

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. The programme for 2020 starts in January. If you haven't already enrolled your child, please contact Fr. Jamie to obtain an enrolment pack. Please phone Ab. 520375 or email abingdon@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk. Any queries please contact Errol Midwinter on Ab. 522679.

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS ON THE PARISH WEBSITE

From Saturday 30th November and throughout the Advent period, there will be a page on the youth section of the parish website www.ourladyandstedmund.org.uk with activities, information and an interactive Advent calendar. Please do visit the website with your child/children. There will also be a page in the What's On section for adults.

HELP NEEDED TO ERECT CHRISTMAS TREES We are hoping to erect our two Christmas trees on the altar in preparation for Christmas Celebrations.

I would like to meet on WEDNESDAY 18th at 10.30. If you are able to help please contact Jo Milham on 01235 526177. Thank you.

CHRISTMAS PLEDGE TREE The tree is now up but is so far looking very bare! We have hung up the pledges that were returned last Sunday but we will need many more as Advent progresses, visible evidence of our pledges, as a *Live Simply* Parish, to celebrate a simpler and more sustainable Christmas this year. Please put your pledge in the box on the table at the back of church so that it can be hung on the tree. There are spare pledge cards at the back of church. Your pledge can be as a family or as an individual - and no name is needed.

RED MISSION BOXES Will box holders please bring their boxes to Church so that their donations may be collected in time for Christmas. The 2020 calendars will also be available for collection at back of Church.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sunday 8 December

8.45am	Mass	Nola Millikin RIP
10.15am	Mass	Marguerite Innes & Mary Glynn RIP
6.30pm	Mass	Special Intention

Monday 9 December THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

8.30am	Rosary	
9am	Mass	Cyril & Ada Beck RIP

Tuesday 10 December

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

Wednesday 11 December

6.30pm	Rosary	
7pm	Mass	Dolores Torres RIP

Thursday 12 December

9am	Rosary	
9.30am	Mass	Private Intention

Friday 13 December St Lucy

6.30pm	Rosary	
7pm	Mass	Rodgers Family RIP

Saturday 14 December St John of the Cross

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

OLA Christmas gifts and decorations for sale after the 10.15am Mass today ONLY. A group of Year 10 pupils from OLA's Young Enterprise team "*Greenpiece*" will be selling gifts and decorations made from recycled materials. We hope the parishioners will find something they will like - all our products are environmentally-friendly!

The winter edition of Christian Focus can be found at the back of the church. There is an article by one of our parishioners on the newly canonised John Henry Newman

Christmas Lunch for Seniors TODAY, 12.30pm in the Parish Centre. Raffle Prizes Welcome. Many thanks.

Charismatic Prayer Meeting Wednesday 11th December at 4 Rawlings Grove. 7:45pm. All welcome! Info Ab 528528.

Advent Collection for the Homeless 2019 Owing to the enormous success of last years' collection for O'Hanlon House, we are repeating the collection during this Advent season. Please donate the following: SHAMPOO, TOOTHPASTE, SOAP, NEW SOCKS. The items will be delivered weekly to a hostel for the homeless in Oxford. There is a box for your donations at the back of the Church. With Grateful Thanks. An Advent thought:- Our Giving Becomes A Prayer

Parish Office will be closed on Thurs 12th & Fri 13th December. The office will again close from Mon 23rd and re-open on Monday 30th Dec. Can all newsletter inserts for Sunday 22nd and 29th December be sent to the office on or before Wednesday 18th December. Many thanks.

We will be serving Tea, Cake and Mince Pies after 10.15am mass on Sunday 22nd December. Proceeds will go to our homeless charity.

PARISH CAROL SERVICE, Sunday 22nd December at 4.00pm. Please join us and have a good sing! Refreshments afterwards in the Parish centre.

Parish Lent Project 2020 Looking ahead to the Lent Project 2020, do you wish to propose a charity? While thinking this Advent and Christmas season about those who are less fortunate than we are, please think about whom you would like the parish to help through our next Lent Project and send your proposal to the Parish Council, through the parish office by Friday 17 January 2020. Many thanks.

Faith Development

Abingdon Scouts & Guides Christmas Post delivery in Abingdon, Radley & Shippon only. Guaranteed delivery by Christmas Eve. Costs 25p per card and these may be deposited in the box at the back of the church. Collections will be from 17th Nov – 16th Dec. We have secured the box and this will be emptied daily where possible. St.Edmund's Guides would like to thank you for your support.

Parish Events for the Week

TODAY Refreshments after 10.15am Mass
Parish Christmas Lunch for Seniors, 12.30pm,

Wednesday Cake & Conversation 9.30am

Friday Baby & Toddler Group 9.30am
SVP Meeting 7.30pm

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

Future Diary Dates

12th & 13th December Parish Office Closed
17th December Penitential Service, 7pm, Church
22nd December Carol Service, 4p, Church
23rd – 27th December Parish Office closed

Youth Events

SATURDAY 14th DECEMBER:

** 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

Christian Aid invite everyone to come and join in the Carol singing with the Abingdon Silver Band on the 20th December in the Abingdon Market Place between 10.30am to 11.30 am.

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.

Money Matters 1st December 2019
Envelopes £299.55 Loose Plate £567.18
Average weekly Gift Aid Standing Orders £995
Many thanks

Counters: T. & I. Kinsella, B. Moloney
Cleaners: J. Alder, J. Hyland