

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

**Parish Life**

**FR. JAMIE** On Tuesday I got the great news that all the cancer has gone. Halleluia! I want to thank you all so much for all your love and prayerful support. See you next week. Fr. Jamie

**LIGHT FOR THE BLIND – Fr. Thomas** Last Sunday's Garden Produce Sale raised £230. Thanks to everyone involved. The total sum raised by the Parish since Fr. Thomas' recent visit and appeal comes to over £5000. and will make such a difference to the lives of the people he cares for. Fr Thomas wasn't well during his visit to Abingdon and returned for treatment in India soon afterwards. He says he is feeling much better now but awaiting results of tests and that his family have not been directly affected by the floods in his home state of Kerala. Peter Dodd - Trustee Light for the Blind.

**St John's Seminary Wonersh** The Rector, Fr Brian Coyle is raising funds for the renovation of living quarters there. The building needs attention and unlike other seminaries in the UK is not supported by legacies and therefore has no financial funds to draw from. Cost of renovation is about £1500 per room. There will be a retiring collection next week to assist them in this project. Thank you for your generosity in advance.

**PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND 2019** There will be a meeting for all those who have signed up or who are still interested, on Thursday 30th August at 7pm in the Parish Centre.

**NEW DEVELOPMENTS** Next week we will be launching our new website and we will also be live streaming Masses. The latter is primarily to reach out to the housebound and the sick. To comply with the GDPR, we do need readers, altar servers, choir members, psalmists, Eucharistic ministers, etc. and anyone who has their name on a rota, to sign a consent form. It will take less than a minute to do so and Barbara will be at the back of

**TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**

**Sunday 26 August**

8.45am	Mass	Jane Elwood Intentions
10.15am	Mass	People of our Parish
6.30pm	Mass	Gayle Belcher RIP

**Monday 27 August St Monica**

8.30am	Rosary
9am	Mass

**Tuesday 28 August St Augustine of Hippo**

8.30am	Rosary	
9am	Mass	Bill Day RIP

**Wednesday 29 August The Passion of St John the Baptist**

6.30pm	Rosary	
7pm	Mass	Private Intention

**Thursday 30 August Ss Margaret Clitherow, Anne Line & Margaret Ward**

9.00am	Rosary	
9.30am	Mass	Jane Naughton Intentions

**Friday 31 August St Aidan & All Saints of Lindisfarne**

6.30pm	Rosary	
7pm	Mass	Private Intention

**Saturday 1 September**

11am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
11-11.30am	Confessions
12 noon	Memorial Mass

the church after each Sunday Mass today to provide these.

**Next weekend** we welcome visitors from St Joseph Espérance parish in our French twin town of Colmar. There will be an ecumenical prayer service to bring this church twinning

event to a close, on Sun 2nd Sept at 7.30 after evening mass, with our guests and their hosts, but all who are interested are very welcome too.

**The Baby and Toddler Group**, for families, parents/carers with their babies and pre-school children, meets every Friday during school term time at our parish centre in Oxford Road from 9.30am to 11.15am. We are a friendly drop-in group providing opportunity for social and play. We look forward to welcoming new and returning families after the summer break on Friday 7th September at 9.30am.

**Cake & Conversation** After the summer break this drop- in weekly session starts again in the Parish Centre on Wed 12th Sept from 9.30 to 11am. Anyone whose first language is not English is warmly welcome. The sessions are friendly and informal - a mixture of practising speaking English, making friends and finding out what is happening in Abingdon - plus cake! If you would like to know more, ring Anne or Angela (525997 or parish office). Otherwise feel free to come along any Wed morning.

**New Altar Servers** for those interested in starting serving. There will be three training sessions on Saturdays in September starting at 9am till 10am on 1st September.

**Faith Development**

**Abingdon Gospel Choir** - Do you like Gospel music? You are invited to a free TASTER NIGHT on 30th August 2018 from 8.00pm to 9.30pm at Trinity Church when we shall launch a new programme of Gospel music with new musical director Heidi Cottrell. Regular rehearsals will recommence after the Summer break at Trinity Church, Conduit Road starting on Thurs 27th September 8pm to 9.30pm. Singers of all standards are welcome. Come along and see (and sing) for yourself. Further information from Alan Johnson (parish office).

**Kerala floods: an SVP Appeal** As you've probably seen in the media, terrible floods have been taking place in Kerala in southern India. Hundreds of people have been killed and many more are missing; countless homes have been washed away, and the monsoon season is set to continue until early September. Kerala is the most Christian state in India – it has more churches than any other region. The leading Catholic volunteering charity, the St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP), is very active there and they are doing great work helping the victims of the flood in local communities. However, they desperately need funds. Please contribute to the SVP's Kerala appeal. To donate visit [www.svp.org.uk](http://www.svp.org.uk), telephone 020 7703 3030 or send cheques made out to SVP (write 'Kerala appeal' on the back) to SVP, Romero House, 55 Westminster Bridge Road, London SE1 7JB. And please remember our sisters and brothers in Kerala in your prayers

**Parish Events for the Week**

**TODAY** Refreshments after 10.15am Mass

**Thursday** Scripture Group 10am

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

**Future Diary Dates**

**1st September** Anne Lenihan Memorial Mass 12noon, Church

**8th September** National Eucharistic Congress

**20th Oct** Day for Catechists - St John's Cathedral, Portsmouth. Further information: [www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/catechists](http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/catechists)

**Youth Events**

**Summer Camp 'Fanning the Flame'** Ages 10-25yrs on 20-24th August. Booking Forms and more info at [www.FanningTheFlame.co.uk](http://www.FanningTheFlame.co.uk).

**Celebrate 29th-30th September St. Georges College Southampton SO16 3DQ.** For info. Email, [southampton@celebrateconference.org](mailto:southampton@celebrateconference.org)

**Antiphons for Year II, Week XXI Ordinary Time**

EA: Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trusts in you, my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.  
 CA: Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, says the Lord, and I will raise him up on the last day.

**Money Matters:** 19th August 2018  
 Envelopes: £337.20 Loose Plate £544.46 Many thanks

**Counters:** P. & D. Brooks, M. O'Mullane  
**Cleaners:** J. Ryan, M. Haddock