

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

Parish Life

Representatives of the Abingdon Food Bank will speak briefly to the congregation at the end of mass today.

Parish Lunch this coming Wednesday 13th Feb, 12.30pm in Parish Centre.

Charismatic Prayer Meeting Wednesday 13th February: at 4 Rawlings Grove. 7:45-9pm. All welcome! Info parish office.

Can you Help? We need volunteers to collect monies for Christian Aid at Tesco Extra Abingdon on Friday 22nd February between 14.00 to 20.00. Please call parish office to book your preferred slot if you are able to help. Thank you!

As an outcome of the Parish support for the International Tree Foundation (ITF) in the Cameroons through our LiveSimply 2017 Lenten Project, 53 Women from Bamenda have been trained in Agroforestry and planted over 16,000 trees. These trees not only contribute to forest restoration, but provide timber for construction and firewood. Some tree species also give food and medicines. Planting these trees contributes to soil stability and fertility as well as encouraging bees into farms to aid crop pollination. A copy of the report is at the back of the church. and on the News page of the Parish web site.

Faith Development

Fr Nicholas Broadbridge of Douai Abbey will be running his highly regarded seminars on Healing and Gifts of the Holy Spirit at a parish in the Reading area on 16 Feb, 9 and 30 March, and 6 April, 10am - 5pm. Please email nicholas@douaiabbey.org.uk Many people report a tangible experience of God's peace from attending a day, and healing can occur in many ways.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 10 February

8.45am	Mass	Private Intention
10.15am	Mass	Jean Moore RIP
6.30pm	Mass	Janine Kolb RIP

Monday 11 February Our Lady of Lourdes

8.30am	Rosary	
9am	Mass	Janet Cox RIP

Tuesday 12 February

8.30am	Rosary	
9am	Mass	John Arthur Beale RIP

Wednesday 13 February

6.30pm	Rosary	
7pm	Mass	Mary Gertrude Purcell RIP

Thursday 14 February ST CYRIL & METHIDIUS

9am	Rosary	
9.30am	Mass	Nicki Jaques RIP (Anniversary)

Friday 15 February

6.30pm	Rosary	
7pm	Mass	The Gee Family

Saturday 16 February

11am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
11-11.30am	Confessions	
12 noon	Mass	Thomas & Magdalen Kelly RIP

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.

A Learning Hidden Deep in the Heart: Reflections from The Third Spiritual Alphabet, Guide of St Teresa Saturday 16th Feb. St Teresa described her reliance on Francisco de Osuna's The Third Spiritual Alphabet, guiding her prayer life for more than 20 years (Life 4:7). This presentation will explore Osuna's spiritual and psychological wisdom and guidance which Teresa found so useful, including the prayer of recollection, the relevance of mystical theology and movements in the soul towards union, to help and guide our own prayer life today. Speaker: Julienne McLean Venue: Carmelite Priory, Boars Hill, Oxford OX1 5 HB Time: 10 am - 12 noon (Registration from 9:30 am) Fee: £30 per lecture To book a place, please email: events@cacarmelitesp.co.uk or phone 01865 735133 (press 2 for Centre for Applied Carmelite Spirituality).

CiA Lent Lectures 2019 Will Donaldson will be doing a series of talks on the beatitudes and countercultural lifestyle, from his book 'Living differently to make a difference' on the following five Mondays (7.45 pm) over Lent at Trinity Church: Will has been in parish ministry for 25 years and is currently Chaplain and Senior Welfare Office of St Edmund Hall, Oxford University; Area Dean of Oxford; and Director of Pastoral Care at St Aldates, Oxford.

Mon 25 Feb: Genuine humility and heartfelt sadness
 Mon 4 Mar: Gentle strength and driving passion
 Mon 11 Mar: Healing grace and holy integrity
 Mon 18 Mar: Reconciliatory love and undaunted courage
 Mon 25 Mar: Salt of the earth and light of the world

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.**

Parish Events for the Week

TODAY Refreshments after 10.15am Mass

Tuesday RCIA 7.30pm

Wednesday Cake & Conversation 9.30am
 Parish Lunch, 12.30pm

Friday Baby & Toddler Group 9.30am
 SVP Meeting 7.30pm

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

Future Diary Dates

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 V Ordinary Time

EA: O come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for he is the Lord our God.
 CA: Let them thank the Lord for his mercy, his wonders for the children of men, for he satisfies the thirsty soul, and the hungry he fills with good things.

Money Matters: 3rd February 2018
 Envelopes: £257.96 Loose Plate £508.64 Many thanks

Counters: R. & P. Taylor, M. Webster
Cleaners: S. Nelson, J. Lardner