

***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

### **Lenten Project**

So far the parish has raised £4,357.82 for the Lenten Projects. If there are any further donations could they please go to Lisa in the parish office. Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the fund raising.

### **Parish Life**

Many thanks for your generosity in the **Easter Offerings**. Fr. Jamie, Fr. Pip

**Cake and Conversation Group** will start again on Wednesday April 26th at 9.30 in the Parish Centre. If you would like to improve your English conversation please come along to our friendly, informal, group which meets every Wednesday morning at 9.30 in the Parish Centre. For further information please contact Ann on Ab. 559471.

**Baby & Toddler Group** will restart after the Easter break this coming Friday 28th April and will continue every Fri, 9.30-11.15am (term time) in the Parish Centre at 1 Oxford Rd. All parents & carers are welcome to join us with their children / babies. We provide drinks, snacks, crafts, play and singing. Parents/carers are responsible for their child during the session. It is £1 per family per session. We look forward to seeing you! If you are able to help in setting up or packing away for the group on an ad hoc or regular basis, it would be much appreciated! Many thanks.

The annual **International Evening**, hosted by the Cake and Conversation Group, will take place on Friday May 5 at 7: 30p.m in the Parish Centre. We like to celebrate the increasingly international nature of our parish by inviting everyone to join us for this very successful social event. If possible could you bring a plate of food from your own country to share. Drinks will be provided.

**Christian Aid Week** commences on the 13th May. Here at St Edmunds we always have a team of parishioners who carry out the house to house collection which still plays a very important part in fund raising for Christian Aid in Abingdon. If you would like to join our team, please email

### **SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER**

#### **Sunday 23 April**

8.45am	Mass	Brian Moylan RIP
10.15am	Mass	Phil Dunn RIP
6.30pm	Mass	Gayle Belcher RIP

#### **Monday 24 April ST GEORGE**

8.30am	Rosary	
9am	Mass	John McCarthy RIP

#### **Tuesday 25 April ST MARK**

8.30am	Rosary	
9am	Mass	Julie & Neil Edwards Intentions

#### **Wednesday 26 April**

6.30 pm	Rosary	
7pm	Mass	'Life' Intention

#### **Thursday 27 April**

9am	Rosary	
9.30am	Mass	Joe Carroll RIP

#### **Friday 28 April**

6.30 pm	Rosary	
7pm	Mass	Kay McCarthy RIP

#### **Saturday 29 April**

11am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
12 noon	Mass	Rita Rea RIP

**N.B. No Confessions**

Chatera2@btinternet.com or telephone 01865 736344 for further details. The collection route can be as long or short as you wish!

All parishioners are invited to a **mini Retreat Day** on Saturday 13th May 10am – 4pm. The theme is Discipleship and becoming “good and faithful servants”. Suitable for all. It will be run by 3 experienced retreat-givers in the diocese. Come and receive some teaching, take part in

discussions and have some personal space to reflect and pray.

**Day of reflection for Eucharistic ministers** 27<sup>th</sup> May, 10am-4pm. Venue - Stonehill Barn. Could Eucharistic ministers please email Fr Phil to confirm availability. pcarroll@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

### Faith Development

**Wednesday 26th April Mass at 7.00pm** to pray and reflect about the consequences of the 1967 Abortion Act followed in the Parish Centre afterwards with a talk by Dominica Roberts on the current situation around LIFE issues and a social get-together. All are welcome.

### School News

**St Edmund's School** - Themed Nursery Stay & Play Sessions. Our next themed Nursery Stay & Play session, on the theme of 'Spring', will be on Tuesday, 25th April from 9.30 am to 11 am. The sessions are for 2 - 3 year olds, accompanied by their parents/carers and are free of charge. Please do come along, join in the fun and experience for yourself our wonderful, well-resourced Early Years provision. You are also invited to come along to our new 'Stay and Sing' classes led by Mrs Semple for pre-school children and their parents/carers every Wednesday morning in term-time from 9 - 9.30 am, starting on Wednesday, 26th April. From September 2017 St Edmund's School is offering flexible Nursery provision to suit parents and the needs of their child - either full days, part days or a mixture of both. Please contact Berny Pratt at the school for more information and an application form.

**Deputy Head Vacancy - St Edmund's Catholic Primary School.** Our governors wish to appoint a committed, practising Catholic to join the established leadership team in our warm and welcoming school from September 2017, following the retirement of our current Deputy Head. Further details are available on the school website or contact Mrs Berny Pratt, School Business Manager, for an application pack Ab 521558 or bpra2676@st-edmunds-rc.oxon.sch.uk). Closing date for applications is 27th April 2017.

**OLA Junior School** is looking for several enthusiastic and compassionate Learning Support Assistants to support individual children. If you are interested in finding out more about the various roles on offer please contact the Junior School office for further details. Tel Ab. 523147, www.olab.org.uk Closing date for applications: Tuesday 2nd May.

## Parish Events for the Week

**TODAY** Refreshments after 10.15 Mass

**Tuesday** RCIA Sessions resume 7.30-9pm

**Wednesday** Cake & Conversation 9.30  
'Life' meeting 7.30pm  
Charismatic Prayer Meeting 7.45pm, Church

**Thursday** Scripture Group 10-11am  
FHC Parents Meeting 7.30-9.30pm

**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

**5th May** International Evening 7.30pm

**10th May** Parish Lunch, 12.30pm

**13th May** Christian Aid Week

## Youth Events

**Youth Group** - Saturday 6th May

8-10 - 1:30pm-2:30pm

11-12 & 13-14 - 3pm-4:30pm

**Freedog in June** There will be a pastoral area youth group trip to 'Freedog' in Swindon on Sat 10th June. We will meet at Freedog (Urban Activity Centres, Unit 30, Techno Trading Estate, Kembrey Park, Bramble Road, Swindon, SN2 8HB. Tel. no. 01793 251555) at 1pm. Parents and younger/older siblings are welcome to join us. A 1 hour session will cost around £12 including the cost of jump socks. Please bring a packed lunch, or money to buy lunch or a snack. For more information email info@freedog.com or Melanie at tipayouth@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

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

## We pray for:

- The Repose of the Soul of Patrick 'Paddy' Monaghan RIP

**Money Matters:** 16<sup>th</sup> April 2017  
Easter Offering - Many thanks.

**Counters:** C. MacFarlane, T. Murphy, P. & M. Mulqueen  
**Cleaners:** J. McDonnell, M. Kelly