

**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

**Parish Life**

**Blessing of the Graves** will take place **TODAY** 10am here at St Edmund's and 1pm at Spring Road.

**TODAY** Prayer Ministry. We invite you to come up after the 10:15am Mass for prayer with members of St Edmund's Prayer Ministry team. Give your hurts and burdens to Jesus, He cares for you.

**TODAY** there will be a second collection for Bamenda.

**PARISH AGM TODAY** 7.30pm: Everyone welcome! Review of the parish year with financial report, ending with social time over a glass of wine.

**The Friends of the Holy Land (FHL)** send their thanks for a wonderful response to their sale of goods and requests for help for Christians in the Holy land. The sale of goods raised £1000 and the collection made a further £968.48. A fantastic response. Thank you all.

**CAN YOU HELP WITH CLEANING OUR CHURCH?** Can you possibly help clean our Church, two or three times a year (depending on the number of volunteers). It normally takes one to one and half hours any time during the week Mon to Sat when there is no service in the church. This can be a very peaceful time. We supply all tools and cleaning materials. We are happy to have a family, two people or individuals. If you need any more information please do not hesitate to contact Mary Kelly (parish office). You can enter your name and contact details on the sheet at the back of the Church. Thank you

**St Edmund's Baby & Toddler Group** meets every Friday during school term time from 9.30-11.15am at the Parish Centre. It is aimed at babies and children, up to preschool age, together with their parents/carers. It is a friendly drop-in group providing opportunity for play, crafts, singing and refreshments. **WE NEED HELPERS** to put out equipment before the session starts (from approx 9-9.30am) and clear away afterwards (from 11-11.30am).

**THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME**

**Sunday 5 November**

8.45am	Mass	Abbey Wilson RIP
10.15am	Mass	Anthony John Oakley RIP
4.30pm	Polish Mass	
6.30pm	Mass	Private Intention

**Monday 6 November**

8.30am	Rosary	
9am	Mass	Grady Family RIP

**Tuesday 7 November St Willibrord**

8.30am	Rosary	
9am	Mass	Lucy Kelly RIP

**Wednesday 8 November**

9am	Mass	
6.30pm	Rosary	
7pm	Mass	Special Intention

**Thursday 9 November THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA**

9am	Rosary	
9.30am	Mass	Bridget Dyjak Anniversary RIP

**Friday 10 November St Leo the Great**

6.30pm	Rosary	
7pm	Mass	Gayle Belcher RIP

**Saturday 11 November St Martin of Tours**

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

In addition, we would welcome helpers to prepare and organise craft activities and/or to help during the session. We operate a rota for helpers which can be for all or part of a session. This is a worthwhile community activity and a great way to make friends. Come and meet us during the group for more info or contact Bernadette O'Sullivan (parish office). **JESUS and the JEWISH ROOTS of the Eucharist.** Sat Nov 11<sup>th</sup>, Parish Centre 2-3:45pm.

Two mind-blowing videos examining the Eucharist from a Jewish perspective. If you have ever struggled to understand the Real Presence this is a MUST! Free study guides. Refreshments. For details see flier or phone Ab 528528.

**Card Sale** There will be a sale of Christmas Cards in aid of Save the Children, after morning Masses **TODAY & NEXT SUNDAY.**

**First Holy Communion 2018** A meeting for parents wishing to enrol their children onto the 2018 programme, will be held in the Parish Centre on Wed 15<sup>th</sup> Nov at 8pm. Parents will be given a copy of the 2018 programme and forms to enrol their children. Any enquiries to Hilary or Errol (parish office).

**Christmas lunch for Seniors** Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December in the Parish Centre, 12.30 for 1pm. Volunteers to cook and help on the day are welcome. If dining or helping, please put your name on the list at the back of church or phone 534873 or 203103.

**Faith Development**

**Church in Abingdon Annual Bereavement Service TODAY** at 3.30pm, at Trinity Church. Refreshments will be served in the church hall afterwards.

**Refugee Response Day** Friday 10<sup>th</sup> Nov 1-4pm, St Edward the Confessor RC Church, 191 Winchester Road, Chandler's Ford, Hampshire SO53 2DU. Please join us for the afternoon to find out more about and maybe become involved in the local response to refugees. If you would like to attend, please email maidenhead@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk for catering purposes. To find out more about the Diocesan Refugee Response Working Group, please see www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/rwrg

**The Crown Singers** will sing Oxfordshire composer Bob Chilcott's well-loved A Little Jazz Mass at All Saints Church, Marcham, on Nov 11<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm, followed by a compendium of Spirituals that was composed for Pangbourne School. Tickets £10 on the door.

**CAFOD Memorial Mass** A mass of remembrance for all those CAFOD supporters, family and friends who have passed away will be held on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November at 10am at St Michael & All Angels Church Leigh Park. Everyone is welcome.

**School News**

**St Edmund's School - Themed Nursery Stay & Play Sessions.** Our first Nursery Stay & Play session is on Tues 7<sup>th</sup> Nov from 9.30-11am on the theme of 'Fireworks'. The sessions are for 2-3 year olds, accompanied by their parents/carers and are free of charge. There is no need to book, please do just come along.

**Parish Events for the Week**

**TODAY** Refreshments after 10.15am Mass  
Parish AGM, 7.30pm

**Monday** Bereaved Coffee Morning 10.30am-12noon

**Tuesday** RCIA Session (7) 7.30pm

**Wednesday** Cake & Conversation 9.30-11am  
Parish Lunch 12.30pm  
Charismatic Prayer Meeting 7.45-9pm, Church

**Thursday** Scripture Group 10am

**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**

**18th November** Fruitful Discipleship in our Diocese, Winchester Parish Centre, 9.30am - 5pm.

**19th November** Kerygma Retreat, Winchester Parish Centre, 12noon-6pm.

**20th November** Training on sharing our faith with others in our everyday life and through the parish at St. Bede's Basingstoke, 9.30am-5pm.

csimpson@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

**Youth Events**

**Sat 18<sup>th</sup> Nov** -Pastoral Area Laser Kombat Oxford (Kassam Stadium) Trip for Yr. 5 and over, 3-5pm (TBC). Final prices for the group will be based on the number of people who sign up. RSVP at tipayouth@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk and pay by Sat 11<sup>th</sup> November please if you'd like to come along.

**Youth Group Advent Retreat dates:**

**Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec** (St Edmund's) 2-4.30pm - 'Waiting for the coming of the Lord' - with Monsignor Andrew Burnham.

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

**We pray for:**

- The Repose of the Soul of Elizabeth Gayther RIP.

**Antiphons for Year I XXXI Ordinary Time**

EA: Forsake me not, O Lord, my God;  
be not far from me!  
Make haste and come to my help,  
O Lord, my strong salvation!  
CA: You will show me the path of life,  
the fullness of joy in your presence, O Lord.

**Money Matters:** 29<sup>th</sup> October 2017  
Envelopes £409.28 Loose Plate £732.62 Many thanks

**Counters:** C. Macfarlane, T. Murphy, G. Brady  
**Cleaners:** M. Mulqueen, F. Daly