

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

Parish Life

Arts and Faith Lent – Lenten Course featuring Ignatian Spirituality. Our Lenten course, Arts and Faith Lent, featuring Ignatian spirituality will begin next Wednesday 22nd February at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre. Parishoners are invited to deepen their understanding of Sacred Scripture, and enrich and nourish their prayer lives by entering into a visual prayer experience with Arts & Faith Lent. Each week we'll provide a video commentary about a classic work of art inspired by the Lenten Sunday Scriptures, followed by a guided prayer meditation. I hope that many of you will take this opportunity to discover a new way of looking at this season of spiritual renewal through the lens of Sacred Art and guided prayer. The course will begin on Monday 27th February at 7pm, and each MONDAY during Lent.

Pastoral Parish Council - Our new PPC is up and running and again, thanks to our 3 new members Debbie Brooks, Eliane Pony and Terry O'Brien. Hilary Webb is the secretary and the duties of Chair will be a shared role with Fr. Jamie assisted by Donie Kearney & Terry O'Brien setting the agendas. The photo frame will be altered soon to show the PPC members.

Baby & Toddler Group will resume this Fri 24th Feb. Sessions are each Friday, 9.30-11.15am in the Parish Centre. All mums, dads, grandparents and carers are welcome to join us with their children. Drinks, snacks, craft, singing and playtime are provided. Parents and carers are responsible for their child during the session. The cost per session per family is £1. We look forward to welcoming newcomers and regular members. We are in need of volunteers, so if you come - and/or would like to help out, do let us know. Thank you.

REMINDER FOR FLOWER GROUP AND CHURCH CLEANING GROUP. If you help with the flower group or clean the Church please come to the Parish Centre on Fri 24th Feb 7.30– 9.30pm for a social evening with nibbles and wine where you can get to know one another. If you are a person who has not done either and would like to

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 19 February

8.45am	Mass	Mary Ryan RIP
10.15am	Mass	Rod & Helen Newman Intentions (Catenians)
6.30pm	Mass	Tom Larman RIP

Monday 20 February

8.30am	Rosary	
9am	Mass	Betty Rockett RIP

Tuesday 21 February St Peter Damian

8.30am	Rosary	
9am	Mass	In Thanksgiving

Wednesday 22 February THE CHAIR OF ST PETER

6.30pm	Rosary	
12noon	Funeral Mass	
7pm	Mass	Private Intention

Thursday 23 February St Polycarp

9am	Rosary	
9.30am	Mass	Simon Sayce Intentions

Friday 24 February

6.30pm	Rosary	
7pm	Mass	John Calnan RIP

Saturday 25 February

8.50-10.15am	FHC Session 3	
11am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
11-11.30am	Confessions	
12 noon	Mass	Wedding Anniversary John & Amanda Brumfitt

help with the flower group or the cleaning group please do come, we would love to meet you. Do not hesitate to contact Jo Milham or Mary Kelly if you need any information.

Parish Live Simply Recipe Book. Please send in your favourite recipe(s) for waste-free cooking. Favourite simple tips are also very welcome! You can send contributions by email to the parish

office (abingdon@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) or put them through the Presbytery door in an envelope marked `Parish Live Simply Recipe Book`.

FairTrade Fortnight 27th Feb - 12th March There will be a special FairTrade Coffee and Biscuits session in the Parish centre after 10.15 Mass next Sunday (26th) There will also be a stall with Fairtrade items not normally stocked by supermarkets. In Abingdon, a wide range of FairTrade products are available at 35 Ock Street, next to the Baptist Church (open 10.30am to 2pm Mon - Fri and 10.30am to 12.30pm on Sat) and also at the Oxfam shop in Stert Street (open 9am to 5pm Mon - Sat). During Fairtrade Fortnight there will be a 20% discount in the Oxfam shop on all Fairtrade food items, excluding Easter eggs. Children - look out next Sunday for details of a **Fair Trade Hunt** you can do locally during Fairtrade Fortnight.

Invitation to Sint Niklaas, our twin town in Belgium, which is celebrating 800 years of being a city in 2017. We are invited to visit from Thurs 1st to Mon 5th June, over Pentecost, staying with friendly host families (or hotels by private arrangement), enjoying a Christian-based programme of events and trips. Possibly travel by minibus. The visit extends truly ecumenical friendship and discussion with the people of Sint Niklaas and our other 'twins' who are also invited. Flemish is not necessary! The theme is Solidarity in Times of Crisis, and the programme includes a visit to the local food-bank, meeting volunteers helping refugees, and a trip to the European parliament. Numbers are limited. If interested please contact Eileen Bontempelli (parish office).

Faith Development

Women's World Day of Prayer, Fri 3rd March: All the churches in Abingdon join to celebrate this event at 10.30am and 7.30pm at the Baptist Church in Ock St. This year the women of the Philippines lead us to reflect on the theme of the workers in the vineyard – 'Am I being unfair to you?'. There is a crèche, and refreshments after the service, and all are welcome, not just women and girls! For more information, contact Sandra Kolb or Angela Waterhouse (parish office).

Are you celebrating a 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, 60th or Anniversary over 60 years? If so Bishop Philip would like to invite you to a Mass of Celebration at St Bede's Church in Basingstoke on Sat 24th June at 11am. If you would like to come, please visit the Diocesan website www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/anniversaries/ and complete the on-line form, or send an email to anniversaries@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

CAFOD Lent Fast day Friday 10th March

Please support the CAFOD Lent fast day Many thanks.

Parish Events for the Week

TODAY Refreshments after 10.15 Mass
Alpha Course 6-8.30pm

Tuesday RCIA Session 7.30-9pm

Wednesday Cake & Conversation 9.30am
Arts & Faith Lenten Course 7.30pm
Charismatic Prayer Meeting 7.45-9pm, Church

Thursday Scripture Group 10am

Friday Baby & Toddler Group 9.30-11.15am
Social Evening for Flower and Church Cleaning Groups 7.30-9.30pm

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

Future Diary Dates

3rd March Women's World Day of Prayer 10.30am & 7.30pm, Baptist Church
8th March Parish Lunch 12.30pm, Parish Centre

Youth Events

St Edmund's Youth Group - Saturday 4th March
8-10 yr olds - from 1:30 - 2:30pm
11-12 & 13-14 yr olds - from 3 - 4:30pm
15+ from 5-7pm
Hinksey Youth Group - Sunday 5th March
11-14 yr olds - 2:30pm - 4pm
Mass at 4:15pm
Our Lady of the Rosary, Yarnells Hill, Oxford, OX2 9BD

Further info please contact Melanie Parris- Dollar leader.tipa@gmail.com

We pray for:

- The repose of the soul of Julia Atkinson RIP. Funeral Wed 22nd February at 12noon.

Antiphons for Year I, Week VII Ordinary Time

EA: O Lord, I trust in your merciful love.
My heart will rejoice in your salvation.
I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me.
CA: I will recount all your wonders,
I will rejoice in you and be glad,
and sing psalms to your name, O Most High.

Money Matters: 12th February 2017
Envelopes £519.38 Loose Plate £725.64 Many thanks.

Counters: C.Macfarlane, D. & B. Stacey
Cleaners: M. Kelly, M. Mahoney