

Our Lady & St Edmund of Abingdon
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Confessions: Saturday, 11:00 -11.30am Sunday Mass Times: 8.45 am, 10.15 am, 6.30pm

Parish Life

Dear All thank you so much for your extremely generous farewell send off and gifts! My time here in Abingdon has been one blessing after another, and I thank you all for your support, encouragement and prayers. I couldn't have asked for a better introduction to my priestly journey. May the Lord bless you all in abundance and please keep me in your prayers. Love from Fr. Phil.

LiveSimply Garden Produce Sale raised the magnificent sum of £361 for Fr Thomas in S India. The LiveSimply team would like to thank everyone for their support.

UMBRELLA On Sunday evening a blue umbrella with a wooden crooked handle, under side has a map printed on it. It was taken by mistake from the parish centre after Fr Phil's leaving party. We would appreciate it returned to the back of the church or left in the presbytery. Thank you.

NEXT SUNDAY Prayer Ministry. We invite you to come up after the 10:15am Mass for prayer with members of St Edmund's Prayer Ministry team. Give your hurts and burdens to Jesus, He cares for you.

Cake & Conversation will restart after the summer break on Wed 6th Sept in the Parish Centre at its usual time of 9.30am to 11am. This is a friendly informal drop - in weekly session for anyone whose first language is not English. if you would like further information, please ring Anne Dodd (525997) or Angela Waterhouse (532296). Otherwise just come along for a warm welcome. Cake and Conversation will be celebrating its 10th Anniversary this autumn.

PAX CHRISTI. Copies of the latest issue of Justpeace are on the table at the back of church. It includes an article on A Christian Response to leaving the European Union. Please take a copy if you wish.

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 27 August

8.45am	Mass	Anna O'Dwyer RIP
10.15am	Mass	Gladys May Oakley RIP
6.30pm	Mass	Neil Noonan RIP

Monday 28 August St Augustine of Hippo

8.30am	Rosary	
9am	Mass	Ann Guirey RIP

Tuesday 29 August The Passion of St John the Baptist

8.30am	Rosary	
9am	Mass	Mary Charles RIP

Wednesday 30 August

6.30pm	Rosary	
7pm	Mass	Des & Mary McNichol Intentions

Thursday 31 August

9am	Rosary	
9.30am	Mass	John Cash RIP

Friday 1 September

6.30pm	Rosary	
7pm	Mass	Private Intention

Saturday 2 September

10.15am	Mothers Prayers	
11am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
11-11.30am	Confessions	
12 noon	Mass	

Becoming Catholic. The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a formation process for adults who desire to learn about the Catholic faith and who are considering joining the Catholic church. It is also sometimes known as Journey in Faith group. The parish RCIA team

welcomes: Those who have never been baptised; Those baptised in another Christian faith who may be interested in becoming Catholic; Catholics who were baptised but have not celebrated all of their Sacraments; Anyone who wants to learn more about the Catholic faith. Perhaps you are engaged or married to a Catholic and want to know more about your partner's religion. Maybe your children are being brought up as Catholics and you want to better understand the faith tradition they are learning. Perhaps you have attended mass or church and would like to know more. Maybe you have questions about the Catholic faith you would like answered. Our sessions begin again on Tuesday 19th September, 7.30pm in the Parish Centre. Please speak to Fr Jamie if you would like to come along.

Faith Development

APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA (AoS) - Mass at Portsmouth Cathedral. Please come and join in the celebration of Holy Mass at 12:15pm at St John the Evangelist's Cathedral, Portsmouth on Monday 4th Sept. For more information contact salvina@apostleshipofthesea.org.uk.

CAFOD Portsmouth Harvest Briefing. Join us at a special Harvest Briefing on Thurs 7th Sept from 7.30pm to 9pm at English Martyrs' Church Hall, 64 Liebenrood Road, Reading RG30 2EB. To book 01252 329385 or portsmouth@cafod.org.uk Thank you.

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINARS are designed as an introduction to a life lived in the power of the Holy Spirit. They provide an opportunity to find out more about that life and to be helped in taking the first steps of a new relationship with the Lord. The 7 seminars will run every Tues evening from Tues 26th Sept until Tues 7th Nov from 8pm - 9.30pm at St Joseph's Church, Stanley Walk, Bracknell, RG12 1HA. For more information and to book your place, please refer to the poster on the notice board.

Celebrate Weekend is taking place at St. George Catholic College on Sat. 30th Sept & Sun. 1st Oct. Full details can be found on www.celebrateconference.org or by contacting Peter & Lynda (parish office). Last year we were fully booked so it would be advisable for anyone wishing to attend to apply in good time. For reasons of security and safeguarding we are not able to accept anyone who "turns up on the day".

Diocesan Day for Catechists at St John's Cathedral, Portsmouth, 14th Oct, 10am-4pm for everyone involved or interested in Catechesis & Children's Liturgy of the Word. www.portsmouthdioceses.org.uk/formation

Young Catholic Adult Weekend, Douai Abbey 20th - 22nd Oct 2017. Are you 18-40, do you want to deepen your knowledge of the Catholic faith. For more information, www.youngcatholicadults.co.uk/events.htm.

Parish Events for the Week

TODAY Refreshments after 10.15am Mass

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

Future Diary Dates

13th September Parish Lunch, 12.30pm, Parish Centre
14th October Diocesan Day for Catechists 10am-4pm, Portsmouth Cathedral
5th November Parish AGM 7.30pm, Parish Centre

Youth Events

In October 2018 the General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops will cover the theme of "**Young People, the Faith and Vocational Discernment**". go to <http://www.catholicnews.org.uk/synod-youth-poll> to complete the survey (it should only take about 15 to 20 minutes). Further info please contact Melanie Parris- Dollar tipayouth@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

School News

OLA are looking for a reliable, conscientious and approachable person to manage the Senior School Reception desk alongside co-ordinating daily registration of pupils for two days per week, term time only. The successful applicant will have good communication skills, remain calm under pressure and be able to prioritise their own workload while operating within a small, friendly team. Closing date for applications: Wed 30th August. Further details available at www.olab.org.uk, Tel. 524658.

We pray for:

- The Repose of the Soul of Mike Moriarty RIP
- The Repose of the Soul of Catherine Thorpe RIP

Antiphons for Year I, Week XXI Ordinary Time

EA: Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trusts in you, my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.
 CA: The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord; you bring forth bread from the earth and wine to cheer the heart.

Money Matters: 20th August 2017
 Envelopes E442.98 Loose Plate E728.81 Many thanks

Counters: C. Macfarlane, T. Murphy, P. & M. Mulqueen
Cleaners: D. & D. Kearney