

Our Lady & St Edmund of Abingdon ***1 Radley Rd, Abingdon on Thames, Oxon, OX14 3PL***

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Confessions: 11.00 - 11.30am or by appointment

Parish Life

From Fr. Jamie & Fr. Rob. Our 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 is now closed until Thursday 3rd January.

Everyone is invited to join in The traditional Christian Aid New Year's Day Walk on Tuesday 1st January 2019 Time: 10am Meeting place: Peachcroft Christian Centre Route Sunningwell / Bayworth Distance 6 miles or 9.5K Refreshments at Bayworth Baptist Chapel. The route map still costs just £1 available on the day. If you wish to be sponsored please contact anyone on the Christian Aid Committee or refer to Christian Aid website for a sponsorship form.

PAX CHRISTI - INTERNATIONAL CATHOLIC PEACE MOVEMENT Copies of the Dec/Jan edition of Justpeace are on the table at the back of church. Please take a copy. The theme of this edition is Ethical Investment. Peace Sunday is on the horizon - 20th January - which gives us all a chance to hear what Pope Francis has to say about our vocation as peacemakers.

Cake & Conversation We will start again on Wed 9th Jan. in the Parish Centre from 9.30 to 11am. Everyone whose first language isn't English is warmly welcome to this friendly, informal weekly session.

The Baby and Toddler Group reopens after our Christmas break on Friday, 11th January 2019 in our parish centre on Oxford road at 9.30am.

The Alpha Course returns to our Parish this January 2019. If you are interested in attending or you know someone who might be interested, please contact Maeve

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

Sunday 30 December

8.45am	Mass	Hugh McLaughlin RIP
10.15am	Mass	Janet Cox RIP
6.30pm	Mass	Nola Millikin RIP

Monday 31 December

8.30am	Rosary	
9am	Mass	Francis Fernandes RIP

Tuesday 1 January MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

8.30am	Rosary	
9am	Mass	Mary O'Sullivan RIP

Wednesday 2 January Ss Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen

6.30pm	Rosary	
7pm	Mass	Enid Thompson RIP

Thursday 3 January

9am	Rosary	
9.30am	Mass	Private Intention

Friday 4 January

6.30pm	Rosary	
7pm	Mass	Fr. Rob Intentions

Saturday 5 January

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

on 01865 321179. The Course will be running at my home in Kennington, commencing Thursday 24th of January from 11am - 12.30 pm. All are welcome.

Parish Lent Project 2019 Looking ahead to the Lent Project 2019, 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 4th January 2019. Many thanks.

Faith Development

Emmaus Oxford Emmaus Oxford is open every day of the year. We give homeless people a place to live, meaningful work and a purpose. As our Companion Terry told us, "Emmaus is there for everyone, every day of the year". You can help us by donating at www.emmaus.org.uk/oxford

Association of Christian Counsellors Annual

Conference: Embodied Hope. If you are a student or qualified counsellor or working pastorally with people (including in spiritual direction or supervision roles), then this conference will offer a rich programme covering a mix of psychological, spiritual and Christian perspectives on a wide variety of different topics relevant to counselling and pastoral care. You will also find opportunities for personal development and restoration, creative practices and worship. The conference programme is split into the following streams - and it is possible to mix and match over the four days from 8 to 11 February 2019: Counselling Practice Skills & Knowledge; Hope, Faith & Spirituality; Body Work Psychotherapy; Working with diversity: LGBT+; Pastoral Care; Self-Development, Retreat & Restoration. For further information and to book, go to www.acc-uk.org.

Portsmouth Diocese Don Bosco Camp 2019:

28th July - 3rd August 2019 an opportunity for secondary school boys to have an exciting, activity-packed camping holiday in a safe but challenging countryside setting. Further information: www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/youth/donbosco and contact: dbcamps@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Have you signed up for Bishop Philip's weekly e-

News? Bishop Philip invites you to sign up for his FREE weekly e-Newsletter to keep in touch with the latest news and forthcoming events around the diocese. Visit www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/enews to sign up.

Helping Refugees. The Diocesan Refugee Response Working Group is looking for new members. We would especially welcome people with particular skills - such as administration experience, knowledge of the Middle East, refugee issues, familiarity with benefits and into-work programmes and / or project management skills-

Parish Events for the Week

TODAY Refreshments after 10.15am Mass

Tuesday New Year's Day Walk for Christian Aid

Friday SVP Meeting 7.30pm

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

Future Diary Dates

9th Jan Cake & Conversation resumes 9.30am, Parish Centre

9th Jan Parish Lunch, 12.30pm, Parish Centre

11th Jan Baby & Toddler Group resumes 9.30am Parish Centre

15th Jan RCIA sessions resume 7.30pm, Parish Centre

Youth Events

More info: tipayouth@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

to join the core working group. Specific knowledge of Syrian refugee issues is not required for all members, but enthusiasm and desire to learn and help are essential. We are also looking for people who would like to gather in different locations around the diocese to listen to informed speakers and to discuss possible and current action for refugees. Anyone interested should see our website www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/rrwg email me on PCS@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or call me on 01730 262 290. Fr Peter Hollins

Money Matters: 23rd December 2018

Envelopes: £283.05 Loose Plate £618.53 Many thanks

Counters: J. Dowling, P. & M. Mulqueen

Cleaners: F. & C. Rogers