

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

**Parish Life**

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2019.** There will be a Meeting for parents to enrol their children for the 2019 Programme at 8pm in the Parish Centre this coming Weds 14th Nov. Sessions start in January and First Communion services will be in June. Any enquiries to Hilary or Errol (parish office).

**St Edmund Feast Day.** Fri 16<sup>th</sup> November. Everyone is welcome to come after the 7pm Mass, when then there will be cheese & wine and a short feedback about the Adoramus National Conference.

**The Great South Run- Mary's Meals.** A huge thank you to everyone who sponsored me. We hoped to raise £1390- enough to feed 100 children. Thanks to your generosity our appeal has now reached £1438.97. Fiona Semple

**Charismatic Prayer Meeting** Wednesday 14th November at 4 Rawlings Grove. 7:45-9pm. Info parish office.

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO PRACTISE YOUR ENGLISH,** or know someone who would? There is a warm welcome each Wed morning (in term time) in the Parish Centre from 9.30 to 11am. We are a friendly informal international group called Cake and Conversation. Just come along any Wednesday morning. More information, contact Anne or Angela (parish office).

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS ROTAS.** The names listed on the rotas at all three Masses are out of date. Some names need to come off and others need to be added. Rotas are prepared every 3 months, the next rota will be from 1st Dec. Please let me know if you wish to be included on the rotas, or taken off. Contact Errol Midwinter and let me know your phone number. Contact via parish office.

**Bereavement Service** Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> Nov, 3pm. This year St Edmund's is hosting this short service on behalf of the

**THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**  
**REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY**

**Sunday 11 November**

8.45am	Mass	Private Intention
10.15am	Mass	Kathleen Brady RIP
6.30pm	Mass	Maureen O'Sullivan RIP

**Monday 12 November St Josaphat**

8.30am	Rosary	
9am	Mass	John 'Jock' Hardie RIP

**Tuesday 13 November**

8.30am	Rosary	
9am	Mass	Private Intention

**Wednesday 14 November**

6.30pm	Rosary	
7pm	Mass	Massarella Family Members RIP

**Thursday 15 November St Albert the Great**

9am	Rosary	
9.30am	Mass	Nora Sermon RIP

**Friday 16 November ST EDMUND OF ABINGDON**

6.30pm	Rosary	
7pm	Mass	Gayle Belcher RIP

**Saturday 17 November St Elizabeth of Hungary**

11am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
11-11.30am	Confessions	
12 noon	Mass	Ari Psaras Intentions

Church in Abingdon (CiA). Those invited are friends and relatives of those who have passed away in the Abingdon area during the past year, of all faiths and none. After the service there will be refreshments in the Parish Centre. Parishioners of St Edmund's are warmly welcomed to join the service to show support for the bereaved. If you are not able to come, perhaps you could bake a cake? There will be

someone in the Parish Centre before both morning masses on the 18th to receive your contribution. For more info contact Margaret (parish office).

**GLOBAL HEALING** - how our faith helps us to care for our common home. A new film produced by CaFE (Catholic faith exploration film company), sponsored by the Bishops Conference. Join us for a free and inspiring evening of film, food & friendship responding together to Pope Francis' call to care for creation and to pass on a healthy planet to our children's children. Fri 30<sup>th</sup> November, 7.30-9.00pm in the parish centre. A meal will be served first, and in order to help with catering arrangements, please would you sign the list at the back of the church if you intend on coming. Everybody welcome.

**Advent Repentance and Renewal** event in our church on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> November, 5 - 6.45pm. A time of silence and organised prayer, with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and availability of confessions, to:

- Ask the Lord for forgiveness for the abuse scandals in the Church, for the times in the parish that we have offended the Lord, and also for our own wrongdoings.

- Ask for blessing as we seek to grow our parish into a missionary community, inviting and serving all those in need, and helping everyone to grow a personal relationship with God.

6.45 - 7.30pm Supper in the Parish Centre (Bring & Share)  
 7.30 - 9.30pm. A chance to praise God through a mixture of uplifting music and prayer. This is a wonderful way to prepare for the season of Advent. Everyone is welcome to join in all, or just part of this event.

There will be a further meeting on how the parish can develop its **bereavement work** on Mon 26th Nov at 1130. We will be listening to the Leader of the Bereavement Ministry for all the Reading parishes describe how they set up their groups and developed their work. All welcome. Please phone Sue Richards on 530623 if you would like to come.

**Christmas lunch for Seniors** Sunday 9th December, Parish Centre at 12.30. Please put your name on list at back of church or contact parish office. Cooks and helpers on the day also welcome. Many thanks.

**Faith Development**

**FUND RAISING CONCERT FOR REFUGEES** on Sat 17<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm, there will be a concert, by Oxford Sea Green Singers at the Abbey Chapel, Checker Walk, Abingdon (between the Market Place and the Abbey Buildings). Entry by donation to Host Abingdon Sanctuary Fund which provides emergency accommodation and support for refugees and asylum seekers. Details on poster and fliers at the back of church or from Angela (parish office).

**Parish Events for the Week**

**TODAY** Refreshments after 10.15am Mass

**Tuesday** RCIA Session 7.30pm

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

**Thursday** Fabulous Flowers Demonstration 7pm

**Friday** Baby & Toddler Group 9.30-11.15am  
 St Edmund Feast Celebrations 7.30pm

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

**Future Diary Dates**

**18th Nov** Church in Abingdon Annual Bereavement Service at Our Lady & St Edmund's, 3pm  
**24<sup>th</sup> Nov** Thanksgiving Mass for St Oscar Romero. See poster for details.  
**25<sup>th</sup> Nov** Parish AGM, Parish Centre, 7.30pm  
**30<sup>th</sup> Nov** Global Healing film & Meal 7.30-9.00pm details to follow

**Youth Events**

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**CATHOLIC JOURNALIST SPEAKING IN**

**ABINGDON** Rebecca Tinsley, who has worked in 9 African countries and is a former BBC reporter will be speaking on Tues 20<sup>th</sup> Nov at 8pm at the Northcourt Centre, Northcourt Rd Abingdon. The title of the talk is How Britain can use Soft Power to Prevent Conflict. Details on the small poster at the back of church or from Anne (525997). The event is hosted by Abingdon Peace Group and everyone is welcome. Copies of Rebecca's article on the Catholic Church as Peacemaker in Cameroon are on the table at the back of church.

**Join us for St Oscar Romero** Mass on 24th November at the Cathedral at 2.00pm The Mass will be followed by a keynote address in the Discovery Centre about the life and works of Saint Oscar Romero.

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

EA: Let my prayer come into your presence. Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.  
 CA: The disciples recognized the Lord Jesus in the breaking of bread.

**Money Matters:** 4<sup>th</sup> November 2018  
 Envelopes: £327.45 Loose Plate £664.92 Many thanks

**Counters:** B & D Keaney, M. Pike  
**Cleaners:** M. Kelly, M. Sheaf