

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

**Parish Life**

**Bereavement Service Sunday TODAY at 3pm:** This year St Edmund's is hosting this short service on behalf of the 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. For more information, contact Margaret (parish office).

**Red Mission Boxes;** As we now approach the end of the year the Mission Boxes are due to be emptied. You may bring them to Church or contact Gerard Jones (parish office) to visit you. Please ensure you fill the label underneath with your details so that they may be returned to you. The free calendars for 2019 may be found on the table at the rear of the Church.

**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 info, contact Anne or Angela (parish office).

**CAFOD Harvest Collection** raised £1,434.91. Many thanks for your generosity.

**Friends of the Holy Land.** Many thanks for your support. Total raised £1,161.

**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

**THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**

**Sunday 18 November**

8.45am	Mass	Patrick O'Brien RIP
10.15am	Mass	Private Intention
3pm	Bereavement Service	
4.30pm	Polish Mass	
6.30pm	Mass	Gerry Casserly RIP

**Monday 19 November**

8.30am	Rosary	
9am	Mass	Joaquin Alanis Fuentes RIP

**Tuesday 20 November**

8.30am	Rosary	
9am	Mass	William Seery RIP (Anniversary)

**Wednesday 21 November The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

6.30pm	Rosary	
7pm	Mass	Richard & Roselie Lucas RIP

**Thursday 22 November**

9am	Rosary	
9.30am	Mass	Charlie Robinson Intentions
12noon	Funeral Johanna Hendre RIP	

**Friday 23 November St Clement I**

6.30pm	Rosary	
7pm	Mass	

**Saturday 24 November St Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions**

11am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
11-11.30am	Confessions	
12 noon	Mass	
5-6.45pm	Advent Repentance and Renewal	

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 26<sup>th</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup> December, Parish Centre at 12.30. Please put your name on list at back of church or ring the parish office. Cooks and helpers on the day also welcome. Many thanks.

**MARY'S MEALS** We will, again, be having a RAGS to RICHES event on DECEMBER 15/16 this year. Please save your textiles /shoes/bags, pack into in black sacks and bring to the parish centre on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> December 10am - 4pm and they will be collected by the Marys Meals team early Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December. Thank you in advance for your generosity to this appeal.

**Faith Development**

**CATHOLIC JOURNALIST** 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. 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 24<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Parish Events for the Week**

**TODAY** Refreshments after 10.15am Mass  
 Bereavement Service Refreshments 3.30pm

**Monday** Holy Land 2019 meeting 7pm

**Tuesday** RCIA Session 7.30pm

**Wednesday** Cake & Conversation 9.30-11am

**Friday** Baby & Toddler Group 9.30-11.15am  
 SVP Meeting 7.30pm

**Saturday** Advent Repentance & Renewal Supper  
 6.45-7.30pm

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

**Future Diary Dates**

**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  
**9<sup>th</sup> Dec** Christmas Lunch for Seniors 12.30pm, Parish Centre

**Youth Events**

*tipayouth@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk*

**School News**

**St Edmunds Primary School Christmas Fayre**  
 The primary school are holding their Christmas fayre on Sat 8<sup>th</sup> December 11am – 1pm. The day will include a Santa's grotto, raffles, tombolas, games, refreshments and much more. All are welcome to attend on the day, and raffle tickets will be available to purchase after masses on the next 3 Sundays (18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> November, and 2<sup>nd</sup> December). Many thanks for your continued support of the school, The Parents Association.

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

EA: The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction.  
 You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.  
 CA: Amen, I say to you, whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you will receive, and it shall be given to you, says the Lord.

**Money Matters:** 11<sup>th</sup> November 2018  
 Envelopes: £294.95 Loose Plate £518.74 Many thanks

**Counters:** P. & D. Brooks, M. O'Mullane  
**Cleaners:** D. & D. Kearney