

**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

**Lent Fundraising 2018**

**TOTAL** raised so far £974. Many thanks!

**SOUP LUNCH** –Thurs 15<sup>th</sup> March at 1pm. Christine Whyte is hosting a Simple Soup Lunch (with bread and cheese, including gluten free bread) at The Glen, Radley Rd, OX14 3PP. Contact Christine (parish office).

**Maria Pia and Mike Oliver** invite you to their home for tea and delicious cakes Sat 17<sup>th</sup> March at 2-3.30pm and 4-5.30pm – RSVP (parish office).

**STEP INTO SPRING WITH OUR POSH FISH FINGER & FIZZ LENT SUPPER** organised by the RCIA. Come and join us after mass on Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> March at 7.30pm for a fish finger supper to raise funds for our Lenten projects. It is a lovely opportunity to get together after Winter and enjoy a supper in the good company of our Community at Our Lady & St. Edmund, Abingdon. The price is £6 per adult or 2 for £10 and the child price is £3. This includes some posh fish fingers, fresh bread, pea puree and a glass of fizz or wine or juice, whichever you fancy! Please spread the word and tickets will be available after 10.15 mass on Sundays. Contact Jess (parish office) to reserve your tickets. RCIA look forward to welcoming you on the evening!

**GOLF DAY** Drayton Park GC on Mon 16<sup>th</sup> April. All proceeds from this event are for our Lenten Projects and we would like to thank Mary McKenna and Diane for kindly allowing us to use the course free of charge. There will be Tea/Coffee and Bacon Rolls available in the clubhouse from 08.45 with the first t time at 09.30. There will be a warm up basket of balls on the range available from 08.30 The competition will be a 4 ball stableford with best two to score on each hole. There will be prizes for the winning team plus for nearest the pin and longest drive. There will be an entrance fee of £25 per golfer, £10 for students/juniors. Please register quoting your handicap with Terry Murphy (parish office). Mobile 07584 248169 /

**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**

**Sunday 4 March**

8.45am	Mass	Nicholas Lardner RIP
10.15am	Mass	Sharon Brady RIP
4.30pm	Polish Mass	
6.30pm	Mass	Gayle Belcher RIP

**Monday 5 March**

8.30am	Rosary	
9am	Mass	Malcolm Davey RIP

**Tuesday 6 March**

8.30am	Rosary	
9am	Mass	Jim Carey Intentions

**Wednesday 7 March**

6.30pm	Rosary	
7pm	Mass	In Thanksgiving

**Thursday 8 March**

9am	Rosary	
9.30am	Mass	Frank Stafford RIP
2.30pm	Funeral Mass Sr. Ita	

**Friday 9 March**

6pm	Stations of the Cross	
6.30pm	Rosary	
7pm	Mass	Private Intention

**Saturday 10 March**

11am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
11-11.30am	Confessions	
12 noon	Mass	Betty Hemmings RIP (Anniversary)

Home 01235 527597. Many thanks in advance for your kind support

**Parish Life**

**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.

**NEXT SUNDAY** there will be a second collection for Clergy Assistance Fund.

**THRIVE - South Abingdon.** Is a wonderful recent Youth initiative for the young folk of South Abingdon. It is openly Christian based and the Youth workers move into the area so they can live alongside the youngsters. Would all parishioners and the prayer groups we have please keep them in your intercessory prayers. If you'd like to support/mentor further please contact Fr Jamie for details. Training sessions are planned.

**Christian Focus** the spring issue is now available at the back of the church. There is an article and photos of the presentation of our Live Simply award.

**Called and Gifted** is coming to our parish again! www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/calledandgifted or contact Clare Simpson (parish office) to talk further or book a place. It starts on Sat 10<sup>th</sup> March 9am - 4pm at Christ Church Barn.

**ST PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATION!** Sat 17<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm - 10pm at the Parish Centre. Enjoy an evening of Irish music, song, dance and food to help raise proceeds for the Lenten projects. Tickets £10 per adult and £2 per child. The ticket price includes a bowl of homemade Irish Stew, soft drinks and hot beverages. Irish coffees will be available to purchase. Bring your own beer or wine. There will be live music and all are invited to join in with a song, a tune or a dance, open mike style! Bring your friends and family. Tickets available next Sunday after 10.15am mass. Alternatively contact Laura or Bernadette (parish office).

Coming soon on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> March a **Book and Toy Sale** after both the 8.45 and 10.15 Masses. Donations of books, DVD's, CD's and toys can be left in the box at the back of the church or bring them along to the Parish Centre on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> March from 10.30 to 12. Any queries contact Debbie Brooks (parish office).

**CHRISM MASS PORTSMOUTH CATHEDRAL,** Tues 27<sup>th</sup> March. Bus picking up from St Edmund's at 7.45am & English Martyrs, Didcot at 8.15am (Return at 3pm). Mass at 11am. Cost: £12 a ticket. Please contact English Martyrs Parish Office on 01235 812338. Payment on booking please Last date to book: 19<sup>th</sup> March E-mail: didcot@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

**Faith Development**

**CiA Lent Lectures 2018:** Let's Wait and See. All to be held at Abingdon Baptist Church at 7.30 pm. Any queries, contact Debra Mcknight, CiA Administrator, on 07896 860381.

**Parish Events for the Week**

**TODAY** Alpha Course 6pm

**Monday** Anchor Course FHC Parents 7.30-9pm

**Tuesday** RCIA session (19) 7.30pm

**Wednesday** Cake & Conversation 9.30-11am  
Readings & Reflections 12-2pm,

**Thursday** Scripture Group 10am  
Funeral Tea, 3pm onwards  
Confirmation Parents Evening 7.30pm  
Arts & Faith 7.30pm, Presbytery

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

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

**Future Diary Dates**

**10<sup>th</sup> March** Called and Gifted Teaching day 9am - 4pm. Christchurch Barn.  
**10<sup>th</sup> March** Altar Servers practice 10am-11am  
**14<sup>th</sup> March** Parish Lunch, 12.30pm, Parish Centre  
**27<sup>th</sup> March** Chrism Mass, Portsmouth 11am.

**Youth Events**

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

**'Essential Training for Catechists'**. This training consists of five evening sessions from 7:30 - 9pm beginning Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February and ending 23<sup>rd</sup> March. These sessions, all on Friday evenings will be given by Sister Hyacinthe from the Formation for Mission Team. You can find more details on the e-news 169. To register please contact Jacky (parish office).

**School News**

**St Edmund's School** are currently advertising for a KS2 teacher for September 2018. This is a temporary appointment for one year initially. Further details and an application pack are available on the school website or from the School Office.

**Money Matters:** 25<sup>th</sup> February 2018  
Envelopes £352.00    Loose Plate £723.40    Many thanks

**Counters:** B. & D. Keaney, M. Pike  
**Cleaners:** W. O'Brien