

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).

Our parish needs a new representative on the Abingdon group which prepares the World Day of Prayer service for March 1st. It is very rewarding to work with women from the other churches in Abingdon, with material this year from Christian women in Slovenia. More information from Angela Waterhouse (parish office) and at www.wwdp.org.uk

Sheila Finch. "I thank the parishioners of St Edmunds for the support shown to me and the family in our loss. So many Masses, tributes and cards, as well as the numbers who attended her Requiem. Thanks also the concelebrants Fr. Jamie and Robin and to Jeanne and Christine for the hymns. All so memorable. Jim".

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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 3 February

8.45am	Mass	Private Intention
10.15am	Mass	Colm Fox RIP
4.30pm	Polish Mass	
6.30pm	Mass	Porzio Nicolini & Simonetti Pieranna RIP

Monday 4 February

8.30am	Rosary	
9am	Mass	Fr. Francis Moran RIP

Tuesday 5 February St Agatha

8.30am	Rosary	
9am	Mass	

Wednesday 6 February St Paul Miki & Companions

6.30pm	Rosary	
7pm	Mass	Finbar Hurley RIP & Tommy Hurley Intentions

Thursday 7 February

9am	Rosary	
9.30am	Mass	Cameron Paterson Intentions

Friday 8 February St Jerome Emiliani

11am	Requiem Mass	Jean Moore RIP
6.30pm	Rosary	
7pm	Mass	Jim McCann RIP

Saturday 9 February

8.50-10.15am	FHC (3)	
10.15am	Mothers Prayers	
11am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
11-11.30am	Confessions	
12 noon	Mass	

CAFOD There is a meeting on Monday 18th Feb in Reading, open to all interested in CAFOD's work. Part of the meeting which is from 7.15 - 9pm will

be a report back on CAFOD's projects in Bangladesh. Shared transport from Abingdon. Please contact Anne Dodd (525997) for further details.

LENT Charity Fundraising 2019

This year the PPC are looking for Fundraising suggestions for our three charities. It may be a sponsored walk or event. A coffee morning or a soup lunch. A cookery demonstration. A Bring and Buy Sale. And a myriad of ideas.....we need suggestions....please have a think what you/we/us could do..... Ideas and suggestions please contact Hilary Webb or Debbie Brooks (parish office).

Youth Events

In addition to the pastoral area events, which are organised by the pastoral area youth worker, we are expanding our provision for young people in our parish and we now have a number of events for **youth groups** (suitable for Year 3 to Year 6), organised by our parish. The youth group events are exciting, enjoyable and a great place to develop friendships and grow in faith. We strongly encourage you to bring your children to them. Please look at the **Events calendar** on the **Youth section** of our website for details. We will shortly be adding groups for secondary school young people as well. **We would also very much welcome more volunteers who would be willing to be on a rota for helping at these events. Please email bhabayeb@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk if you are willing to help. Thank you.**

Volunteer Opportunity

Evening Receptionist in Woodley for Marriage Care
 We are looking for a friendly and helpful volunteer who can spare a couple of hours on Monday evenings, a couple of times per month, at our venue in Woodley. You will meet and greet couples who come for counselling and remain in the venue during counselling sessions. For more details and informal enquiries please contact: Sue Cooper (parish office) or email reading.admin@marriagecare.org

Please pray for:

Mary Gertrude Purcell, lovely niece of Sisters Helen and Monica who died in a tragic road accident on January 7th. Remember especially her heart-broken mother, brothers and sisters and all the family. May she rest in peace.

Money Matters: 27th January 2018
 Envelopes: £299.76 Loose Plate £571.89 Many thanks

Counters: P. & D. Brooks, M. O'Mullane
Cleaners: M. Kelly, M. Sheaf

Parish Events for the Week

TODAY Refreshments after 10.15am Mass
 Host Abingdon Talk 7.30pm

Tuesday RCIA 7.30pm

Wednesday Cake & Conversation 9.30am

Friday Baby & Toddler Group 9.30am

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
13th March Talk - The Mystery of the Mass (source and summit of the Christian life) Bishop Robert Barron
 Word on Fire Ministries Parish Centre 7.30pm
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)
21st March Talk - Sainthood, Sanctity and What Makes us Holy. Bishop Robert Barron Word on Fire Ministries Parish Centre 7.30pm
27th March Talk - Eucharist and the Church (The Eucharist is the source and summit of the Church's life and mission). Canon David Oakley, Rector of St Mary's College Oscott. Parish Centre 7.30pm
4th April Talk - Teaching the Eucharist (The Eucharist won't make sense unless it is taught from a lived context that makes sense of it). Sr Margaret Atkins is a member of the Augustinian Community in Cumbria. Parish Centre 7.30pm

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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*

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Antiphons for Year I, Week IV Ordinary Time

EA: Save us, O Lord out God!
 And gather us from the nations,
 to give thanks to your holy name,
 and make it our glory to praise you.
 CA: Let your face shine on your servant,
 Save me in your merciful love.
 O Lord, let me never be put to shame,
 for I call on you.