

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

**Parish Life**

**A HUGE thank you** to everybody who helped with the task of clearing away the Christmas decorations. It was a terrific turnout and very much appreciated. Regards Jo Milham.

**PAX CHRISTI Peace Sunday NEXT SUNDAY** 20<sup>th</sup> January. Please collect and envelope from back of Church. Many thanks.

**TODAY** there will be a second collection for the White Flower Appeal.

**The Alpha Course** is 9 sessions that explore the Christian faith in a relaxed and welcoming way. At each session there is a video talk that looks at a different question around faith, followed by conversation around the topic or on anything to do with God! The Alpha course is run in more Catholic churches around the world than in any other Christian church. It is highly recommended by both parishioners and those who have no faith. If you are interested in attending or you know someone who might be interested, please contact Maeve (parish office). The Course will be running at her home in Kennington, commencing Thurs 24<sup>th</sup> of January from 11am - 12.30 pm. If you cannot make this day/time, but would like to try Alpha, please contact Maeve too as we will run it at other days/times in Abingdon if there is enough interest.

**Light for the Blind - St Joseph's Hospices - India** Supporters of Father Thomas' charity "Light for the Blind" should have received the 2018 newsletter delivered to their home address just before Christmas. If you did not receive a copy, then please take one from the box at the back of the Church and let Peter Dodd know so that the list of supporters can be kept up to date. There are also some Charity Gift Aid declaration forms and Standing Order Mandates for anyone who needs one of these. Peter Dodd (Trustee) (contact - parish office).

**THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

**Sunday 13 January**  
 8.45am Mass Peggy & John Anderson RIP  
 10.15am Mass John & Letitia Fay RIP  
 6.30pm Mass William Delaney RIP

**Monday 14 January**  
 8.30am Rosary  
 9am Mass Bill Delany RIP

**Tuesday 15 January**  
 8.30am Rosary  
 9am Mass Private Intention

**Wednesday 16 January**  
 6.30pm Rosary  
 7pm Mass Matty Duncan RIP

**Thursday 17 January St Anthony of Egypt**  
 9am Rosary  
 9.30am Mass Rita Murphy RIP

**Friday 18 January**  
 1.30pm Funeral Sheila Finch RIP  
 6.30pm Rosary  
 7pm Mass Sheila Finch RIP

**Saturday 19 January St Wulstan**  
 8.50-10.15am FHC (1)  
 11am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
 11-11.30am Confessions  
 12 noon Mass Dennis Dewsnap RIP (Anniversary)

**Our parish needs** a new representative on the Abingdon group which prepares the World Day of Prayer service for March 1st. It is very rewarding to work with women from the other churches in Abingdon, with material this year from Christian women in Slovenia. More information from Angela Waterhouse (parish office) and at www.wwdp.org.uk

**Due to the cold weather** we are going to extend our collection for the homeless in Oxford.....Hats gloves socks and toiletries. The contributions so far have been very gratefully received

**Faith Development**

**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity:** 19-25 January 2019. The CiA will be organising the following activities:

- United Service, Christ Church, 27 January, 3 pm
- Midday prayers, St Nics, Mon 21 to Friday 25 January, 12noon, led by the following clergy:  
 Monday 21 Jan – Pastor Ed Evans  
 Tuesday 22 Jan – Revd Paul Smith  
 Wednesday 23 Jan – Revd Keith Dunnett  
 Thursday 24 Jan – Revd Steve Millard  
 Friday 25 Jan – Revd Kath/Phil Cooke
- Inter-church quiz, St Helen's, Friday 25 January, Church open 7.30 pm, papers on tables 7.40 pm, first questions read 8 pm. Max 8 people per team and no limit on number of teams. Suggested donation £2 per person. Basic refreshments provided – people welcome to bring bottles and snacks. Contact administrator@sthelens-abingdon.org.uk to enrol teams by Monday 14 January. All profits to local charity.

**Marriage Care** is a faith-based charity which draws on its Catholic tradition and contemporary research to help couples in both good times and bad. We provide relationship counselling services to thousands of people across England and Wales each year and have local counselling centres in Oxford (Cowley and Headington) and Abingdon. If you are facing a stressful time in your relationship, we can help. Whether you are feeling things just aren't quite right or whether you are encountering serious difficulties, our professionally trained volunteer relationship counsellors are here to listen and to support you towards a positive outcome. You will never be turned away because you cannot afford to give very much but we do ask all our clients to make a donation at the start of each session and pay an initial registration fee of £10 to secure a place on the waiting list. Call us on 0800 389 3801 or for more information visit: www.marriagecare.org.uk

**Vacancies**

**Trinity Learning Education Development Officer**  
 0.4 FTE, salary £30,000 pro-rata. Starting as soon as possible. Based at The Conduit Centre in Abingdon. For more information and an application form, contact: trinity.abingdon@gmail.com or 01235 520282. Closing date for applications is 25th Jan.

**Parish Events for the Week**

**TODAY** Refreshments after 10.15am Mass

**Tuesday** RCIA 7.30pm

**Wednesday** Cake & Conversation resumes 9.30am  
 Parish Lunch, 12.30pm

**Friday** Baby & Toddler Group resumes 9.30am  
 SVP meeting 7.30pm

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

**Future Diary Dates**

**13<sup>th</sup> Feb** Parish Lunch 12.30pm, Parish Centre  
**6<sup>th</sup> March** Soup Supper, 7.30pm Parish Centre

**Youth Events**

*More info: tipayouth@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk*

**LIVE SIMPLY - THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH**

The Live Simply team would like to wish all parishioners a Happy, Prosperous and Holy 2019. Because we are a LIVE SIMPLY PARISH where we try to Live Simply, Sustainably and in Solidarity with the Poor, we will be giving a LIVE SIMPLY THOUGHT for each month. Some months we will also promote an activity such as Carless Sunday, Garden Produce Sunday and a Creation Walk as last year, activities that that many parishioners can participate in. Our THOUGHT FOR JANUARY is that parishioners try to cut down plastic use. One suggestion is that we buy loose fruit and vegetables rather than those pre packed. Another suggestion is that gardeners use fibre pots rather than plastic pots. For more ideas look at Abingdon Carbon Cutters' website. www.abingdoncarboncutters.org.uk/abingdon-cuts-plastic

**Antiphons for Year I, Week I Ordinary Time**

EA: Upon a lofty throne, I saw a man seated, whom a host of angels adore, singing in unison: Behold him, the name of whose empire is eternal. CA: With you, O Lord, is the fountain of life, and in your light we see light.

**Money Matters:** 6<sup>th</sup> January 2018  
 Envelopes: £353.75 Loose Plate £630.58 Many thanks

**Counters:** M. & M. Martin, M. Knott  
**Cleaners:** L. Osazuwa, S. Pritchett