

Our Lady & St Edmund of Abingdon
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| Roman Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth Reg. Charity No 246871 | www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk | |

Confessions: Saturday, 11:00 -11.30am Sunday Mass Times: 8.45 am, 10.15 am, 6.30pm

Parish Life

TODAY there will be a second collection for the Cathedral.

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.

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 (parish office). 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.

LiveSimply The International Tree Foundation have written again to thanks the parish for the £3750 sent to them from our Lenten Project appeal and to say that the money will be used for women's group members In Bamenda to plant 20,000 fruit trees, together with plant species known to enhance soil fertility. Planting will start on 1st October.

Stay and Sing sessions at St Edmund's School. Our free music sessions for pre-school children and their families from our school and parish run every Wednesday morning in term-time from 9am - 9.30am commencing Wed 27th Sept. No need to book, just turn up - you will be very welcome.

CAFOD Harvest Fast Day is on Friday 6th October. Envelopes will be given out **NEXT SUNDAY** 1st October. Please take one and return it the following Sunday.

Church Twinning - a visit from Argentan in November: A group of about 15 people from the churches in our French twin town of Argentan in Normandy is looking forward to visiting Abingdon and meeting us over the weekend of Thurs 2nd - Mon 6th Nov. If you are interested in hosting,

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 24 September

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| 8.45am | Mass | Mary & Steve Bevan RIP |
| 10.15am | Mass | Tony Leneghan RIP |
| 6.30pm | Mass | |

Monday 25 September

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| 8.30am | Rosary |
| 9am | Mass |

Tuesday 26 September Ss Cosmas & Damian

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| 8.30am | Rosary |
| 9am | Mass |

Wednesday 27 September St Vincent de Paul

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| 6.30pm | Rosary | |
| 7pm | Mass | John Cash RIP |

Thursday 28 September St Wenceslaus

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| 9am | Rosary |
| 9.30am | Mass |

Friday 29 September THE HOLY ARCHANGELS MICHAEL, GABRIEL & RAPHAEL

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| 6.30pm | Rosary | |
| 7pm | Mass | Fr. Leo RIP |

Saturday 30 September St Jerome

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| 11am | Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament |
| 11-11.30am | Confessions |
| 12 noon | Mass |

offering a meal, or spending time with the visitors, please ring Anne Dodd 525997 or Angela Waterhouse.

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. 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.

Anne & Andrew Churchill Stone are singing "Music We Love" in concert with Rossella Rubini (piano) on Sat 30th September 2017, 7.30 at St Paul's Church, Culham (In aid of Friends of St Paul's)

Faith Development

Confirmation Catechists and Youth Ambassadors, Saturday 30th Sept we are holding a formation and training day for at St Bede's Church in Basingstoke. We would be grateful if you could inform your catechists that pre-registration is necessary to attend, which can be done by emailing youth@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk (Mon-Sun), or calling 01329 318869 (ext 222) (Mon-Fri). The deadline for registration is Monday 25th at 3pm.

Flower Festival in St Michael's (Park Road).to celebrate its 150th anniversary. Friday 29 Sept (12 noon - 5pm). Saturday 30 Sept (10am - 5pm). Sunday 1 October (2pm - 5pm). Free parking in Park Road at these times.

School News

St Edmund's Primary School Romero Award Success Over the last academic year, we have been working hard as a school to increase our understanding of Catholic Social Justice and to deepen the Catholic identity of our school within our Portsmouth diocese. We have been working towards achieving the Participator Level of the Romero Award which aims to:

- Increase a school's understanding of Gospel values of justice, love and peace
- Create opportunities for mutual learning and transformation for everyone involved with the school
- Enable opportunities to reflect on Catholic social teaching
- Increase a school's contribution and commitment to solidarity with the poor and marginalised

We are delighted to announce that we have successfully achieved this award.

OLA Senior School: Wed 27 Sept. 7.30 pm George McGavin, explorer & TV presenter. Tickets from OLA or Mostly Books. £10/£5 inc. refreshments.

Parish Events for the Week

TODAY Refreshments after 10.15am Mass

Tuesday RCIA (Session 2) 7.30pm

Wednesday Cake & Conversation 9.30-11am
Charismatic Prayer Meeting 7.45-9pm

Thursday Scripture Group

Friday Baby & Toddler Group 9.30-11.15am
SVP meeting 7.30pm

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

Future Diary Dates

14th October Diocesan Day for Catechists 10am-4pm, Portsmouth Cathedral
29th October International Evening & Cake and Conversation 10th Birthday Celebration, 7.30pm, Parish Centre
5th November Parish AGM 7.30pm, Parish Centre

Youth Events

Saturday 7th October Pastoral Area Fun Day on from 2-5:30pm (Youth Mass from 5pm).
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

Vacancies

PRISON CHAPLAINCY HMP Huntercombe, a prison with male foreign nationals based between Wallingford and Henley, is looking for a half time chaplaincy administrator. The duties include helping Polish prisoners and others to resettle after their prison sentences end. Languages especially Polish would be an advantage. The salary is £18,995 - £19,762 pro-rata More info from Rev Ian Thacker: ian.thacker@hmps.gsi.gov.uk or phone 01491 633212.

Antiphons for Year I Week XXV Ordinary Time
 EA: I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.
 CA: You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

Money Matters: 17th September 2017
 Envelopes £355.71 Loose Plate £696.51 Many thanks

Counters: B. & D. Keaney, M. Pike, J. Lardner
Cleaners: J. Ryan, M. Haddock, J. Hawksworth