

**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**

**TODAY** 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.

**Father Lionel (Leo) Targett (1917 - 2017) R.I.P.**  
 Funeral at Blessed Hugh Faringdon church, Faringdon, Oxon SN7 7JE. Reception of the coffin at 4.30pm on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September, with Holy Mass at 6pm. Requiem Mass on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September at noon, followed by committal in the nearby cemetery. The Mass will be followed by refreshments at the Sudbury House Hotel, 56 London Road, Faringdon SN7 7AA. Please park at the hotel, which is a 5 minute walk from the church, as there is insufficient parking at the church.

**Choir** from September, the choir meet in church to rehearse from 8.15 pm to approx. 9.15 pm on the Tuesdays preceeding the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month. We would welcome singers in all parts, with some ability to follow music. No audition required but being able to sing in tune essential! Also we do ask for some commitment to rehearse with us regularly. We sing hymns in 4 part harmony where appropriate, and prepare motets from time to time. Please contact Sheila Hales (parish office) or introduce yourself after a Sunday choir Mass.

**NEXT SUNDAY** there will be a second collection for the Catholic Education Service

**The autumn issue of Christian Focus** is now available at the back of the church. In it there is an excellent article on St. Edmund's Primary School, written by the Headteacher.

**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-SECOND SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME**

**Sunday 3 September**

8.45am	Mass	Carmel RIP
10.15am	Mass	Betty Hemmings RIP
4.30pm	Polish Mass	
6.30pm	Mass	Gayle Belcher RIP

**Monday 4 September St Cuthbert**

8.30am	Rosary	
9am	Mass	Betty Hemmings RIP

**Tuesday 5 September**

8.30am	Rosary	
9am	Mass	James Patrick Keaney RIP

**Wednesday 6 September**

12noon	Funeral	
6.30pm	Rosary	
7pm	Mass	Andrés & Sandra Kolb 20 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary

**Thursday 7 September**

9am	Rosary	
9.30am	Mass	Helen Birkbeck RIP

**Friday 8 September THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

6.30pm	Rosary	
7pm	Mass	Jean Whitton Birthday Intentions

**Saturday 9 September St Peter Claver**

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

**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 19<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> Sept. For more information contact [salvina@apostleshipofthesea.org.uk](mailto:salvina@apostleshipofthesea.org.uk).

**CAFOD Portsmouth Harvest Briefing.** Join us at a special Harvest Briefing on Thurs 7<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:portsmouth@cafod.org.uk) Thank you.

**Celebrate Weekend** is taking place at St. George Catholic College on Sat. 30<sup>th</sup> Sept & Sun. 1<sup>st</sup> Oct. Full details can be found on [www.celebrateconference.org](http://www.celebrateconference.org) or by phoning Peter & Lynda on: 02380292058. 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, 14<sup>th</sup> Oct, 10am-4pm for everyone involved or interested in Catechesis & Children's Liturgy of the Word. [www.portsmouthdioceses.org.uk/formation](http://www.portsmouthdioceses.org.uk/formation)

**Young Catholic Adult Weekend, Douai Abbey** 20<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> 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](http://www.youngcatholicadults.co.uk/events.htm).

**Money Matters:** 27<sup>th</sup> August 2017  
 Envelopes £451.40    Loose Plate £752.11    Many thanks

**Counters:** M. & M. Martin, S. Campbell  
**Cleaners:** E. & T. Jamicka

**Parish Events for the Week**

**TODAY** Refreshments after 10.15am Mass

**Monday** Coffee Morning for the Bereaved 10.30-12noon

**Wednesday** Cake & Conversation 9.30-11am

**Friday** Baby & Toddler Group 9.30-11.15am

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

**Future Diary Dates**

**13<sup>th</sup> September** Parish Lunch, 12.30pm, Parish Centre  
**14<sup>th</sup> October** Diocesan Day for Catechists 10am-4pm, Portsmouth Cathedral  
**14<sup>th</sup> October** Celtic & Northern Saints, 10.00pm - 3.00pm Parish Centre. More information to follow  
**5<sup>th</sup> November** Parish AGM 7.30pm, Parish Centre

**Youth Events**

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  
 Further info please contact Melanie Parris- Dollar [tipayouth@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:tipayouth@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

**Live Simply Prayer**

*Compassionate and Loving God You created the world for all to share a world of beauty and plenty. Create in us a desire to live Simply, so that our lives may reflect your generosity. Creator God you gave us responsibility for the earth, a world of riches and delight. Create in us a desire to live Sustainably, so that those who follow after us may enjoy the fruits of your creation. God of Peace and Justice, you give us the capacity to change, to bring about a world that mirrors your wisdom. Create in us a desire to act in Solidarity, so that the pillars of injustice crumble and those now crushed are set free. Amen*

**Antiphons for Year I, Week XXII Ordinary Time**

EA: Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long  
 O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.  
 CA: How great is the goodness, Lord, that you keep for those who fear you.