

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

Celebrating the Season of Advent – Arts & Faith Advent

We invite you to an Advent course featuring Ignatian Spirituality that will deepen your understanding of Sacred Scriptures and your experience of the Advent season this year with Arts & Faith: Advent. Each week we'll provide a video commentary about a work of classic sacred art inspired by the Sunday Scriptures, that will enable you to take a new look at this season of hope and preparation through the lens of sacred art. There will also be a guided meditation, reflections and time of quiet prayer. This course brings to life a new way of celebrating Advent and understanding the season on a more personal level. Mon 27th Nov & 4th, 11th & 18th Dec 7-8pm in the parish centre. All are welcome. For further information contact Fr Rob.

Polish Christmas Carol Service NEXT SATURDAY at 5pm in our church and after singing there will be a refreshment in the Parish Centre. All are welcome.

Prayer Ministry NEXT SUNDAY. We invite you to come up after the 10:15am Mass for prayer with members of St Edmund's Prayer Ministry team. Give your hurts and burdens to Jesus, He cares for you.

ALTAR SERVERS there will be a practice for all Altar Servers on Sat 9th December at 9.55am. If you are unable to attend please speak to Fr. Rob.

Christmas lunch for Seniors Sunday 10th December in the Parish Centre, 12.30 for 1pm. Volunteers to cook and help on the day are welcome. If dining or helping, please put your name on the list at the back of church or phone 534873 or 203103. Raffle prizes welcome.

Calling all Guadalupanos and Guadalupanas! Come and join us to celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe on Tuesday 12th December from 12:30-2pm in the Parish Centre. We'll have lunch together (Bring and share) and then watch a short film (approx. 60 mins) on the apparition of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico, its

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

Sunday 26 November

8.45am	Mass	Pauline & Jack Keller RIP
10.15am	Mass	Leonard Meekings RIP
6.30pm	Mass	Garry Scaife RIP

Monday 27 November

8.30am	Rosary	
9am	Mass	Dylan Sanchez-Pinsent RIP

Tuesday 28 November

8.30am	Rosary	
9am	Mass	Stephen Harrold RIP
11am	Funeral Mass	Elizabeth Gayther RIP

Wednesday 29 November

6.30pm	Rosary	
7pm	Mass	Mary & Paul McCaffrey RIP

Thursday 30 November ST ANDREW

9am	Rosary	
9.30am	Mass	Special Intention

Friday 1 December

6.30pm	Rosary	
7pm	Mass	Maureen Butler RIP

Saturday 2 December

10.15am	Mothers Prayers	
11am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
11-11.30am	Confessions	
12 noon	Mass	James Malloy RIP
5pm	Polish Carols	

message and impact throughout the American continent and the world.

Christmas Trees. We need help to erect our church Christmas trees. Can you help on Fri 15th Dec at 10.30am? Please contact Jo Milham (parish office). Many thanks.

MARY'S MEALS. We are delighted to have been given permission to repeat the Rags to Riches initiative again this year. Mary's meals will be here during the 8.45am mass on Sunday 17th Dec. Please collect your unwanted clothes and bedding (no pillows or Duvets) and place in tied black sacks. The parish centre will be open on Sat 16th Dec for collections. Times to be confirmed. Mary's meals feeds children one good meal every day at school in over 14 countries. Because of low costs this can be done for £13.90 per child for a whole year. Go to www.marysmeals.org to donate £13.90 and get it doubled up to the end of Dec thus feeding 2 children for a year rather than one. Thank you.

Faith Development

Abingdon Scouts & Guides Christmas Post - A

Christmas postal service run by the Scouts & Guides for delivery in Abingdon, Radley & Shippon only. Guaranteed delivery by Christmas Eve. Costs 25p per card and these may be deposited in the box at the back of the church. Collections until 18th Dec. All proceeds to Scout & Guide funds. Thank you for your support.

Raising Funds for Abingdon Passion Play - Ceilidh

Night. Fri 1st Dec at Trinity Church Hall, Conduit Rd Abingdon 7-11pm. Fun for all of the family Tickets £8, children under 16 go free. Tickets available www.abingdonpassionplay.org.uk, at The Bookstore (Precinct), or Anne Green (parish office). Further dates & information to follow.

Abingdon Extravaganza on Sat 2nd Dec 10.30-5.30, and St Nicolas' Church will again be hosting various activities on behalf of the CIA. Help from other churches would be most welcome. If you can help, please contact parish office.

School News

St Edmund's Catholic Primary School - Admissions Sept 2019. As required by regulations, the Governing Body of St Edmund's Primary School will be conducting a consultation on its proposed admissions arrangements for the school year 2019-2020. The consultation period runs for a minimum period of 6 weeks from 27th Nov until 12th Jan 2018. Copies of the proposed policy can be obtained from the school office or from the school website www.st-edmunds-rc.oxon.sch.uk. Comments on the arrangements should be sent to Chair of Admissions Committee, St Edmund's Catholic Primary School, Radley Road, Abingdon, Oxon OX14 3PP by 12 noon on 12th Jan 2018. The Governing Body will consider all comments received before determining its admissions arrangements by 28th Feb 2018.

St. Edmund's Primary School Christmas Fayre Sat 9th Dec 11.30am-2pm. Raffle tickets will be sold outside church after each mass TODAY and next Sunday. All funds raised will go towards buying equipment and a new school fort.

Parish Events for the Week

TODAY Refreshments after 10.15am Mass

Tuesday RCIA Session (10) 7.30pm

Wednesday Cake & Conversation 9.30-11am

Thursday Scripture Group 10am

Friday Baby & Toddler Group 9.30-11.15am

Saturday Polish Christmas Carol Service at 5pm. Followed by refreshments.

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

Future Diary Dates

9th December Altar Servers Practice 9.55-10.55am
10th December Parish Lunch, 12.30 for 1pm

Youth Events

Youth Group Advent Retreat date:

Sat 2nd Dec (St Edmund's) 2-4.30pm - 'Waiting for the coming of the Lord' - with Monsignor Andrew Burnham.

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

St Edmunds Primary School is looking for a Foundation Governor to complete its Governing Body. Foundation Governors must be practising Catholics as they play a vital role in ensuring the Catholic ethos of our school. Please speak to one of the current governors after mass or Father Jamie if you feel you could help in this way.

OLA Senior School: A suitably qualified teacher is required to join our committed Geography department, teaching A-Level to our Sixth Form students from April to July next year. Closing date for applications: Thurs 30th Nov. Please see the school website for further info and detailed job description www.olab.org.uk

We pray for:

- The repose of the soul of Nuala O'Shea RIP. Funeral Mass Wed 6th Dec at 11am.

Antiphons for Year I, Week XXXIV Ordinary Time

EA: The Lord speaks of peace to his people and his holy ones and to those who turn to him.
 CA: O praise the Lord, all you nations, for his merciful live towards us is great.

Money Matters: 19th November 2017
 Envelopes £533.49 Loose Plate £809.33 Many thanks
 CAFOD £1166.45

Counters: M. Knott, M. & M. Martin
Cleaners: E. & T. Jamicka