

**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**

**TODAY** there will be a second collection for Catholic Communications Network.

**TODAY** Prayer for Priests: Susan Rodgers from Emmanuel Community, Oxford, will be speaking after each Mass, encouraging us to pray for our priests, and giving out prayer cards.

**TODAY LiveSimply and Workaid Tool collection** is the second and final collection of tools for recycling. Please leave your contribution in the garage at the back of the Presbytery after Mass. Please note we are unable to accept Bicycles or Lawn mowers because of storage and transport problems.

**POST COMMUNION CELEBRATIONS** Please note that the date has now been changed to Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> June not as previously advertised.

**PENTECOST VIGIL LIVE FROM ROME** Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> June, 3pm to approx 7 PM: Pope Francis has invited Christians worldwide to join him in the Circus Massimus to celebrate 50 years of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal. We shall be streaming the event live in the Parish Centre. All welcome, come for all or part. Refreshments provided. Details Ab 528528.

**"Amoris Laetitia"** (The Joy of Love) is the Apostolic Exhortation on Love in the family, by Pope Francis. It's a wonderful document that requires some exploration. To that end we have invited Austen Ivereigh from Catholic Voices to lead us in a presentation allowing us to access the riches of this important papal teaching. Please join us on Fri 16<sup>th</sup> June, following the evening Mass. The talk is open to the Pastoral Area and so it's likely it will take place in the Church itself, depending on numbers.

**Faith Development**

**Holy Spirit Seminar** - Wed 31<sup>st</sup> May, 6:30pm Speaker Fr Phil Carroll. Bl. Dominic Barberi RC Church, Cowley Rd, Littlemore OX4 4JX. All welcome. Mass at 6pm

**THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD**

**Sunday 28 May**  
8.45am    Mass    Sylvia Brown RIP  
10.15am    Mass    John O'Shea RIP  
6.30pm    Mass    Gayle Belcher RIP

**Monday 29 May**  
8.30am    Rosary  
9am        Mass    Baby Ernie Oliver (aged 8 weeks) RIP

**Tuesday 30 May**  
8.30am    Rosary  
9am        Mass    D'Silva Family Intentions

**Wednesday 31 May THE VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**  
6.30 pm    Rosary  
7pm        Mass    Esperanza Garcia & Angel Alanis RIP

**Thursday 1 June St Justin**  
9am        Rosary  
9.30am    Mass    Brian & Doreen Keaney Intentions  
1pm        Funeral Mass

**Friday 2 June SS Marcellinus & Peter**  
6.30 pm    Rosary  
7pm        Mass    Private Intention

**Saturday 3 June St Charles Lwanga & Companions**  
10.15      Mothers Prayers  
11am      Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
11-11.30am    Confessions  
12 noon    Mass    Peter McCarthy RIP

**Come for a West African Cooking lesson by Vivian (Vivicious Services)** followed by a delicious 3 course meal on Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> June, 7pm in North Abingdon in aid of St Edmund Lenten project. £25 suggested donation for the evening. Book your evening as soon as possible. Beatrice or Eliane (parish office).

**The Secular Franciscan Order (OFS)**, Oxford will hold an Open Day of Recollection, Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> June, Elmthorpe Convent, Oxford Road, Cowley OX4 2LF, 09:30 to 16:00. All welcome - details on the church notice board. Further details 01235 526346.

Due to the **tragic circumstances in Manchester** the pre-election hustings due to take place on 23<sup>rd</sup> May have been rearranged for Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June, 7.30 pm, Amey Theatre, Abingdon. Any enquiries, please contact Debra Mcknight on cia35abingdon@aol.co.uk or 07896 860381.

**Concerts at St Michael's Church** raising funds for St Michael's 150th Anniversary charities - The Abingdon Bridge and TARIRO - Hope for Youth in Zimbabwe: Tuesday 13 June, 8pm, Cothill House School Choir supported by Members of New College Oxford will sing Fauré's Requiem and other motets. Retiring collection for 150th Anniversary charities. Saturday 17 June at 7pm. Wantage Academy Brass under the direction of Nikki Jones. Tickets £7, concessions £6 are available from the Bookstore (Bury Street) and at the door. 16 & under free.

**Date for your diary:** Following our own very successful International Evening earlier this month, Abingdon is going to celebrate the town's diverse culture on Sunday 18 June, 12-3pm in St Ethelwolds Garden, East St Helen Street. There will be an international Bring & Share lunch and musical entertainment. More details later, but meanwhile put the date in your diary and think about what you are going to bring!

**Vacancy**

**Administrator Required**—A vacancy has arising for a part-time Administrative Secretary to work for Fr Phillip Harris, Parish Priest at the churches of English Martyrs, Didcot and St John the Evangelist, Wallingford. The successful applicant will be located at the Parish Office in the Presbytery at Didcot. Hours of work: 28 per week, hours each day to be agreed Salary: £9.19 - £11.34 per hour

Experience and Qualifications required for the role:  
Experienced Administrator with excellent secretarial skills, time management and prioritisation skills  
Computer literate, skilled in word processing, desktop publishing, spreadsheets, database management and use of the internet  
Experienced in book-keeping and knowledge of accounts  
Experience of website management (training will be given)  
Personal Attributes: Sympathetic to the Ministry and Mission of the Catholic Church  
Self-motivated and flexible, with ability to work on own initiative and using own judgement without supervision, able to cope with change and work under pressure.  
Diplomatic, discreet with a sympathetic nature and emotional resilience. Closing date for applications: **5th June**  
Application forms can be downloaded from [www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/vacancies/](http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/vacancies/) or available from the parish office. Please return to Fr Phillip Harris, English Martyrs Church, 15 Manor Crescent, Didcot OX11 7AJ, Telephone 01235 812338

**Parish Events for the Week**

**TODAY** Refreshments after 10.15 Mass

**Wednesday** Cake & Conversation 9.30am

**Thursday** Scripture Group 10-11am

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

**Saturday** Pentecost Vigil Live from Rome, 3pm

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

**Future Diary Dates**

**5th June** Bereaved Coffee Morning 10.30am  
**10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup> June** FHC Celebrations  
**14<sup>th</sup> June** Parish Lunch 12.30pm  
**16<sup>th</sup> June** "Amoris Laetitia" Talk by Austen Ivereigh. of Catholic Voices 7.30pm  
**18<sup>th</sup> June** Post Communion Celebration Mass/Picnic  
**9<sup>th</sup> July** Parish Day  
**29<sup>th</sup> July** Social Evening to meet Fr. Thomas and hear about his work in India 7.30pm  
**30<sup>th</sup> July** Fr. Thomas will be present at all Masses  
**24<sup>th</sup> September** Parish AGM 7.30pm, Parish Centre

**Youth Events**

**Freedog in June** Sat 10<sup>th</sup> 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.

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

**We pray for**

- The victims, their families and the people of Manchester

**Money Matters:** 21st May 2017  
Envelopes £457.95    Loose Plate £867.73    Many thanks.

**Counters:** E.Be, M. Webster, R. & P. Taylor  
**Cleaners:** R. & P. Taylor, M. Jarvis