

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

Parish Life

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2019. There will be a Meeting for parents to enrol their children for the 2019 Programme. The Meeting will be at 8pm in the Parish Centre on Weds 14th November. Parents will be asked to enrol their children at this Meeting. A copy of the 2019 programme will be handed out and will be explained. Sessions start in January and First Communion services will be in June. Any enquiries to Hilary or Errol (parish office).

TODAY there will be a second collection for Foreign Missions.

NEXT SUNDAY there will be a second collection for Bamenda Sunday.

Good news! Our **Porridge and Smiles Party** last Saturday was an amazing celebration. We would like to thank everyone involved to make it possible. Mary's Meals received £411.75, along with our love and joy, to feed 30 children for a whole year. Thank you!

The Friends of the Holy Land is a national charity which helps needy Christians in the Holy Land. Next weekend there will be a short presentation at all Masses from FHL's Chief Executive, Maria McCaffery OBE. There will also be an opportunity to support employment projects with the purchase of Christmas cards and olive wood products, all made in the Holy Land. Please be generous.

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. 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.

**TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY OF
ORDINARY TIME**

Sunday 21 October

8.45am Mass Susan Hollas RIP
 10.15am Mass Kerry-Ann Intentions
 4.30pm Polish Mass
 6.30pm Mass Giuseppina Magnaghi RIP

Monday 22 October ST JOHN PAUL II

8.30am Rosary
 9am Mass Private Intention

**Tuesday 23 October St John of Capestrano
DIOCESAN DAY OF PRAYER AND REPARATION
FOR LIFE**

8.30am Rosary
 9am Mass Cecilia Edwards & Cecilia Jones RIP

Wednesday 24 October St Anthony Claret

6.30pm Rosary
 7pm Mass Special Intention

Thursday 25 October

9.00am Rosary
 9.30am Mass Private Intention

Friday 26 October Ss Chad of Cedd

11am Funeral Jane Naughton RIP
 6.30pm Rosary
 7pm Mass

Saturday 27 October

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

Faith Development

ADORE (Alton Day Of Renewal) – Saturday 27th
 October 11am-4pm You are warmly welcome to a mini-retreat day (or morning/afternoon) of

spiritual refreshment and renewal, focusing on Renewal and Mission. At Alton School, Anstey Lane, Alton GU34 2NG.

11.00am Rosary; 11.30am Mass; 12.15 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament; 1.00pm Shared lunch (please bring finger food to share); 2.00pm Praise & Worship; 2.30 Talk "The Spirit has sent me - Mission and discernment." – Fr John Seddon OSB; 3.30 Prayer for healing. We end about 4pm.

There is no need to register in advance, and no charge (though a collection will be taken to cover costs). For more information and directions, see website: <http://www.altonrenewal.com>

Join us for a **Night of Light to celebrate the Vigil of All Saints** from 16:30-18:30 at English Martyrs Catholic Church Didcot, on Wednesday 31st October. Come along dressed as your favourite Saint or wear something white. There'll be art and crafts, games, cake and cookie decorating and clay modelling and much more to enjoy! No tricks only treats! Everyone welcome. Children under 8 years of age must be accompanied by an adult. Cost: £2 per child. Contact Melanie at tipayouth@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk to book your place.

Fabulous Flowers Shelter Floral Demonstration 15th November 7pm. Come and join the Fabulous Flowers Team for a Spectacular Christmas Floral demonstration, full of ideas for you to recreate in your own home. Fabulous Flowers are working with the homeless charity Shelter this Christmas and all proceeds from this event will go to Shelter. It will give us the opportunity to consider how we decorate our own homes for the Christmas season, whilst remembering those who have no permanent homes at this time. The evening starts at 7pm in the Parish Centre with festive refreshments included in the price of £10 per ticket. There will be a raffle for all of the items displayed. Please buy your tickets outside mass or at Fabulous Flowers Shop in Abingdon. Contact Christina (parish office) if you require any further information.

Peachcroft Christian Centre will be hosting The Big Quiz as a Tearfund fundraiser on Saturday 17th November. This quiz will be taking place all over the country simultaneously.

The inter-church quiz will be at St Helen's on Friday 25th Jan 2019. Church open from 7.30 pm; Papers on tables at 7.40; 1st questions read at 8 pm. No limit on number of teams but max 8 people per team. Suggested donation of £2 per person. Basic refreshments provided - people welcome to bring bottles and snacks. Contact administrator@sthelens-abingdon.org.uk / Ab 520144 to enrol team by Monday 14 Jan 2019. All profits to local charity.

Parish Events for the Week

TODAY Refreshments after 10.15am Mass

Wednesday Cake & Conversation 9.30-11am

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

15th Nov 'Fabulous Flowers' Christmas Demonstration, Parish Centre 7pm. For more details contact Christina (parish office).
18th Nov Church in Abingdon Annual Bereavement Service at Our Lady & St Edmund's, 3pm
25th Nov Parish AGM, Parish Centre, 7.30pm

Youth Events

tipayouthadmin@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

School News

St. Edmund Primary School is looking for two Foundation Governors to complete its Governing Body. Foundation Governors must be practising Catholics as they play a vital role in ensuring the Catholic ethos of our school. Please speak to one of the current Governors or Fr Jamie if you feel you could help in this way.

Antiphons for Year II, Week XXIX Ordinary Time

EA: To you I call, for you will surely heed me, O God;
 turn your ear to me; hear my words.
 Guard me as the apple of your eye;
 in the shadow of your wings protect me.
 CA: The Son of Man has come
 to give his life as a ransom for many.

Money Matters: 14th October 2018
 Envelopes: £258.49 Loose Plate £556.29 Many thanks

Counters: S. Campbell, D. & B. Stacey
Cleaners: S. Nelson, J. Lardner