

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

Parish Life

Church Twinning - We will be welcoming visitors from the churches in our twin towns for the weekend of the Abingdon Passion Play, from Thurs 4th to Mon 8th April. The weekend programme of events includes a Barn Dance on Friday evening and a Cheese and Drinks Tasting on Saturday evening, for which tickets will soon be available. If you would be interested in offering accommodation or an evening meal, or participating in the visit in any other way, please contact our parish twinning representatives Anne Dodd or Angela Waterhouse (parish office).

TODAY we take the annual collection in support of our Cathedral in Portsmouth. Envelopes are available at all masses for those who do not have gift aided planned giving envelopes for second collections. This collection is the only support our Cathedral receives from the wider Diocesan family. Please give generously, gift aiding your donation wherever possible. Many thanks.

Due to the cold weather we are going to extend our collection for the homeless in Oxford.....Hats gloves socks and toiletries. The contributions so far have been very gratefully received. Box at back of Church.

PAX CHRISTI Thankyou to all who have put their returned Pax Christi envelopes in the general collection plate today. There are spare envelopes and prayer cards in the small box on the table at the back of church.

Faith Development

HostAbingdon is the prime organisation in Abingdon which helps Syrian refugees in the Vale. Some parishioners already volunteer help - as teachers of English and Family Support Workers. The Chair of HostAbingdon, Adrian Rance-McGregor, is coming to talk to the Parish after evening Mass on Sunday 3 February (7.30) in the Parish Centre, to explain about how

THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 27 January
 8.45am Mass Nola Millikin RIP
 10.15am Mass Sharon Brady RIP
 6.30pm Mass Jo Milham Intentions

Monday 28 January St Thomas Aquinas
 8.30am Rosary
 9am Mass Philip E. Dunn RIP

Tuesday 29 January
 8.30am Rosary
 9am Mass
 11am Funeral Susan Wright RIP

Wednesday 30 January
 6.30pm Rosary
 7pm Mass Ronan Sexton RIP

Thursday 31 January St John Bosco
 9am Rosary
 9.30am Mass Alan & Rob Watts RIP

Friday 1 February
 11am Requiem Mass Jean Moore RIP
 6.30pm Rosary
 7pm Mass Gabriel Dover RIP

Saturday 2 February THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD
 8.50-10.15am FHC (2)
 11am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
 11-11.30am Confessions
 12 noon Mass Moya Birkbeck RIP

HostAbingdon works and how we as a Parish could offer more help. Please come! Further details from Margaret Hancox (parish office).

Experience Taizé A service of prayer, song and contemplation with adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Thursday 31st January, 7.30pm in the Friary Chapel. Greyfriars Church, 182 Iffley Road. Refreshments will be served in the Sacristy afterwards.

Have you heard of the Catenians? We are an international association of Catholic men who are committed to their faith, their families, to those in need and to each other. Our primary purpose is to develop our network of friends, enhance their family life, strengthen their faith and sustain them in difficult times and having fun. Our friendships are developed through regular monthly meetings, gathering socially with our families, widows of past members and our friends. There are active members in our parish. To find out more take a leaflet from the table at the back of the church or email enquiries@oxfordshire-catenians.uk

LENT Charity Fundraising 2019

The PPC would like to thank parishioners who proposed 9 charities and after careful consideration the PC have chosen 3 charities to support this year.

THRIVE part of the Innovista Christian Charity, has been working with young people in South Abingdon since 2016, helping them bounce back from the obstacles that they face in their community. Thrive focuses on bringing hope and lasting change to the youth, giving them skills and resilience. There are currently 2 Youth Workers, an intern and 20 volunteers (one from our Parish) who are all Christian.

BE FREE YOUNG CARERS is a local charity, dedicated to the care and support of young carers; young people aged between 8 and 18 who have to devote a proportion of their lives to caring for a family member. Currently in Abingdon, 90 young carers are supported and another 90+ who attend schools in Abingdon.

EMMAUS gives homeless people accommodation, support and meaningful work. Emmaus Oxford runs a small community which houses 28 people who have been homeless. These members are called Companions who volunteer for 30 hours weekly, mostly within the social enterprise, a shop which specialises in selling second hand furniture and white goods. Donations from St Edmund's will go directly to helping homeless people have somewhere to live and work whilst they turn their lives around.

During the Lent season which begins on **Wednesday 6 March**, we plan to initiate various fundraising activities and feel sure that the whole parish will enter wholeheartedly into fundraising and almsgiving. More information will follow as we near Lent and representatives from all 3 charities will give a short overview after al Masses on **SUNDAY 24 FEBRUARY**.

Parish Events for the Week

TODAY Refreshments after 10.15am Mass

Tuesday RCIA 7.30pm

Wednesday Cake & Conversation 9.30am

Friday Baby & Toddler Group 9.30am
 SVP Meeting 7.30pm

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

Future Diary Dates

13th Feb Parish Lunch 12.30pm, Parish Centre
6th March Soup Supper, 7.30pm Parish Centre
16th March St Patrick's Day Celebrations, Parish Centre (more details to follow)
17th March St Patrick's Day Tea & Cake after 10.15am Mass, Parish Centre (more info to follow)

Youth Events

Please look at the events calendar on our website in the Youth section for more details of ALL events.

- *The next event for Parish Youth Groups is 23rd February. More info: bhabayeb@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk*
 - *The next Pastoral Area event (bowling) is 2nd February. More info: tipayouth@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk*
- All welcome!*

We pray for:

- The Repose of the Soul of Susan Wright RIP. Funeral Tuesday 29th January at 11am.
- The Repose of the Soul of Pat McAvoyn RIP. Funeral South Oxfordshire Crematorium Thurs 31st January at 4pm.
- The Repose of the Soul of Jean Moore RIP. Requiem Funeral Mass Friday 1st February at 11am.

Antiphons for Year I, Week III Ordinary Time

EA: O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth.
 In his presence are majesty and splendour, strength and honour in his holy place.
 CA: Look towards the Lord and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed.

Money Matters: 20th January 2018
 Envelopes: £268.50 Loose Plate £580.00 Many thanks

Counters: B. & D Keaney, M. Pike
Cleaners: M. Anne, S. Pritchett