back of the church, we would be extremely grateful if you could hand in anything you want displayed to the parish office. Due to limited space, posters which are A5 size are more likely to get a place on the notice boards. Also, please note that lost property will be kept in the porch for a maximum of 2 weeks. Thank you for your understanding.

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 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

HEALING SEMINARS with Fr. Nicholas Broadbridge of Douai Abbey. To be held at Elmore Abbey, Church Lane, Speen, Newbury RG14 1SA 10am-5pm.

Seminar 1. Healing of Memories 11th May

Seminar 2. Deliverance 25th May

Seminar 3. Gift & Gifts of the Spirit 8th June

Seminar 4. Healing Families 22nd June

If you wish to attend please contact Fr. Nicholas: nicholas@douaiabbey.org.uk or Tel. 0118 971 5372.

The Secular Franciscan Order (OFS), Oxford will hold an Open Day of Recollection, Saturday 18th May at the Mornese Centre, Elmthorpe Convent, Oxford Road, Cowley OX4 2LF, 10:00 to 16:00. Fr. Paul Coleman OFM Cap, will provide reflection around the theme 'The Gospel according to Francis'. All welcome - details on the church notice board. Further details: mamartin@live.co.uk.

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.

Youth

In the hotspot. Aged 11 to 16? In Secondary School? Then there is an event for you on Saturday 11th May from 12.45 to 2.45pm in the parish centre. Come along and bring your friends for a pizza lunch, a chance to meet other people and an opportunity to ask questions about... well almost about anything... and it's all free! For catering, we need to know numbers, so please email: bhabayeb@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Parish Events for the Week

TODAY Refreshments after 10.15am Mass

Tuesday RCIA resumes 7.30pm

Wednesday Cake & Conversation 9.30-11am
Parish Lunch 12.30pm

Friday Baby & Toddler Group 9.30am
SVP Meeting 7.30pm

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

Future Diary Dates

Youth Events

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

Mini Walking Pilgrimage to Boars Hill from Abingdon: Saturday 18th May - 9:00am for a 9:30am start from Tilsley Park car park (OX14 1PU) to Youlbury Scout Camp in Boars Hill. Bring a packed lunch and water bottle. Cooking over a campfire and other organised events on arrival at Youlbury. For more information or to book your place, please contact Melanie at tipayouth@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or on 07470094818.

* The next event for **ages 11 -16 is Saturday 11th May, 12.45 – 2.45pm**. See information on the main section of this newsletter. More info: bhabayeb@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

* The next event for Parish Youth Groups (**Years 3 to 6**) is **Saturday 11th May, 3.30-5.00pm**. More info: bhabayeb@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

School News

St Edmund's Primary School '100 Club' Do consider joining the School Governors' '100 Club' and help boost school funds. All monies are put to good use for the benefit of the children. It costs just £15 per year per number and there is a chance to win with cash prizes drawn monthly. Contact Phil Cole on 07779 662725 or email pcole@st-edmunds-rc.oxon.sch.uk for an application form or more information.

Money Matters 28th April 2019
Envelopes £241.28 Loose Plate £652.75
Average weekly Gift Aid Standing Orders £995
Many thanks

Counters: E. Bennett, L. Cribben, M. Webster
Cleaners: L. Osazuwa, S. Pritchett