

**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**

**THANKS.** Our thanks to all who have made our Easter Celebrations as beautiful as ever. We thank especially our Servers, Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, our choirs and musicians, flower ladies, and cleaners and Donie for the behind the scenes touches. Happy Easter. Fr. Jamie, Fr. Pip

**Golf Day** A big thank you to all our golfing parishioners for making our Lenten golf day such A success. Thanks also to Mary McKenna and all the team at Drayton Park for looking after us so well and to Mary and Father Jamie for donating prizes. A good day was had by all and we raised £360 for the Lenten Project Fund.

**Cake and Conversation** The next meeting will be on Wednesday April 26<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 as usual in the Parish Centre.

**Baby & Toddler Group** will resume on Fri 28<sup>th</sup> April, starting at 9.30am. We are always looking for additional helpers, whether this be help setting up or clearing away toys, helping to organise the crafts, advertising, singing, refreshments etc. or welcoming parents, carers and their children. If you would like to get involved, please come and speak to one of the helpers during a Friday session in the parish centre, or contact Bernadette (parish office). We welcome ad hoc helpers or regular helpers.

**Christian Aid Week** commences on the 13th May. Here at St Edmunds we always have a team of parishioners who carry out the house to house collection which still plays a very important part in fund raising for Christian Aid in Abingdon. If you would like to join our team please contact the parish office for further details. The collection route can be as long or short as you wish!

**Save the date!** On Saturday 13th May we will be holding a special mini retreat day looking at what being a disciple means and what the Lord wants us to do with our life. A mixture of talks, discussions, prayers, scripture meditation and worship music. It will be held in Christchurch Barn. More details soon.

**HOLY WEEK**

**Sunday 16 April EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD**

8am	Mass	Molly Armour RIP
9.30am	Mass	Paul & Simon Worrallo RIP
11.30am	Mass	Andrew Murray RIP
4.30pm	Polish Mass	

**N.B. No evening Mass**

**Monday 17 April Easter Octave**

10am	Mass	Jean Whitton Intentions
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**Tuesday 18 April Easter Octave**

8.30am	Rosary	
9am	Mass	Win Heath & Family Intentions

**Wednesday 19 April Easter Octave**

6.00 pm	Stations of the Cross	
7pm	Mass	Harry Macmahon RIP

**Thursday 20 April Easter Octave**

9am	Rosary	
9.30am	Mass	Thanks to St Anthony, St Martin, St Francis for prayers answered

**Friday 21 April Easter Octave**

6.00 pm	Stations of the Cross	
7pm	Mass	George Greenham Anniversary RIP

**Saturday 22 April Easter Octave**

11am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
11-11.30am	Confessions	
12 noon	Mass	Eddie & Denise Fitzgerald Intentions

**Day of reflection for Eucharistic ministers**

27<sup>th</sup> May, 10am-4pm. Venue - Stonehill Barn. Could Eucharistic ministers please email Fr Phil to confirm availability. pcarroll@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

**Faith Development**

**Wednesday 26th April Mass at 7.00pm** to pray and reflect about the consequences of the 1967 Abortion Act followed in the Parish Centre afterwards with a talk by Dominica Roberts on the current situation around LIFE issues and a social get-together. All are welcome.

**Celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday** with Rev. Fr. Christopher Poswiata CSMA, on April 23rd at The Chapel, Elmore Abbey House, Church Lane, Speen, Newbury, Berks. RG14 1SA. Confessions from 1pm - Holy Mass 2pm - Chaplet & 3 O'clock prayer. Refreshments afterwards. For further details call 07969 890870.

The **Abingdon Baby Cafe** which runs in our Parish centre on a Thursday, has been chosen by Waitrose as one of its 3 charities for April. Please do support us by putting in the green discs when you shop. Thank you.

**Southampton Celebrate Weekend** will be on 30th September and 1st October this year at St. George Catholic College, Swaythling, Southampton, SO163DQ A "Faith Filled" weekend with Teachings, Praise & Worship, Seminars, Daily Mass, Dramas & Mimes and Reconciliation. A real celebration of our faith. Children's streams are available with age appropriate teaching. Full details are available on [www.celebrateconference.org](http://www.celebrateconference.org) or contact Peter & Lynda (parish office).

**School News**

**Deputy Head Vacancy - St Edmund's Catholic Primary School.** Our governors wish to appoint a committed, practising Catholic to join the established leadership team in our warm and welcoming school from September 2017, following the retirement of our current Deputy Head. Further details are available on the school website or contact Mrs Berny Pratt, School Business Manager, for an application pack Ab 521558 or bpra2676@st-edmunds-rc.oxon.sch.uk). Closing date for applications is 27th April 2017.

**St Edmund's Governors' Fund 100+ Club Results - April 2017 Draw:** The winning numbers were:

1st Prize (£30) – Number 54 Wilf Demarchi  
 2nd Prize (£20) – Number 63 Justine Linsley  
 3rd Prize (£10) – Number 10 Anna Hancox

Congratulations to the winners. There are still numbers available at £11.25 for the remaining 9 draws this year. Tickets can be purchased by anyone with a connection to the school, so please encourage grandparents, aunts, uncles, brothers, sisters etc. to join in and buy a number. Please do not hesitate to contact me – by email at pb.cole+100club@gmail.com or phone on 07779 662725 if you would like to join or have any questions.

**Parish Events for the Week**

Many of the usual activities are not taking place because of the Easter break.

**TODAY** Refreshments after 10.15 Mass

**Thursday** Scripture Group 10-11am

**Friday** Lenten Parish Dinner 7.30pm

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

**Future Diary Dates**

**25<sup>th</sup> April** RCIA Sessions resume 7.30-9pm  
**27<sup>th</sup> April** FHC Parents Meeting 7.30-9.30pm  
**10<sup>th</sup> May** Parish Lunch, 12.30pm  
**13<sup>th</sup> May** Christian Aid Week

**Youth Events**

**Youth Group** - Saturday 6th May  
 8-10 - 1:30pm-2:30pm  
 11-12 & 13-14 - 3pm-4:30pm

**Freedog in June** There will be a pastoral area youth group trip to 'Freedog' in Swindon on Sat 10th June. We will meet at Freedog (Urban Activity Centres, Unit 30, Techno Trading Estate, Kembrey Park, Bramble Road, Swindon, SN2 8HB. Tel. no. 01793 251555) at 1pm. Parents and younger/older siblings are welcome to join us. A 1hour session will cost around £12 including the cost of jump socks. Please bring a packed lunch, or money to buy lunch or a snack. For more information email info@freedog.com or Melanie at tipayouth@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

*Further info please contact Melanie Parris- Dollar tipayouth@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk*

**LENTEEN PROJECT FUND RAISING**

**LENTEEN PARISH DINNER** We are holding a two course dinner in the Parish Centre on Fri 21<sup>st</sup> April, at 7.30pm to raise funds in aid of ITF Bamenda & Headway, Oxfordshire. Tickets £12.50 each **BRING YOUR OWN DRINK** With a Raffle (We would appreciate any raffle prizes). Tickets will be on sale after all Masses. Or contact: Sylvia Nelson or Mary Kelly (parish office).

**Money Matters:** 9<sup>th</sup> April 2017  
 Envelopes £ 520.80 Loose Plate £ 915.52 Many thanks.

**Counters:** N. Cairns, A. & C. Lardner-Brown, B. Malone  
**Cleaners:** T. & M. Kelly