

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

**Parish Life**

**CAFOD** We celebrate the 'Autumn Fast Day' this Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> October. 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 to return the following weekend.

The Parish **CREATION PRAYER WALK** will take place next SATURDAY October 6th starting from the Church at 2.00pm. It will finish no later than 4.00m after refreshments at St Ethwold's House. This is a LiveSimply activity. Further details are on Posters at the back of the church.

**Mary's Meals – World Porridge Day.** Mary's Meals is a global movement supported by people from many walks of life and different backgrounds. Their mission is to enable people to offer their money, goods, skills, time, or prayer, and through this involvement, provide the most effective help to those suffering the effects of extreme poverty in the world's poorest communities. £13.90 is all it costs to feed one child for a whole school year. We will be holding a 'Porridge Smiles Party' on Saturday 13th October from 9.00 to 10.00am in the Parish Centre. Please do come along – donations you make will go towards providing meals for children in need.

**October – Month of the Rosary.** October is the month of the Rosary. In addition to the already scheduled sessions of praying the Rosary, we will also be praying the Rosary every Saturday at 10.30am in the Church (except for Saturday 13th October). Please do join us to honour Our Lady who asked us to pray the Rosary often. We would also like to invite you all to the Parish Centre on Thursday evenings in October, from 7.30 to 8.30pm for talks, videos and prayers.

**Friends of the Holy Land** Sale of Olive Wood Products and Christmas cards on Sunday 28th October after all Masses.

**TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**

**Sunday 30 September**

8.45am	Mass	Diane Tull RIP
10.15am	Mass	Paul Gibbons RIP (Anniversary)
6.30pm	Mass	Gayle Belcher RIP

**Monday 1 October St Teresa of the Child Jesus**

8.30am	Rosary	
9am	Mass	Gabriel Dover RIP

**Tuesday 2 October The Holy Guardian Angels**

8.30am	Rosary	
9am	Mass	Jackie Hannon RIP

**Wednesday 3 October**

6.30pm	Rosary	
7pm	Mass	Brendan Dolan RIP

**Thursday 4 October St Francis of Assisi**

9.00am	Rosary	
9.30am	Mass	

**Friday 5 October**

6.30pm	Rosary	
7pm	Mass	Mary & Hugh Scanlon RIP

**Saturday 6 October St Bruno**

11am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
11-11.30am	Confessions	
12 noon	Mass	Mr M Kearns Intentions

**Monthly Parish Lunch** We would welcome more people joining us on the 2nd Wednesday of the month, but we also need more cooks and helpers to join the rota. If you would like to help, please contact Mary or Justin (parish office).

**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.

**Faith Development**

**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 Sue Richards (parish office) or call Ab 530623 Puddings provided! Sue Richards.

The annual **Michaelmas Fair Service** is being held at 8pm on Sunday 7th October 2018 on the Carousal in the Market Place. All are welcome.

**St Gregory the Great Catholic Secondary School**

Prospective Students Open Evening – Thursday 4th October 6 – 8pm. Come and meet students and teachers and join a student lead tour to every department as well as hear an address from our Head Teacher. We look forward to welcoming you. For more contact 01865 749933.

**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](mailto:principalspa@olab.org.uk)

**St Edmund's School** This term we are supporting Mary's Meals, and we would like to invite individual parishioners and families to support us if they wish. Mary's Meals is a charity who work to give children in very poor countries a hot meal at school every day, enabling children to be fed and receive an education. We are supporting Mary's Meals in 2 ways:

- **The Backpack Project** - We are collecting resources to make backpacks including school equipment, clothing and personal hygiene supplies which will be sent directly to schoolchildren in Malawi. Lists of what to include in a backpack are available at the back of church. Please drop any donations off at the school office on Radley Road before 30<sup>th</sup> November.
- **Race to feed 100 children** - Fiona Semple (Nursery Class teacher) is running the Great South Run, a 10 mile road race around Portsmouth, on 21<sup>st</sup> October. If you would like to donate to this appeal then please visit [www.marysmeals.org.uk](http://www.marysmeals.org.uk), click on the 'Fundraising' box at the bottom of the page and then 'Search for a friend's project', and then type in 'Fiona Semple' or 'Race to feed 100 children'.

**Parish Events for the Week**

**TODAY** Refreshments after 10.15am Mass

**Tuesday** RCIA Session 7.30pm

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

**Thursday** Scripture Group 10am

**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> 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.

**More info** [tipayouthadmin@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:tipayouthadmin@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

**Antiphons for Year II, Week XXVI Ordinary Time**

EA: All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.  
 CA: By this we came to know the love of God: that Christ laid down his life for us; so we ought to lay down our lives for one another.

**Money Matters:** 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2018  
 Envelopes: £194.46 Loose Plate £859.12 Many thanks

**Counters:** A. & C. Lardner-Brown, N. Cairns  
**Cleaners:** F. & C. Calnan