

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

**Parish Life**

**PAX CHRISTI TODAY** is Peace Sunday. Information about Pope Francis' Message for World Peace Day will be available after all Masses together with information about Pax Christi the International Catholic Movement for Peace. Further information is also available on their website www.paxchristi.org.uk

**Charismatic Prayer Meeting** Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January at 4 Rawlings Grove. 7:45-9pm. All welcome! Info – parish office.

**The Alpha Course** is 9 sessions that explore the Christian faith in a relaxed and welcoming way. At each session there is a video talk that looks at a different question around faith, followed by conversation around the topic or on anything to do with God! The Alpha course is run in more Catholic churches around the world than in any other Christian church. It is highly recommended for both parishioners and those who have no faith. If you are interested in attending or you know someone who might be interested, please contact Maeve on 01865 321179. The Course will be running at her home in Kennington, commencing Thurs 24<sup>th</sup> of January from 11am - 12.30 pm. It will also run on Sunday evenings 6pm - 8.30pm starting 27<sup>th</sup> January at Clare Simpson's house in Sutton Courtenay (contact - parish office).

**Our parish needs** a new representative on the Abingdon group which prepares the World Day of Prayer service for March 1st. It is very rewarding to work with women from the other churches in Abingdon, with material this year from Christian women in Slovenia. More information from Angela Waterhouse (parish office) and at www.wwdp.org.uk

**Due to the cold weather** we are going to extend our collection for the homeless in Oxford.....Hats gloves

**SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**

**Sunday 20 January**

8.45am Mass Janet Cox RIP  
 10.15am Mass Mrs Isadore O'Hare RIP  
 4.30pm Polish Mass  
 6.30pm Mass Sheila Finch RIP

**Monday 21 January St Agnes**

8.30am Rosary  
 9am Mass Catherine Mary Martin RIP

**Tuesday 22 January St Vincent**

8.30am Rosary  
 9am Mass Jenny Doyle RIP

**Wednesday 23 January**

6.30pm Rosary  
 7pm Mass Sheila Finch RIP

**Thursday 24 January St Francis de Sales**

9am Rosary  
 9.30am Mass Private Intention  
 10.45am Requiem Mass Arthur Cotterell RIP

**Friday 25 January THE CONVERSION OF ST PAUL**

12noon Requiem Mass Jim Calnan RIP  
 6.30pm Rosary  
 7pm Mass Arthur Cotterell RIP

**Saturday 26 January St Timothy & St Titus**

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

socks and toiletries. The contributions so far have been very gratefully received. Box at back of Church.

**Faith Development**

**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity:** 19-25 January 2019. The CiA will be organising the following activities:

- United Service, Christ Church, 27 January, 3 pm
- Midday prayers, St Nics, Mon 21 to Friday 25 January, 12noon, led by the following clergy:  
 Monday 21 Jan – Pastor Ed Evans  
 Tuesday 22 Jan – Revd Paul Smith  
 Wednesday 23 Jan – Revd Keith Dunnett  
 Thursday 24 Jan – Revd Steve Millard  
 Friday 25 Jan – Revd Kath/Phil Cooke
- Inter-church quiz, St Helen's, Friday 25 January, Church open 7.30pm, papers on tables 7.40pm, first questions read 8pm.

**HostAbingdon** is the prime organisation in Abingdon which helps Syrian refugees in the Vale. Some parishioners already volunteer help - as teachers of English and Family Support Workers. The Chair of HostAbingdon, Adrian Rance-McGregor, is coming to talk to the Parish after evening Mass on Sunday 3 February (7.30) in the Parish Centre, to explain about how HostAbingdon works and how we as a Parish could offer more help. Please come! Further details from Margaret Hancox (parish office).

**Finding work for Syrian Families:** Host Abingdon is running a successful English for Work course. As you can imagine, it is not easy to find work, and all these jobs so far have been found through personal contacts. Could you or someone you know help others find work? It could be part time or full time, or it could involve a few weeks work experience. For example - there are others: M lives in Abingdon, he has mechanical skills, in particular in car maintenance  
 R lives in Abingdon, he has a wide range of electrical and mechanical skills and experience  
 S is doing agency work of various kinds and is ready for a permanent job. He now has a full UK driving license. Please do get in touch if you want to find out more, (parish office).

**School News**

Governors' Fund 100+ Club was made on 11<sup>th</sup> Jan. The winning numbers were:  
 1st Prize (£30) – Number 28 Guy Rogers  
 2nd Prize (£20) – Number 1 Errol Midwinter  
 3rd Prize (£10) – Number 55 Frey Demarchi

This was the last draw in the 2018-19 100+ Club year. Phil Cole will be sending out renewals and inviting new members to join over the next few weeks in time for the next draw which will be on Friday 1st February. Please do not hesitate to contact Phil (parish office) if you would like to join or have any questions.

**Money Matters:** 13<sup>th</sup> January 2018  
 Envelopes: £300.13 Loose Plate £869.96 Many thanks

**Counters:** E. Midwinter, J. Ryan  
**Cleaners:** F. & C. Calnan

**Parish Events for the Week**

**TODAY** Refreshments after 10.15am Mass

**Tuesday** RCIA 7.30pm

**Wednesday** Cake & Conversation 9.30am

**Friday** Baby & Toddler Group 9.30am

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

**Future Diary Dates**

**13<sup>th</sup> Feb** Parish Lunch 12.30pm, Parish Centre  
**6<sup>th</sup> March** Soup Supper, 7.30pm Parish Centre

**Youth Events**

*More info: tipayouth@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk*

**Pax Christi Daily Prayer**

*Thankyou, loving God for the gift of life, for the wonderful world that we all share, for the joy of love and friendship, for the challenge of helping to build your kingdom. Strengthen my determination to work for a world of peace and justice, my conviction that, whatever our nationality or race, we are all global citizens, one in Christ. Strengthen my courage to challenge the powerful with the values of the Gospel, my commitment to find non-violent ways of resolving conflict - personal, local, national and international. Strengthen my efforts to forgive injuries and to love those I find it hard to love. Teach me to share the gifts you have given me, to speak out for the victims of injustice who have no voice and to reject the violence which runs through much of our world today. Holy Spirit of God, renew my hope for a world free from the cruelty and evil of war, so that we may all come to share in God's peace and justice.*

**We pray for:**

- The Repose of the Soul of Arthur Cotterell RIP. Funeral Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> January at 10.45am.
- The Repose of the Soul of Jim Calnan RIP. Funeral Friday 25<sup>th</sup> January at 12noon.
- The Repose of the Soul of Pat McAvoy RIP

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

**EA: All the earth shall bow before you, O God,** and shall sing to you, shall sing to your name, O Most High!  
 CA: You have prepared a table for me, and how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst.