

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

**Parish Life**

**TODAY** there will be a produce sale to raise funds for "light for the blind." Any produce from your garden or allotment either edible or beautiful will be collected before each mass and sold after.

**Charismatic Prayer Meeting** Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> August at 4 Rawlings Grove. 7:45-9pm. Info Ab 528528.

**The Baby and Toddler Group**, for families, parents/carers with their babies and pre-school children, meets every Friday during school term time at our parish centre in Oxford Road from 9.30am to 11.15am. We are a friendly drop-in group providing opportunity for social and play. We look forward to welcoming new and returning families after the summer break on Friday 7th September at 9.30am.

**Alter Servers** we are blessed with many servers in this parish. 10.15 mass we have many servers but the 0845 mass and 1830 can often have no one or very few. If you are willing to help adjust the balance please let Donie know. **New Servers** for those interested in starting serving. There will be three training sessions on Saturdays in September starting at 9am till 10am on 1<sup>st</sup> September.

**Pilgrimage to the Holy Land 2019** from 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. If you are 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.

**Faith Development**

**Film About Pope Francis.** The Phoenix Picturehouse Cinema, Walton St, Oxford is showing the newly released

**TWENTIETH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**

**Sunday 19 August**

8.45am	Mass	Kate Clipperton RIP
10.15am	Mass	Private Intention
4.30pm	Polish Mass	
6.30pm	Mass	People of our Parish

**Monday 20 August St Bernard**

NO Mass see www.thamesis.org.uk for other masses

**Tuesday 21 August St Pius X**

8.30am	Rosary	
9am	Mass	Fr. Jamie Intentions
11am	Funeral Mass	

**Wednesday 22 August The Queenship of Mary**

6.30pm	Rosary	
7pm	Mass	Gertrude O'Riordan Anniversary

**Thursday 23 August St Rose of Lima**

9.00am	Rosary	
9.30am	Mass	Kate Clipperton RIP

**Friday 24 August ST BARTHOLMEW**

12noon	Funeral Mass	
6.30pm	Rosary	
7pm	Mass	Special Intention

**Saturday 25 August St Louis IX**

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

film Francis: A Man of His Word at the moment. Some parishioners went to see it last Sunday evening and very highly recommend it. It is directed by the well-known director Wim Wenders and has got warm reviews from film critics.

**Abingdon Gospel Choir** - Do you like Gospel music?

You are invited to a free TASTER NIGHT on 30th August 2018 from 8.00pm to 9.30pm at Trinity Church when we shall launch a new programme of Gospel music with new musical director Heidi Cottrell. Regular rehearsals will recommence after the Summer break at Trinity Church, Conduit Road starting on Thurs 27<sup>th</sup> September 8pm to 9.30pm. Singers of all standards are welcome. Come along and see (and sing) for yourself. Further information from Alan Joinson (01235 521247 or parish office)

**National Eucharistic Congress** 8<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> September.

In particular your prayers are needed to make this a success. It will be the largest gathering of Catholics in this country since the visit of Pope Benedict and the first Eucharistic conference held in this country for over a hundred years. There are two delegates going from our parish. The whole purpose is to reflect on the centrality of the Eucharist in the life of the Church and its people. The conference is held in Liverpool and will culminate with a Eucharistic procession through the City. Although most of us will not be attending there is a national call for us to support this event and indeed engage with it through prayer and Eucharistic adoration and to reflect on what part the Eucharist plays in our personal lives.

**Junior Charity Golf Event** to raise funds for Great Ormond Street Hospital will be taking place at Drayton Park Golf Club on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> September. Registration at 10:30am followed by play on the par 3 course (9 holes) at 11am and lunch/prizes from 12:30pm. The cost is £15 per player which includes entry and lunch. If you are interested, please contact Allison Leigh (parish office) or 01865 865 876.

**Fully escorted Pilgrimage** to Knock Shrine, Ireland, 17th September 2018. £649.00 per person sharing. Price includes flight with 10kg hand luggage, all taxes, luxury transfers, 4 nights' in Knock House Hotel with full Irish Breakfast each morning and 4 Course Dinner each evening. All entertainment, excursions and guided tours included. Wheelchair accessible rooms in the hotel. Limited single rooms at supplement of £100. Groups and Individual bookings welcome. Contact Patricia on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email via parish office. Knock Pilgrimages is a member of the Travel Trust Association and is fully protected by ATOL T7613.

**Catholic Family Weekend** 29<sup>th</sup> -30<sup>th</sup> September. St George College, Leaside Way, Swaythling, Southampton SO16 3DQ. The event is called celebrate and has been run successfully for many years. It is a chance to spend time with other Catholic families and really engages youth as well as adults. Many have said they were not sure about going but having done so they had been enthused and seen their Faith in a different light. For more info please pick up leaflet from 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**

**1<sup>st</sup> September** Anne Lenihan Memorial Mass 12noon, Church

**8<sup>th</sup> September** National Eucharistic Congress

**20<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Celebrate** 29<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> September St. Georges College Southampton SO16 3DQ. For info. Email, southampton@celebrateconference.org

**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, XX Ordinary Time**

EA: Turn your eyes, O God, our shield; and look on the face of your anointed one; one day within your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. CA: I am the living bread that came down from heaven, says the Lord. Whoever eats of this bread will live for ever.

**Money Matters:** 12<sup>th</sup> August 2018  
 Envelopes: £2280.15 Loose Plate £541.07 Many thanks

**Counters:** B. & D. Keaney, M. Pike  
**Cleaners:** P. & R. Taylor, M. Jarvis