

**Our Lady & St Edmund of Abingdon**  
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Confessions: Saturday, 11:00 -11.30am Sunday Mass Times: 8.45 am, 10.15 am, 6.30pm

**Lent Fundraising 2018**

**TOTAL RAISED** so far for the two Lenten charities is now £8,821. Many thanks.

**GOLF DAY** Drayton Park GC on Mon 16<sup>th</sup> April. Please contact Terry Murphy (parish office). Mobile 07584 248169/Ab. 527597 for more information.

**Lenten Project Family Dance.** Join us for an evening of music and dancing where we can have fun and raise funds for our Lent projects. Come to Drayton Village Hall on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> April, 7:00pm-10.30pm, where you will be entertained by the St Edmund's School Choir and then listen or dance to the fabulous Abingdon 'SwingTime' Big Band. Hot food and desserts included, cash bar available. Tickets £10 adults, £2 children- available after Easter.

**Parish Life**

**THANKS.** Our thanks to all who have made our Easter Celebrations as beautiful as ever. We thank especially our Servers, Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, our choirs and musicians, flower ladies, and cleaners and Donie for the behind the scenes touches. Happy Easter. Fr. Jamie, Fr. Rob.

**CAKE & CONVERSATION.** We will resume on 11<sup>th</sup> April 9.30-11am. For those new to the parish, Cake and Conversation is a friendly, informal weekly gathering in the Parish Centre open to anyone whose first language isn't English. Please call Anne (525997) or Angela (532296) or just come along on a Wednesday morning.

**Fire Training** Sat 28<sup>th</sup> April at English Martyr's Didcot. This is open to anybody in the pastoral area. Please contact the Parish Office, English Martyr's on 01235 812338 to book a place.

**Charismatic Prayer Meeting** Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> April: at 4 Rawlings Grove NOT in Church. 7:45-9pm. Info Ab 528528.

**Faith Development**

**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**Sunday 8 April**

8.45am Mass Willie & Nellie Moffatt RIP (Anniversary)  
 10.15am Mass Margaret Dempsey RIP  
 6.30pm Mass Lisa Intentions

**Monday 9 April THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD**

8.30am Rosary  
 9am Mass Patrick O'Sullivan RIP  
 12 noon Funeral Mass

**Tuesday 10 April**

8.30am Rosary  
 9am Mass Alexander Sermon RIP

**Wednesday 11 April St Stanislaus**

1pm Funeral Mass  
 6.30pm Rosary  
 7pm Mass Mike Moriarty RIP

**Thursday 12 April**

9am Rosary  
 9.30am Mass Anne Marie Stewart Intentions

**Friday 13 April**

6pm Stations of the Cross  
 6.30pm Rosary  
 7pm Mass Win Heath RIP

**Saturday 14 April**

11am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
 11-11.30am Confessions  
 12 noon Mass Intentions of Marriage Preparation Couples

**Divine Mercy Sunday** will be celebrated at Elmore Abbey **TODAY**. There will be Confessions at 1pm followed by Mass at 2pm. Elmore Abbey is owned by an ex-parishioner, Anne Fisher, and is at Church Lane, Speen, nr Newbury RG14 1SA.

**Abingdon 'Communi-tea' Drop-in.** The Drop-in is a welcoming environment for all, and an opportunity to connect with others in the surrounding area with a brew. It is hosted by Abingdon MoreinCommon group (Abingdonmoreincommon@gmail.com) and Host Abingdon (<http://hostabingdon.org/>). It takes place on the second Saturday of the month at 10-12noon at St Ethelwolds House, 30 East St Helen St, Abingdon OX14 5EB. Next event is on Saturday 14 April.

**Encounter the Holy Spirit** from the WILD GOOSE video series produced by the Franciscan Friars. St Edmund's Parish Centre, Saturday afternoons 2 - 3:30pm  
 21st April God's Love Poured Out  
 28th April The Breath of God  
 5th May Baptism in the Spirit & Fire  
 12th May Gifts of the Holy Spirit  
 All welcome. Refreshments at 1:45 pm. Free study guides provided. Details: Ab 528528 "Wild Goose" is the name given to the Holy Spirit by the ancient Celts because He is so unpredictable and impossible to tame. If you allow him, the Holy Spirit will lead you on an adventure greater than you can imagine. He will lead you to a place of mercy, healing, peace, and presence. The Holy Spirit has been given to us not as a possession to be tamed or controlled, but rather as a Person that will lead us to the Heart of God. These videos will help you experience a deeper relationship with the Person of the Holy Spirit, and as you come to experience God's presence and power this very same Spirit will transform you and bring you freedom.

**Partnerships of Hope - Working Together for Refugees**

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> April, 10am-4pm, at New Road Baptist Church, Oxford. An event for those involved in supporting refugees, those who would like to be and those who are just exploring. A range of groups and agencies from across the Thames Valley will be participating in the day, which will include speakers, workshops and opportunities to find out more about local organisations and the opportunities they offer to get involved. For further details and to register, please go to [www.ccow.org.uk/events/partnerships-of-hope](http://www.ccow.org.uk/events/partnerships-of-hope). Free to attend, £5 with lunch. Registration essential.

**Share the Journey** - a conference on refugees

"Responding to Pope Francis's and Caritas Internationalis call to "Share the Journey", CAFOD and Caritas Diocese of Portsmouth are co-sponsoring a conference on refugees on the 12<sup>th</sup> May in St Edward the Confessor Church in Chandlers Ford. The conference will also be entitled "Share the Journey" so come along and see what we can practically do as a diocese to assist refugees including coming together as parishes to sponsor and house refugee families. More information and registration at <https://goo.gl/22tgLY> or contact [kgallagher@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:kgallagher@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

**Parish Events for the Week**

**TODAY** Refreshments after 10.15am Mass

**Wednesday** Cake & Conversation 9.30-11am  
 Parish Lunch 12.30pm

**Thursday** Scripture Group 10am

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

**Future Diary Dates**

**Friday 27th April**- Lent Project Family Dance.  
 Drayton Village Hall 7-10.30pm

**Youth Events**

*Further info please contact Melanie Parris- Dollar  
 tipayouth@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk*

**Are you celebrating a 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, 60th or anniversary over 60 years?** If so Bishop Philip would like to invite you to a Mass of celebration. This will take place at St Bede's Church in Basingstoke on Sat 30<sup>th</sup> June 2018. If you would like to come, please visit the Cathedral website [www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/anniversaries](http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/anniversaries). If you do not have access to the internet, please see forms at back of Church. To help celebrate the occasion please could you provide a COPY of your Wedding photograph you can upload it when you complete the form online. Alternatively scan and send via email to above email address. Again if you have no access to the internet you can post a COPY along with completed form by post to St Bede's Parish Office, Popley Way, Basingstoke RG249DX. Please mark envelope 'Significant Wedding Mass'

**Have you signed up for Bishop Philip's weekly e-News?** Bishop Philip invites you to sign up for his FREE weekly e-Newsletter to keep in touch with the latest news and forthcoming events around the diocese. Visit [www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/enews](http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/enews) to sign up.

**We pray for:**

- The Repose of the Soul of Michael Mitchell RIP
- The Repose of the Soul of Basil Grieve RIP

**Money Matters:** 1<sup>st</sup> April 2018  
 Not available

**Counters:** T. & I. Kinsella, B. Malone  
**Cleaners:** D. & D. Kearney