

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

Parish Life

Parish Office is now closed until Monday 13th August.

Thank you from Fr. Thomas "Dear wonderful parishioners of St Edmund's. Your magnificent generosity in continuing to support our work for the dying destitute of Tamil Nadu overwhelms me with love and gratitude. You are the lifeblood of our charity without whose support we would struggle. We have gone through a most difficult and challenging period but have emerged with our reputation enhanced. On behalf of all of us I offer you our love and prayers knowing that, in the words of Jesus, "Whatsoever you do to the least of my brothers and sisters you do for me".

Father Thomas appeal for Light for the Blind. Thanks to everyone in the Parish for the generous response to Father Thomas' appeal for his charity "Light for the Blind". Your donations of over £2400 taken after the Masses on Sunday 22nd August together with other donations from parishioners makes a total of just over £4400 which will go a long way to help with his work for the poorest of the poor in India. Anyone who missed his appeal can always leave donations towards his work at the Presbytery. Peter Dodd - on behalf of the Trustees

Parish Lunch The next parish lunch will be on Wednesday 8th August, All Welcome! Please contact Mary Mulqueen on Ab. 534875.

Memorial Mass for ANNE LENIHAN on September 1st at 12pm in St. Edmund's Church. Anne was a Sister of Mercy for almost 50 years here in Abingdon and died on March 14th in Ireland. RIP

Church Twinning visit to Argentan Thurs 13th – Mon 17th Sept. If you would like to take part in the church twinning visit to Argentan, please contact Anne Dodd 525997 or Angela Waterhouse 532296. We are also

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 29 July

8.45am	Mass	Alice Daly RIP
10.15am	Mass	Kathleen & Michael Walsh RIP
6.30pm	Mass	People of our Parish

Monday 30 July St Peter Chrysologus

8.30am	Rosary	
9am	Mass	Simon Sayce RIP (Birthday)

Tuesday 31 July St Ignatius of Loyola

8.30am	Rosary	
9am	Mass	Special Intention

Wednesday 1 August St Alphonsus Liguori

6.30pm	Rosary	
7pm	Mass	Gabriel Dover RIP

Thursday 2 August St Eusebius of Vercelli

9.00am	Rosary	
9.30am	Mass	Samuel Hunter Intentions

Friday 3 August

6.30pm	Rosary	
7pm	Mass	Gayle Belcher RIP

Saturday 4 August

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

preparing for visitors from Colmar from 30th Aug – 3rd Sept, so if you can help with accommodation or hosting a meal, please let us know.

Parish groups and activities If you run a parish group or activity and have any interesting

photos, we will be very grateful to receive them in order to update and enliven our website. Please note that permission is needed to publish photos – if you can identify the people on your photos, let us know and we will contact them. If you have any forthcoming activities and would like a photographer to attend, please also let us know. You can get in touch or send photos directly to: parishwebsiteabingdon@gmail.com.

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land 2019 A pilgrimage is being organised to the Holy Land for 21st to 30th May 2019. The cost will be £1,900 all-inclusive for full board double occupancy of rooms or £2,100 for single occupancy. This includes absolutely everything, except your personal travel insurance, drinks and personal spending. Fr. Rob will be with us on this pilgrimage. If you would like to book a place, a deposit of £250 will be needed by the 1st of August. Further payments will be in two instalments, one in November and one in March. If you are potentially interested, please let the parish office know and give permission for the organizer to contact you by email with further details. There will also be a meeting in the Parish Centre on Thursday 30th August at 7.00pm.

Marriage Care in Abingdon We need one or two people to Join a rota and chaperone one of our counsellors. Counselling normally takes place on a Tuesday 6-7pm. The premises are warm and you can read a book/knit/or study whilst you are helping us. Please contact Catherine MacFarlane on 07470 412800 or email (parish office) to find out more with no obligation.

Faith Development

Film Recommendation 'Paul Apostle of Christ' starring Jim Caviezel. Can be found in local supermarkets.

Catholic Family Weekend 29th & 30th September 2018. St George College, Leaside Way, Swaythling, Southampton SO16 3DQ. Theme: "SEE, I AM DOING A NEW THING". Celebrate a wonderful opportunity to share the joy of being a disciple of the Lord. "OUR CHILDREN WERE FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT, THE 5 YEAR OLD WANTED TO TELL EVERYONE IN SAINSBURY'S ON THE WAY HOME!" For further information email: southampton@celebrateconference.org or see leaflet at back of Church.

Carmelite Spirituality. Two courses of prayer are being held at Boars Hill starting in September. If you are interested and would like more information, please see leaflets at the back of Church.

Parish Events for the Week

TODAY Refreshments after 10.15am Mass

Thursday Scripture Group 10am

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

Future Diary Dates

27th July – 10th Aug Parish Office closed
20th Oct Day for Catechists - St John's Cathedral, Portsmouth. Further information: www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/catechists

Youth Events

Summer Camp 'Fanning the Flame' Ages 10-25yrs on 20-24th August. Booking Forms and more info at www.FanningTheFlame.co.uk. Also please come and join the Dominican Sisters on a walk from Bury St Edmunds to Walshingham for the New Evangelisation! 2nd – 5th August. To book please go to www.dominicansistersofstjoseph.org/JPII or please see poster for further details.

Unlocking the Sunday Gospel' readings every Wednesday 7-8pm. Go to the Wednesday Gospel Webinar hosted by the Dominican Sisters of Sway. www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/formation/webinar

Antiphons for Year II, Week XVII Ordinary Time

EA: God is in his holy place,
 God who unites those who dwell in his house;
 he himself gives might and strength to his people.
 CA: Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.
 Blessed are the clean of heart, for they shall see God.

Money Matters: 22nd July 2018
 Envelopes: £258.65 Loose Plate £610.70 Many thanks.

Counters: S. Campbell, D. & B. Stacey
Cleaners: D. & D. Kearney