

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

Parish Life

FOLLOW ADVENT THROUGH OUR WEBSITE

- Daily reflections for adults on the Advent calendar in the 'What's On' section.
- Daily reflections, information and activities for young people in the 'Youth' section.
- Further reflections in the Blog on the 'News' section.

Charismatic Prayer Meeting Wednesday 12th December, at 4 Rawlings Grove, 7:45pm. Info parish office

HELP REQUIRED PLEASE: CHARISMAS TREES IN CHURCH Your help would be much appreciated with setting up our Christmas trees in the sanctuary, as part of our preparations for Christmas. Could you be available on Wednesday 19th December at 10.30 if so Please contact Jo Milham (parish office).

Red Mission Boxes; As we now approach the end of the year the Mission Boxes are due to be emptied. You may bring them to Church or contact Gerard Jones (parish office) to visit you. Please ensure you fill the label underneath with your details so that they may be returned to you. The free calendars for 2019 may be found on the table at the rear of the Church.

CAKE and CONVERSATION Next Wed morning (12th) will be the last session before we take a break for Christmas. We will be celebrating with Christmas food from different countries and traditions. Anyone whose first language is other than English is warmly welcome. Just come along at 9.30am or contact the parish office for more information. We will start again on Wed 9th Jan 2019 at 9.30am in the Parish Centre.

Christian Aid - there will be Carol singing at the Farmers Market in the Market Place Abingdon on Friday 21st

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sunday 9 December

8.45am	Mass	Houghton & Dunne Families RIP
10.15am	Mass	Les & Mary Birkbeck (57 th Wedding Anniversary)
6.30pm	Mass	Private Intention

Monday 10 December

8.30am	Rosary	
9am	Mass	Gabriel Dover RIP

Tuesday 11 December

8.30am	Rosary	
9am	Mass	Rory Flannery RIP

Wednesday 12 December Our Lady of Guadalupe

11am	Funeral	Nola Millikin RIP
6.30pm	Rosary	
7pm	Mass	Daphne Miller RIP

Thursday 13 December

9am	Rosary	
9.30am	Mass	Private Intention

Friday 14 December

6.30pm	Rosary	
7pm	Mass	Sr. Kathleen Hughes RIP (Daughter of Wisdom)

Saturday 15 December

11am	Adoration	of the Blessed Sacrament
11-11.30am	Confessions	
12 noon	Mass	Baby Marie Skyers RIP (Came into our hearts only for a short time)
5pm	Polish Carol Service	

December between 10am and 11.30am. All are welcome to come and join in!

St Edmunds School Parent's Prayer Group invites the parish to join them each Friday during advent. This is held in the school at 9am.

Abingdon Scouts & Guides Christmas Post - A Christmas postal service run by the Scouts & Guides for delivery in Abingdon, Radley & Shippon only. Guaranteed delivery by Christmas Eve. Costs 25p per card and these may be deposited in the box at the back of the church. Collections will be from 17th November - 17th December. All proceeds to Scout & Guide funds to provide additional facilities for young people. We have secured the box and this will be emptied daily where possible. St. Edmund's Guides would like to thank you for your support.

Good news from Mexico: "One year ago, our Parish raised funds to aid a community in Mexico who was severely damaged by the earthquake. Last November, the people of Tepexco shared with us some photos and also good news about their recovery. They wisely used the funds repairing their Parish and now they're able to congregate safely and celebrate mass. They're full of gratitude and they thank you all for your loving support and generosity. May the Lord bless you abundantly. Amen"

Advent Collection for the Homeless This Advent we are collecting the following items for the homeless in Oxford SHAMPOO, TOOTHPASTE, SOAP, NEW SOCKS The items will be delivered weekly to a hostel for the homeless in Oxford. There is a box for your donations at the back of the Church. With Grateful Thanks.

Send Christmas Cards to Christians in the Holy Land. One small way of expressing solidarity and support for the Christians in the Holy Land is to send a Christmas card. There are copies of a list of parish contacts (including the Bethlehem area and Gaza) on the table at the back of church. Please consider sending a card, if possible, at the beginning of December to any of the parishes listed.

MARY'S MEALS Only one week to go! MM will be at the Church on Sunday 16th Dec at 10.15am to collect your bags of clothes, bags, belts, shoes, bed linen towels, (no pillows or duvets). Please bring all bags to parish centre on SATURDAY 15TH December 10-4pm. £13.90 will feed one child one meal a day in school, for one year. MM spends 93p in every £1 on charitable activities 6p on fundraising and 1p on governance. Thank you all for your continued support. Any cash donations made will be doubled by UK government Aid!

Parish Lent Project 2019 Looking ahead to the Lent Project 2019, do you wish to propose a charity? While thinking this Advent and Christmas season about those who are less fortunate than we are, please think about whom you would like the parish to help through our next Lent Project and send your proposal to the Parish Council, through the parish office by Friday 4th January 2019. Many thanks.

Parish Events for the Week

TODAY Refreshments after 10.15am Mass
 Parish Christmas Lunch for Seniors 12.30pm

Tuesday RCIA Session 7.30pm

Wednesday Cake & Conversation 9.30-11am

Friday Baby & Toddler Group 9.30-11.15am

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

Future Diary Dates

Wed 19th Dec Parish Advent Penitential Service 7pm, Church

Youth Events

Volunteers needed *If you would like to be involved in helping Melanie (Youth Worker) and volunteers from our parish to extend and improve the provision for the children and young people in our parish (either with ideas or because you would like to volunteer*
More info: tipayouth@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Faith Development

Abingdon Passion Play Following the very enjoyable and successful New Year's Eve Party in 2015; now, three years on, the event will be repeated this year on December 31st at Trinity Church Hall (Conduit Rd, Abingdon) 8:30pm to 1:00am to raise funds for the Abingdon Passion Play that will take place on the 6th April 2019 in the Abbey Grounds. The Party, offering a 3 Course Meal + Celebratory Drink, Entertainment and Dancing all for £20 per person. Tickets, available from Anne Green (parish office), The Bookshop in the Precinct Abingdon, or on-line at www.abingdonpassionplay.org.uk, must be purchased in advance.

CAFOD World Gifts Catalogues are available at church or you can buy online at cafod.org.uk/worldgifts

Did you know that you can watch the Catholic TV channel EWTN online? Go to: http://www.ewtn.com/multimedia/live_player.asp?sat=uke Or if you've got Sky, you can find it on channel 589.

Money Matters: 2nd December 2018
 Envelopes: £ 342.46 Loose Plate £ 669.67 Many thanks

Counters: T. & I. Kinsella, B. Malone
Cleaners: R. & P. Taylor, M. Jarvis