

Our Lady & St Edmund of Abingdon
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Confessions: 11.00 - 11.30am or by appointment

Parish Life

From Fr. Jamie My heartfelt thanks to all parishioners for your kindness to us this Christmas, especially in the Christmas offerings. Thanks too to our Choirs, Readers, Servers and Flower Ladies, for making our celebration so beautiful.

Parish Office re-opens **TOMORROW** Monday 30th December. Closed New Year's Day.

For the parents of new FHC children. Whilst the children are in their sessions, we would like to invite you to breakfast and a time of listening and discussion on whatever you would like to talk about. We are offering a relaxed, informal, social and supportive time for parents in the parish centre after you have been in the church with your children for the first few minutes of each session. We will have a small team to be with you and as well as discussing whatever you wish, we can talk about practical ways of bringing God into the family with all the busyness of life and offer simple resources. We very much look forward to meeting you all then.

A New Year's Prayer. Lord, you make all things new. You bring hope alive in our hearts and cause our spirits to be born again. Thank you for the New Year of 2020 and for all the potential it holds. Come and kindle in us a mighty flame so that many will see the wonders of God and live forever to praise your holy name. Amen

BIBLE ALIVE – This booklet is an excellent aid to reading and understanding the Holy Scriptures. The January edition is now available at the back of the church (only £2.50).

Light for the Blind - Father Thomas Supporters should receive a copy of the Christmas newsletter from the Light for the Blind charity before Christmas. If you did not receive one then please take one from the pile on the

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

Sunday 29 December

8.45am	Mass	Peter Pitt-Pulford RIP
10.15am	Mass	John & Letitia Fay RIP
6.30pm	Mass	Fr. Rob Stewart Intentions

Monday 30 December

8.30am	Rosary	
9am	Mass	Earnest & Myra O'Brien RIP

Tuesday 31 December

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

Wednesday 1 January MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

6.30pm	Rosary	
7pm	Mass	Lisa Paterson Intentions

Thursday 2 January Ss Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen

9am	Rosary	
9.30am	Mass	Special Intention

Friday 3 January

6.30pm	Rosary	
7pm	Mass	

Saturday 4 January

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

table at the back of the church. Anyone else who would like to know about Fr Thomas' work with the dying and destitute in India - please take a newsletter . Peter Dodd - trustee

CAKE & CONVERSATION resumes on Wednesday 8th January from 9.30 to 11am in the parish centre. Anyone whose first language is not English is warmly welcome to this friendly informal group.

The Baby and Toddler group reopens after our Christmas break on Friday, 10th January in our parish centre on Oxford road at 9.30am.

The RCIA Group resumes on Tuesday 14th January.

We will be running the **Alpha Course** again next term, on Tuesday evenings, starting mid January. Alpha is a series of interactive sessions that explore the Christian faith in a relaxed and safe way. Great for both those new to faith and those who are wanting to look at faith again. www.alpha.org.uk. Please contact clare@claresimpson.com for more details.

The monthly **Healing Mass** will be taking place at the Carmelite Priory, Boars Hill, on Tuesday 7th January at 7pm. Several parishioners go regularly and you will be made very welcome.

In mid January, we will be running an 8 week course on the **Bible**, called Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible. It gives the big picture of the Bible and God's unfailing love for us. It shows the connections between the Old and New Testaments and how the Catholic Faith is rooted in Scripture. 30 min DVD presentation then discussion and sharing. It will run on Thursday mornings and possibly another day/time. Please contact clare@claresimpson.com if you are interested, as we need to order the booklets in advance

Everyone is welcome to join **Mothers' Prayers** which will be meeting in the Church, by Our Lady's statue, on Saturday 11th January 1015am - 1045am. This is a wonderful chance to pray for our children, grandchildren, godchildren using a little booklet of prayers. We have experienced so many wonderful answers to prayer. We come together to offer all our burdens in the safe hands of God. There is also a Mothers Prayers group in Spanish - please contact the Parish Office for more information

Faith Development

Come and join the traditional New Years Day Walk in support of Christian Aid, 1st January 2020, 10am Abingdon Baptist Church OX14 5AG
Route Circular via Drayton with a distance of 5 miles (or less if you choose!) Refreshments will be provided at the finish. Only £1 payable on the day.

Parish Events for the Week

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

Future Diary Dates

8th Jan Cake & Conversation resumes, 9.30am Parish Centre

10th Jan Baby & Toddler Group resumes, 9.30am Parish Centre

14th Jan RCIA resumes 7.30, Parish Centre

Youth Events

SATURDAY 11TH JANUARY

** 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

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Money Matters: 22nd December 2018
Not available

Counters: P. & M. Mulqueen
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