

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

**Parish Life**

**TODAY** Please bring any spare foreign money you have to the **SVP's Cash4Coins collection** or alternatively, please place in an envelope marked SVP Cash4Coins and hand into the Parish Office. We also accept British money!

**Parish Office** will be closed tomorrow.

**Church in Abingdon** (CiA) volunteers (regular or on a one-off basis) needed so that more services can be offered free of charge to our local school communities. For more information, please see the poster or take a leaflet from the back of the church or contact Rosemary Perrow at Trinitylearning - trinitylearning@gmail.com or 01235 520282.

**MASS LIVE STREAMING** We live stream most services. If you are an Altar Server, Reader, Eucharistic Minister or in the Choir (in other words you are in the sanctuary – the area by and behind the altar), please sign the consent form, which is available from the parish office and on the table at the back of the church.

**PAX CHRISTI** - the International Catholic Movement for Peace. There are copies of the latest JustPeace newsletter on the table at the back of church. The theme of this current edition is The Eucharist, Peace and Justice.

**Charismatic Prayer Meeting** Wed 26<sup>th</sup> Sept at 4 Rawlings Grove, 7:45-9pm. Info: parish office.

**CAFOD** We celebrate the 'Autumn Fast Day' soon. Our Cafod rep will address us at Mass on 30<sup>th</sup> Sept. Please take your CAFOD envelope that day to return the following weekend.

Jesus loves our children even more than we do and He is eager for their protection and growth in Him. He has given us a free will and will only intervene when

**TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**

**Sunday 23 September**

8.45am	Mass	Peter Stewart Intentions
10.15am	Mass	Reg Sargeant RIP
6.30pm	Mass	Rev. Stephen McKenna RIP

**Monday 24 September Our Lady of Walsingham**

8.30am	Rosary	
9am	Mass	Donie Kearney Intentions

**Tuesday 25 September**

8.30am	Rosary	
9am	Mass	Brian Sayce Intentions

**Wednesday 26 September Ss Cosmas & Damian**

6.30pm	Rosary	
7pm	Mass	Elizabeth Molloy Intentions

**Thursday 27 September St Vincent de Paul**

9.00am	Rosary	
9.30am	Mass	Private Intention

**Friday 28 September St Wenceslaus**

6.30pm	Rosary	
7pm	Mass	Jean Whitton RIP

**Saturday 29 September THE HOLY ARCHANGELS MICHAEL, GABRIEL & RAPHAEL**

11am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
11-11.30am	Confessions	
12 noon	Mass	Fr. Leo RIP (Anniversary)

requested - He wants us to ask". We now have two **Mothers Prayers Groups** meeting in the church. One group will pray in Spanish and meet each week after the Tuesday morning mass. The other group will now meet on the Second Saturday of each month 10.15 - 10.45am. Everyone is most welcome whenever they can come. Mothers Prayers is a simple prayer

booklet which we pray together. We then place the names of our children & grandchildren into a basket at the foot of the cross offering them into Jesus' care. We have seen many answers to our prayers.

**Faith Development**

**St Nicolas' church** - Bookstall with cake! Next Saturday (29th) from 10am - 1pm in St Nicolas' church. Coffee, tea and squash will also be available plus a slice of home-made cake! Further information from Julia Bishop (parish office).

**PUDDING AND PASTORAL CARE** If you would like to come along and share ideas on how we can offer a warm and friendly hand to those coping with END OF LIFE CARE AND BEREAVEMENT please come and join us and share your thoughts on Wed 3rd Oct, 7pm at 25 Picklers Hill. RSVP suerichards10@hotmail.com or call Ab 530623 Puddings provided! Sue Richards.

**CAFOD Harvest Family Fast day** 5th Oct. Please put your donation in the fast day envelope provided and don't forget to gift aid your donation if you are a UK tax payer. Many thanks for your generous support.

**DAY FOR ADULTS WHO HELP WITH CHILDREN'S LITURGY, FIRST COMMUNION, CONFIRMATION, BAPTISM, RCIA, etc.** Sat 20th Oct, 10am to 4pm at Portsmouth Cathedral, led by the Formation for Mission Team. Bishop Philip will celebrate Mass in thanksgiving for all diocesan catechists and Children's Liturgy teams. Lunch will be provided. Book here: <http://portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/catechists> or phone the Dominican Sisters: 01590 681874.

**SCIENCE – OR – RELIGION? A SYMPOSIUM** taking place on Sat 3rd Nov, 10am – 4pm in The Discovery Centre in Winchester (opp. St. Peter's church) on Science and Religion. Two leading scientists will ask whether recent research on the Universe suggests the existence of a Creator. There will also be a series of workshops led by experts on such topics as Christianity and Extra Terrestrial Life, the Ethics of Artificial Intelligence and whether human consciousness is immortal. The Symposium is open to all, whether religious or not. See the diocesan e-News for more details. Places are limited and bookings are now open at <https://portsmouthdiocese.eventbrite.co.uk>

**School News**

**OLA Junior School** are looking for a permanent football coach from November 2018. The post is 3 hours per week, term time only, with the possibility of up to a further 5 hours per month. For more info [www.olab.org.uk](http://www.olab.org.uk) or email principalspa@olab.org.uk

**Money Matters:** 16<sup>th</sup> September 2018  
 Envelopes: £346.47 Loose Plate £696.34 Many thanks

**Counters:** T. & I. Kinsella, B. Malone  
**Cleaners:** L. Osazuwa, S. Pritchett

**Parish Events for the Week**

**TODAY** Refreshments after 10.15am Mass

**Tuesday** RCIA Session (2) 7.30pm

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

**Thursday** Scripture Group 10am

**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**

**13<sup>th</sup> Oct** Mothers Prayers, Church 10.15-10.45am  
**20<sup>th</sup> Oct** Day for Catechists - St John's Cathedral, Portsmouth. Further information: [www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/catechists](http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/catechists)  
**15<sup>th</sup> Nov** 'Fabulous Flowers' Christmas Demonstration, Parish Centre 7pm. For more details contact Christina (parish office).  
**25<sup>th</sup> Nov** Parish AGM, Parish Centre

**Youth Events**

**Annual Pastoral Area Fun Day** at Our Lady and St Edmund's parish centre on Sat 6th October from 2pm – 5pm. Activities include: giant bouncy castle; sumo wrestling suits; art and crafts; indoor and outdoor games and face painting. Families welcome. Cost: £5 per child. Children under 8 years of age must be accompanied by an adult. Light refreshments will be provided.  
**Child, Youth and Family Team (CYFT) Retreats 2018** - Sat 29th Sept 1:30-5:30 and Saturday 13th October 10:30-14:30. Following the call of Jesus to 'Come away by yourselves...and rest a while', everyone working with children, young people and their families in Thames Isis, is invited to attend one of two retreat days this autumn. Join us for a time of refreshment and renewal! For more information or to sign up, email Maria at [tipayouthadmin@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:tipayouthadmin@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

**Antiphons for Year II, 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: I am the Good Shepherd, says the Lord;  
 I know my sheep, and mine know me.

**We pray for the sick:**

- Janet Cox
- Anna Peters
- Jim Gilronan
- Mary Jane Murray