

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

Our Parish's Future: TODAY at all Masses Fr Jamie will be explaining to us the Diocesan wide fundraising campaign called Our Parish's Future.

LIVE SIMPLY You will be very pleased to learn that the Parish has qualified to receive the CAFOD Live Simply Award. Two assessors visited the parish and went through the parish report on our LiveSimply activities for the past year as well as viewing the church and grounds. After a question and answer session with the four members of the Live Simply steering group, together with a representative of the PPC and Fr Jamie, the assessors reported back to CAFOD and recommended the Parish for the award. A plaque marking our success will be presented to the Parish later. Thanks to everyone for your support throughout the Year.

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.

Celebrating the Season of Advent – Arts & Faith Advent
 We invite you to an Advent course featuring Ignatian Spirituality that will deepen your understanding of Sacred Scriptures and your experience of the Advent season this year with Arts & Faith: Advent. Each week we'll provide a video commentary about a work of classic sacred art inspired by the Sunday Scriptures, that will enable you to take a new look at this season of hope and preparation through the lens of sacred art. There will also be a guided meditation, reflections and time of quiet prayer. This course brings to life a new way of celebrating Advent and

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 19 November

8.45am	Mass	Peggy & John Anderson RIP
10.15am	Mass	Charles 'Keith' Parry RIP
4.30pm	Polish Mass	
6.30pm	Mass	Cyril Tomline RIP

Monday 20 November

8.30am	Rosary	
9am	Mass	Joaquin Alanis Fuentes RIP

Tuesday 21 November The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8.30am	Rosary	
9am	Mass	Yvonne Molinari RIP

Wednesday 22 November St Cecilia

6.30pm	Rosary	
7pm	Mass	Christine Morling RIP

Thursday 23 November St Clement I

9am	Rosary	
9.30am	Mass	Simon Sayce RIP

Friday 24 November St Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions

6.30pm	Rosary	
7pm	Mass	In Thanksgiving for Fr. Rob

Saturday 25 November St Catherine of Alexandria

11am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
11-11.30am	Confessions	
12 noon	Mass	William Connolly RIP (1 st Anniversary)

understanding the season on a more personal level. Monday 27th November, 4th, 11th & 18th December 7.00pm to 8.00pm in the parish centre. All are welcome. For further information contact Fr Rob.

Polish Christmas Carol Service 2nd of December at 5pm in our church and after singing there will be a refreshment in the Parish Centre. All are welcome.

Prayer Ministry Sunday 3rd December. 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.

Christmas lunch for Seniors Sunday 10th 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

This Sunday is the World day of Prayer for the Poor, an initiative of Pope Francis. He calls us to love and share with the poor amongst us and to bear witness to Jesus' preferential love for the poor. In our communities we are invited to change our attitude to the poor and to offer friendship, solidarity and welcome to the poorest of our brothers and sisters. Pope Francis also asks us to pray for them and especially to say the 'Our Father' together.

Abingdon Scouts & Guides Christmas Post - A Christmas postal service run by the Scouts & Guides for delivery in Abingdon, Radley & Shippon only. Guaranteed delivery by Christmas Eve. Costs 25p per card and these may be deposited in the box at the back of the church. Collections will be from 11th November - 18th December. All proceeds to Scout & Guide funds to provide additional facilities for young people. St. Edmund's Guides would like to thank you for your support.

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.

Feast of Christ the King Sun 26th Nov, 5pm at Blessed Dominic Barberi RC Church, Littlemore OX4 4JX. Evening of lively praise, followed by Healing Ministry. World famous guest speaker Charles Whitehead, All welcome.

'Life Through Reflection' Donie Kearney now has a weekly 'Blog' please visit doniekearney.wordpress.com

Parish Events for the Week

TODAY Refreshments after 10.15am Mass

Tuesday RCIA Session (9) 7.30pm

Wednesday Cake & Conversation 9.30-11am
 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

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

Youth Group Advent Retreat date:
Sat 2nd 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

Raising Funds for Abingdon Passion Play A mix of three wonderful evenings:
 Ceilidh Night. Fri 1st December at Trinity Church Hall, Conduit Rd Abingdon 7-11pm. Fun for all of the family Tickets £8, children under 16 go free. Tickets available on line www.abingdonpassionplay.org.uk, at The Bookstore (Precinct), or Anne Green (parish office).

For your diary (full details and tickets later)
 Candlelight Vespers, Saturday, 27th Jan 2018 at St Michaels Church, Park Rd, Abingdon.
 St Valentine's Dinner and Dance (full details later)
 Saturday, 17th Feb 2018 at Trinity Church, Conduit Rd Abingdon.

Money Matters: 12th November 2017
 Envelopes £503.00 Loose Plate £689.36 Many thanks

Counters: S. Campbell, D. & B. Stacey
Cleaners: D. & D. Kearney