

**Our Lady & St Edmund of Abingdon**  
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Roman Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth Reg. Charity No 246871	www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk	

Confessions: Saturday, 11:00 -11.30am Sunday Mass Times: 8.45 am, 10.15 am, 6.30pm

**Parish Life**

**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.

**Parish Office** will be closed **TOMORROW**, Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November.

**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). 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 (parish office).

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

**First Holy Communion 2018** A meeting for parents wishing to enrol their children onto the 2018 programme, will be held in the Parish Centre this 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

**THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME**

**Sunday 12 November REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY**

8.45am	Mass	Patrick O'Brien RIP
10.15am	Mass	In Thanksgiving Fiona Walsh & Family
6.30pm	Mass	Jerome Halliwell RIP

**Monday 13 November**

8.30am	Rosary	
9am	Mass	Margaret Masterson RIP

**Tuesday 14 November**

8.30am	Rosary	
9am	Mass	Paddy Naughton RIP

**Wednesday 15 November St Albert the Great**

9am	Mass	
6.30pm	Rosary	
7pm	Mass	Catherine O'Sullivan RIP

**Thursday 16 November ST EDMUND OF ABINGDON**

9am	Rosary	
9.30am	Mass	

**Friday 17 November St Elizabeth of Hungary**

6.30pm	Rosary	
7pm	Mass	Ania RIP

**Saturday 18 November Dedication of the Basilicas of St Peter & St Paul, Rome**

11am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
11-11.30am	Confessions	
12 noon	Mass	Special Intention

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**

**NEXT SUNDAY**, 19th November is the **International Day of Prayer** for the Persecuted Church. 80% of all the acts of discrimination in the world are directed at Christians. Sadly many Christians feel that the world neither knows or cares about them, especially the politicians. Please remember the persecuted Christians in your prayers and reflect on how lucky you are to be able to worship freely in this country. Aid to the Church in Need [ACN]

**What do you know about Abingdon Street Pastors?**

Would you like to know more? They are offering Taster Nights on 18<sup>th</sup> November and 9<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> December where you can join them on their Saturday night shifts in town. To find out more please talk to Pat Mulqueen or e-mail abingdon@streetpastors.org.uk

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

**Bishop Philip** invites young adults (16 - 35) from around Portsmouth Diocese to join him at St John's Cathedral on the 26th November: The Feast of Christ the King and National Youth Sunday. He will be celebrating the 6pm Mass, after which there will be a social with food, and talks from inspiring guest speakers in the Cathedral Discovery Centre. This is a fantastic opportunity for young adults to network, connect to events locally and further afield, and communicate the things that they want to see happening in the Diocese. Register by contacting your University Catholic Chaplaincy, or emailing youth@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk Ages 16+ £7

**School News**

**Governors' 100+ Club** The winning numbers of the November draw of the were:

1st Prize (£30) – Number 7	Berny Pratt
2nd Prize (£20) – Number 25	Maggie Majewska
3rd Prize (£10) – Number 77	Laura Penfold

**Money Matters:** 5<sup>th</sup> November 2017  
 Envelopes £444.10 Loose Plate £671.33 Many thanks

**Counters:** J. Dowling, P. & M. Mulqueen  
**Cleaners:** W. O'Brien

**Parish Events for the Week**

**TODAY** Refreshments after 10.15am Mass  
 Confirmation Class 3.30-5pm

**Tuesday** RCIA Session (8) 7.30pm

**Wednesday** Cake & Conversation 9.30-11am  
 FHC Parents meeting 8pm

**Thursday** Scripture Group 10am

**Friday** Baby & Toddler Group 9.30-11.15am

**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 Combat 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 11th 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*

**Antiphons for Year I Week XXXII Ordinary Time**

EA: Let my prayer come into your presence. Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.  
 CA: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.  
 Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose,  
 near restful waters he leads me.