

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

**Parish Life**

**St John's Seminary Womersley** 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 **TODAY** to assist them in this project. Thank you for your generosity in advance.

**TODAY** 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, **THIS EVENING** at 7.30pm after evening mass, with our guests and their hosts, but all who are interested are very welcome too.

**NEXT SUNDAY** there will be a second collection for Catholic Education Service.

**NEXT SUNDAY ?** will be speaking at all Masses to tell us how monies raised from our Lenten Project will be spent.

**NEW WEBSITE** Our new website address is www.ourladyandstedmund.org.uk We have now started live streaming the Masses. This is to benefit those who genuinely cannot attend Mass in church. The Mass can be viewed on our website or at www.churchservices.tv/Abingdon If you know of anyone who is housebound, please pass on this information. Information on apps and how to view the Masses on a television set are also available on our website. Please note that rotas are published on the website. It would be really helpful if anyone who is on a rota or who is in the sanctuary during Mass, could sign a consent form. This will take less than a minute of your time. Barbara will be at the back of the church this Sunday with the forms, in case you have not yet signed one. Thank you.

**TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**

**Sunday 2 September**

8.45am	Mass	John Lindsay RIP
10.15am	Mass	Justin & Margaret Gosling Diamond Wedding Anniversary
4.30pm	Polish Mass	
6.30pm	Mass	People of our Parish
7.30pm	Church Twinning Service	

**Monday 3 September ST GREGORY THE GREAT**

8.30am	Rosary	
9am	Mass	Annastasia Finn RIP

**Tuesday 4 September**

8.30am	Rosary	
9am	Mass	Cecilia Jones RIP
11.30am	Funeral Mass	Jean Whitton RIP

**Wednesday 5 September**

6.30pm	Rosary	
7pm	Mass	Cecilia Edwards RIP

**Thursday 6 September**

9.00am	Rosary	
9.30am	Mass	In Thanksgiving Andreas & Sandra Kolb Wedding Anniversary

**Friday 7 September**

6.30pm	Rosary	
7pm	Mass	Norah Harty RIP

**Saturday 8 September**

11am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
11-11.30am	Confessions	
12 noon	Mass	Helen Birkbeck RIP

**Christian Focus:** The autumn edition is now available at the back of the church. It contains articles by parishioners of St Edmund's.

**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** 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.

**WHAT is RCIA?** – its beginning in September!! RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is also known as Journey in Faith. It is suitable for those who are not Catholic or even Christians, but who would like to know and understand more about the Catholic faith. It is also suitable for those who are already Catholic, but would like to deepen their knowledge and understanding of their faith. We have a wonderful team waiting to welcome you on Tuesday evenings in the parish centre, 'Come and See' any Tuesday commencing 18<sup>th</sup> September 7.30-9pm. Can I ask questions? YES. I'm not a Catholic will I be welcome? YES. I'm already a Catholic can I still join in? YES. A warm welcome awaits everybody. If you are interested and would like more information please speak to a team member outside mass or pick up a leaflet from the back of the church.

**PUDDING AND PASTORAL CARE** If you would like to come along and share ideas on how we can offer a warm and friendly hand to those coping with END OF LIFE CARE AND BEREAVEMENT please come and join us and share your thoughts on WEDNESDAY 3-10-18 AT 7pm At 25 Picklers Hill. RSVP (email to parish office) or just phone 01235 530623. Puddings provided! Sue Richards

**Faith Development**

**Apostleship of the Sea** invites you to a Mass in honour of our patron Stella Maris, Our Lady Star of the Sea. Come pray for the work of Apostleship of the Sea and for seafarers on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> September at 12.15pm in St John's Catholic Cathedral, Bishop Crispian Way, Portsmouth, PO1 3HG. Bishop Philip Egan will celebrate Mass, followed by a reception. All invited. Please RSVP by email to salvina@apostleshipofthesea.org.uk www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk

**Parish Events for the Week**

**TODAY** Refreshments after 10.15am Mass

**Thursday** Scripture Group 10am

**Friday** Baby & Toddler Group 9.30-11.15am

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

**Future Diary Dates**

**8<sup>th</sup> September** National Eucharistic Congress

**18<sup>th</sup> September** RCIA Sessions commence

**20<sup>th</sup> Oct** Day for Catechists - St John's Cathedral, Portsmouth. Further information: www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/catechists

**Youth Events**

*Celebrate 29<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> September St. Georges College Southampton SO16 3DQ. For info. Email, southampton@celebrateconference.org*

There will be an extra High Mass (EF) for the **Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary** on Sat 8th Sept at 11am in the Parish Church at Douai Abbey, followed by a Marian procession in the grounds of the Abbey. On Sun 9th Sept at 10:30am there will be an extra Dominican Rite Sung Mass (EF) at 10:30am in the Parish Church at Douai Abbey. The Schola Gregoriana of Cambridge will be singing Gregorian Chant for all the Masses. All these events are open to the public and ALL AGES. They are organised by YCA who are staying at the Abbey, during that weekend.

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

EA: Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long  
 O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.  
 CA: Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God. Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

**Money Matters:** 26<sup>th</sup> August 2018  
 Envelopes: £352.75 Loose Plate £608.31 Many thanks

**Counters:** R. & P. Taylor, M. Webster  
**Cleaners:** M. Kelly, M. Sheaf