

Our Lady & St Edmund of Abingdon
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St Edmund Campion Deanery, Old Berkshire – Thames ISIS Pastoral Area

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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

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2020 Parents to attend a meeting in the Parish Centre if they wish to enrol their child onto the programme in 2020. It is essential that they personally attend this meeting so that they can be informed of the requirements for their child and for themselves. This meeting will be held at 8pm on Wednesday 13th November. Please contact either Errol Midwinter on Ab. 522679 or Hilary Webb on Ab. 525928 if you require further information.

Please join us for our School Harvest festival mass this Wednesday 16th October at 2pm at St Edmund's School.

Mothers Prayers meetings will be different for October and November! We will meet just once on 19th October at the earlier time of 10am, until 10.45am. We meet by Our Lady's altar in the church. We welcome all mothers, grandmothers, godmothers to come and join in praying for their children and offering them to Jesus' care. We have seen many answers to our prayers. If you wish, do ring Clare 847804.

NEXT SUNDAY there will be a second collection for Foreign Missions.

On Saturday 19th October in the Parish Centre, we'll host a Porridge Party from 9:00 to 10:30am. Come and enjoy a healthy breakfast with us to support Mary's Meals, who provide one good meal to some of the world's poorest children every day in their place of education. With only £13.90 a child can be feed for the whole year! Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to help.

Knock Pilgrimage Patricia Ronane, organiser, will be visiting the parish to take bookings and deposit on Sunday 20th October, in the parish centre after evening mass. There are still places available, if you would like join in the pilgrimage, please come along and meet Patricia for further information.

TWENTY-EIGHT SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 13 October

8.45am	Mass	Michael John Lardner RIP
10.15am	Mass	The Bregazzi Family RIP
6.30pm	Mass	Judith Ochoa Intentions

Monday 14 October

8.30am	Rosary	
9am	Mass	Joan MacIntosh RIP

Tuesday 15 October St Teresa of Avila

NO Mass See: www.ourladyandstedmund.org.uk/thames-isis-pastoral-area for other masses

Wednesday 16 October

11am	Funeral Peter Pitt-Pulford RIP	
6.30pm	Rosary	
7pm	Mass	Paterson Family Intentions

Thursday 17 October St Ignatius of Antioch

9am	Rosary	
9.30am	Mass	

Friday 18 October ST LUKE

6.30pm	Rosary	
7pm	Mass	Michael Lardner RIP (5 th Anniversary)

Saturday 19 October

10-10.45am	Mothers Prayers	
11am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
11-11.30am	Confessions	
12 noon	Mass	

READERS More readers are needed for the 8:45am and 6:30pm Masses. Please contact Pat Lonergan on 07521 333430 or at patlon@ntlworld.com. We have a Readers' Guide which will help you get started. You would have to decide which Mass you are willing to read at. Many thanks.

Friends of Holy Land sale of olive wood products and Christmas cards will take place on Sunday 27th October after all Masses.

We are holding a parish retreat, led by Sr Veronica, one of the Dominican Sisters at the Priory in the New Forest. It will be in the Church on Sat 9th Nov, 10am - 4pm. Mass on this day will be at 9am and Confessions will be during the afternoon part of the retreat. The retreat will focus on the Great Story of Jesus mainly through video excerpts, prayer and reflection time plus short times of sharing in small groups. In the morning we will look at why and how Jesus came, His life, His death, His resurrection and ascension. In the afternoon we will look at His invitation for each of us to encounter Him and follow Him and give you time to respond in private to Him. This retreat has been running around the diocese and the feedback is that it is a much needed opportunity for us to explore our faith journey and reflect on our relationship with God and what that means for our everyday life. To book a free place, please email clare@claresimpson.com

Fijian Mass We will be sharing our 12noon Mass on Saturday 16th November with the Fijian Catholic Community. All welcome!

Bereavement Support During the Month of November we will have a dedicated Mass for all those who have been bereaved. This will be on Wednesday 20th November at 7pm.

Faith Development

TODAY (13th Oct) I am running the Oxford Half Marathon in aid of Be Free Young Carers, one of our Lenten charities. If you would like to sponsor me and help raise funds for this fantastic local charity then please go to www.virginmoneygiving.com, click the 'Make a donation' tab and type in my name- Fiona Semple, to find my fundraising page. Many thanks.

Abingdon Community Fridge is fighting food waste and food poverty by redistributing surplus food donated by food businesses and local people to all members of the community. Anyone can collect food from the fridge and it is free. Times: Monday-Friday 9:30-3:30 at the Abbey Centre off Audlett Drive OX14 3GD. Press the buzzer to be let in.

We pray for:

- The Repose of the Soul of Peter Pitt-Pulford RIP. Funeral Wednesday 16th October at 11am

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)
Session 7.30pm

Friday Baby & Toddler Group 9.30am
SVP meeting 7.30pm

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

Future Diary Dates

19th October Diocesan Day for Catechists Portsmouth Cathedral 10am-4pm.

9th November 10am - 4pm Parish Retreat, Church

3rd November Parish AGM, after Mass

13th November FHC Parents Meeting, 8pm in Parish Centre

Youth Events

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

SATURDAY 19th October:

** 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

More info: bhabayeb@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Antiphons for Year I, Week XXVIII Ordinary Time

EA: If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,
Lord, who could stand?

But with you is found forgiveness,
O God of Israel.

CA: The rich suffer want and go hungry,
but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

Money Matters 6th October 2019

Envelopes £240.46 Loose Plate £644.58

Average weekly Gift Aid Standing Orders £995

Many thanks

Counters: P. & M. Mulqueen

Cleaners: M. Kelly & M. Sheaf