

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

**Parish Life**

**The Feast of Christ the King TODAY** is also kept as Youth Sunday. Let us pray for our young people, and Mel in all her efforts to support them.

**PPC Annual General Meeting TODAY**, 7.30pm in the Parish Centre. All are invited to attend.

**Collection for Bamenda** £1,686.92. Many thanks for your generosity.

**Many thanks** to all who helped at the Church in Abingdon Bereavement Service last Sunday. You did us proud.

**ADVENT CALENDAR** Adults and children can follow Advent on our very own Advent calendar, which is on our website (www.ourladyandstedmund.org.uk) in the 'What's On' section. In the coming week there will also be information on our Blog (in the 'News' section) and activities in the 'Youth' section.

**Charismatic Prayer Meeting**, Wednesday 28th November: at 4 Rawlings Grove. 7:45-9pm. Info (parish office).

**WANTED volunteers for our Baby & Toddler Group** especially between 9 and 9.30am on a FRIDAY to help carry equipment and craft from the garage to the parish centre. The baby and toddler group meets in the parish centre on Oxford Road from 9.30 to 11.15 am in term time. We are a friendly drop-in group providing opportunities for families (parent/carer with their babies and pre-school children) to play, make craft, sing and make friends. Our last session this term is December 14th. PLEASE CONSIDER VOLUNTEERING FOR THIS WORTHWHILE ACTIVITY- come and meet us from 9.15am on a Friday morning in the parish or phone (parish office) for further information.

**OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE**

**Sunday 25 November**

8.45am	Mass	Richard 'Dick' Kearney RIP
10.15am	Mass	Rose & Derek Andrews RIP
6.30pm	Mass	Gayle Belcher RIP

**Monday 26 November**

8.30am	Rosary	
9am	Mass	Private Intentions

**Tuesday 27 November**

8.30am	Rosary	
9am	Mass	Madden Family members RIP

**Wednesday 28 November**

6.30pm	Rosary	
7pm	Mass	Hewson Family members RIP

**Thursday 29 November**

9am	Rosary	
9.30am	Mass	David Anthony Bland RIP

**Friday 30 November ST ANDREW**

1pm	Funeral Janet Cox RIP	
6.30pm	Rosary	
7pm	Mass	Deceased members & visitees of the SVP RIP

**Saturday 1 December**

11am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
11-11.30am	Confessions	
12 noon	Mass	Edna Bale RIP

**GLOBAL HEALING** - how our faith helps us to care for our common home. A new film produced by CaFE (Catholic faith exploration film company), sponsored by the Bishops Conference. Join us for a free and inspiring evening of film, food & friendship responding together to Pope Francis' call to care for creation and to pass on a healthy planet to our children's children. Fri 30<sup>th</sup>

November, 7.30-9.00pm in the parish centre. A meal will be served first, and in order to help with catering arrangements, please would you sign the list at the back of the church if you intend on coming. Everybody welcome.

**Bereavement Support** A small group of parishioners are keen to offer help and support to those who have suffered a bereavement. However, we can only help, if we know who you are. GDPR restrictions have made this very difficult to administer, so it is important that you give your permission, to the parish office, for us to contact you and offer the opportunity for a chat if you would find that helpful. We have initiated a book, up above our picture frame, at the back of the church, and you are most welcome to write the names of any bereaved family, friends and neighbours you would like included in our parish prayers. This applies to everyone everywhere, not just within the parish.

**Christmas lunch for Seniors** Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December, Parish Centre at 12.30. Please put your name on list at back of church or contact the parish office. Cooks and helpers on the day also welcome. Many thanks.

**MARY'S MEALS:** We will, again, be having a RAGS to RICHES event on DECEMBER 15/16 this year. Please save your textiles /shoes/bags, pack into in Black sacks and bring to the parish centre on Sat 15<sup>th</sup> December 10am - 4pm and they will be collected by the Marys meals team early Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December. Thank you in advance for your generosity to this appeal.

**Faith Development**

**Fabulous Flowers Shelter Demonstration** The team would like to say thank you so much to all who attended and supported the evening. It was a huge success and we raised £1045 for Shelter. If you would like to order a Shelter Christmas door wreath you can do so via the shop or on line at www.fabulousflowers.biz Advent wreathes also available in the shop.

**The Abingdon Salvation Army** has organised a Charity Concert on Fri 30<sup>th</sup> Nov at 7pm in Trinity Church. Two Abingdon charities will be receiving the profits from this evening, 'The Abingdon Bridge' and 'Abingdon Street Pastors'. Tickets are £5 available from the Salvation Army in West St. Helen Street or pay on the door.

**The Extravaganza in St Nicolas' Church**, Sat 1st Dec St Nicolas' Church will be open from 10.30 to 5.30, to provide warmth and hot drinks for all. The focus this year will be on children, with pocket-money presents for all as well as toys and children's books. There will also be short concerts throughout the day plus cookies and cakes, raffles and a "Lucky Dip". For parents there will be mulled cider from 1.00pm. From 4.00-5.30pm there will be children's cartoon films, plus popcorn and squash. The day will close with a short service of Evening Prayer at 6.30pm (approx).

**Parish Events for the Week**

**TODAY** Refreshments after 10.15am Mass  
 Parish AGM 7.30pm

**Tuesday** RCIA Session 7.30pm

**Wednesday** Cake & Conversation 9.30-11am

**Friday** Baby & Toddler Group 9.30-11.15am  
 Global Healing film & Meal 7.30-9.00pm

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

**Future Diary Dates**

**9<sup>th</sup> Dec** Christmas Lunch for Seniors 12.30pm, Parish Centre

**Youth Events**

*tipayouth@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk*

**School News**

**St Edmunds Primary School** are holding their Christmas fayre on Sat 8<sup>th</sup> December 11am- 1pm. The day will include a Santa's grotto, raffles, tombolas, games, refreshments and much more. All are welcome to attend on the day, and raffle tickets will be available to purchase after masses **TODAY** and next Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December. Many thanks for your continued support of the school, The Parents Association.

**We pray for:**

- The repose of the soul of Janet Cox RIP. Funeral 30<sup>th</sup> November, 1pm.

**Antiphons for Year II, 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: Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age, says the Lord.

**Money Matters:** 18<sup>th</sup> November 2018  
 Envelopes: £277.23 Loose Plate £687.15 Many thanks

**Counters:** R. & P. Taylor, M. Webster  
**Cleaners:** E. & T. Jamicka