

**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** we welcome Fr Robert Stewart to Abingdon. Like Fr Phil this is Fr Rob's first appointment so please handle with care! Welcome Fr Rob!

**Choir** from September, the choir meet in church to rehearse from 8.15 pm to approx. 9.15 pm on the Tuesdays preceding 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.

**TODAY** there will be a second collection for Home Missions.

**NEXT SUNDAY** there will be a second collection for the Cathedral.

**Confirmation 2017-18** - This years' course for the sacrament of confirmation will commence the beginning of October. If your child is of the age of 12+ (school yr 8) and would like to attend this year, please contact Tammy Lavers at tammylavers@hotmail.co.uk. Ordinarily, Catholic parties getting married in the Church ought to be confirmed. Please encourage the young people to join now, saving them complications later on.

**Bidding Prayers.** Our Sunday Mass bidding prayers are prepared by a rota of parishioners. There is always room for more. If you would like to join this rota to prepare our bidding prayers, please contact the parish office.

**JUSTICE & PEACE.** We are setting up an email list of parishioners who would like to have news of Justice and Peace related events that can be passed on to them. The

**TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME**

**Sunday 17 September**

8.45am	Mass	Kate Clipperton RIP
10.15am	Mass	Luigi Romeo Miele RIP
4.30pm	Polish Mass	
6.30pm	Mass	☞

**Monday 18 September**

8.30am	Rosary
9am	Mass

**Tuesday 19 September St Januarius**

8.30am	Rosary	
9am	Mass	Marie Bedingfield Intentions

**Wednesday 20 September** St Andrew Kim Taegon, St. Paul Chong Hasang & Companions

11.30	Funeral	
6.30pm	Rosary	
7pm	Mass	Edna Harrold RIP

**Thursday 21 September ST MATTHEW**

9am	Rosary
9.30am	Mass

**Friday 22 September**

6.30pm	Rosary	
7pm	Mass	Alfredo Vanotti RIP

**Saturday 23 September St Pio of Pietrelcina**

11am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
11-11.30am	Confessions	
12 noon	Mass	Celia Edwards & Celia Jones RIP

forwarded emails can always be deleted if they are not of interest! If you would like to add your name to the email list please give your name and email address to the parish office or ring Anne 525997.

**Independent Catholic News.** This website www.indcatholicnews.co.uk gives information about the Saint of each day as well as a roundup of interesting news.

**LIVE SIMPLY** Have you started the parish Plastic Challenge yet? Choose a week in September which is most convenient for you to reduce use of single-use plastics. There is information on the board at the back of church, and here are some websites to help: www.mcsuk.org/plasticchallenge/ (Go to 'Meet the Plastic Challengers'); www.practicalaction.org/plastics-challenge and www.countryfile.com/article/get-active/plastic-challenge-saving-our-seas

**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. 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**

**ISRAEL & PALESTINE.** Today is the beginning of the Annual World Week for Peace in Palestine and Israel. There will be a Candle-lit Prayer Vigil at St Giles Church, Oxford at 6.30pm this Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup>. All are welcome. Further details on the poster at the back of church or from Anne Dodd (525997)

**What do you know about Abingdon Street Pastors?**

Would you like to know more? They are offering Taster Nights on September 23 and October 21 and 28 where you can join them on their Saturday night shifts in town. Please consider joining them in their christian outreach work. Contact Dorothy (parish office) or e-mail abingdon@streetpastors.org.uk

**The Free Church Choirs,** as it is known today, was established in 1888 and is still very active. Festival services of church music are held every two years in a cathedral and this year, for the first time, the event will be held in Worcester Cathedral. The date is Sat 14<sup>th</sup> Oct at 7pm The theme this year is "PEACE". The Free Church Choirs brings together a large number of singers and choirs from many churches and organisations across the country, linking a broad spectrum of denominations. To be in the congregation will be a most thrilling and uplifting experience. **ADMISSION IS FREE.**

**Money Matters:** 10<sup>th</sup> September 2017  
 Envelopes £409.60    Loose Plate £744.05    Many thanks

**Counters:** E. Midwinter, J. Ryan  
**Cleaners:** R. & P. Taylor, M. Jarvis

**Parish Events for the Week**

**TODAY** Refreshments after 10.15am Mass

**Tuesday** RCIA (Session 1) 7.30pm

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

**Thursday** Scripture Group

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

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

**Future Diary Dates**

**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*

**School News**

**OLA Open Mornings.** Senior School: Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> Sept, 10am – 12.30pm. Junior School, Sat 30<sup>th</sup> Sept, 10am – 12.30pm. Come along and enjoy a tour of the school, meet the teachers and talk to the Principal, Mr Stephen Oliver and our Junior School Head, Ms Erika Kirwan.

**100+ Club** The winning numbers

**August:**  
 1st Prize (£30) – Number 87 Margaret Cox  
 2nd Prize (£20) – Number 24 Geoff Young  
 3rd Prize (£10) – Number 54 Wilf Demarchi  
**September**  
 1st Prize (£30) – Number 120 Alan Pritchett  
 2nd Prize (£20) – Number 8 Maria Delany-White  
 3rd Prize (£10) – Number 22 John Matthews

**Antiphons for Year I Week XXIV Ordinary Time**

EA: Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel.  
 CA: How precious is your mercy, O God! The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.