

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

Thank you to all those who supported the Christian Aid Week coffee morning, which raised £185 for Christian Aid's campaign to build homes which will stand fast against hurricanes in disaster areas. Please see www.christianaid.org.uk

A Day Reflecting on the Celtic and Northern Saints. You are invited to join us as we journey with, and reflect on, the lives of these saints. Through the use of story, film, prayer, quiet time and holy conversation, we will explore the history and impact on our faith of the 6th & 7th Century Celtic and Northern saints who spread and preached the Gospel of Jesus. Sat 2nd June, Parish Centre 10am-3pm. Mass at 12noon followed by lunch (please bring a packed lunch). The day will be led by Margaret and Phil Doyle (Diocese of Salford). Everybody Welcome.

Eucharistic Ministers Retreat: All E.M's invited to attend this years Retreat Day on Saturday June 16th at Stonehill Barn, Drayton Road (our thanks to Anthea). The day begins with refreshments at 10am ending with Mass for 4pm. The day will be led by Fr Rob.

We have a small selection of **First Holy Communion greetings cards** available in the parish office for £1.

St Edmund of Abingdon. There are 2 opportunities coming up to learn more about St Edmund. As part of the Bank Holiday Walks from the Market Square on Monday 28th May, there will be one at 10.30am highlighting the sites in the centre of Abingdon connected with St Edmund, Abingdon's most famous son. The walks are free and the full programme of walks is on the poster at the back of church. Details of the St Edmund walk from Anne Dodd 525997. The 2nd opportunity is on Wed 30th May at 7.30pm in St Nicholas' Church in the Market Square. Full details on the poster at the back of church.

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

Sunday 27 May
8.45am Mass Bernadette Feeney RIP
10.15am Mass Jane Elwood Birthday Intentions
6.30pm Mass Fr. Jamie & Fr. Rob Intentions

Monday 28 May
8.30am Rosary
9am Mass Sylvia Browne RIP

Tuesday 29 May
8.30am Rosary
9am Mass Bernadette Feeney RIP

Wednesday 30 May
6.30pm Rosary
7pm Mass Monica Powley RIP

Thursday 31 May THE VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
8.30am Rosary
9.30am Mass Cameron Paterson Intentions

Friday 1 June ST JUSTIN
6.30pm Rosary
7pm Mass Gayle Belcher RIP

Saturday 2 June Ss Marcellinus & Peter
11am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
11-11.30am Confessions
12 noon Mass Ari Psaras Intentions

Church Twinning A group of visitors from the churches in Schongau, our Twin Town in Germany will be visiting Abingdon from Thurs 5th to Mon 9th July. If you would like to help with hosting the visitors or could offer an evening meal or a Sunday lunch, please contact Angela 532296 or Anne 525997. There will be another opportunity at the end of August when we will

be welcoming a group from the churches in Colmar, our twin town in France.

Faith Development

Fun in the Park June 2nd. Annual event in Abbey Meadows where CIA are always visible, with face painting, refreshments and other events. Always appreciative of any volunteer help on the day or new ideas for stalls etc. If you'd like to get involved this year please contact Debra McKnight (parish office).

CAFOD This year, the Holy Father urges us to reach out to our brothers and sisters who are forced to flee their homes. This new campaign is called Share the Journey. Schools, parishes, and local communities across England and Wales will be walking to show solidarity with people on the move. Together, we are aiming for 24,900 miles – the distance around the whole world. CAFOD will use this shared journey to deliver a powerful message to world leaders, who meet in September 2018. For more info please contact Jo Lewry portsmouth@cafod.org.uk or call 01252 329385.

Seminar on abortion decriminalisation: Thurs 7th June – The Oratory, 25 Woodstock Road, Oxford OX2 6HA, 8–9.30pm. See poster for full details.

Bereaved Parent Support Day This is on 9th June in Swindon for parents who have lost a child. Details can be found at www.careforthefamily.org.uk.

Diocesan Day for Readers - 16th June 2018. St Bede's Catholic Church, Basingstoke. Further information: www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/readers

This year's Great Get Together is being held at St Ethelwold's House on Sun 24th June, 12noon – 3pm, as a joint endeavour between Host Abingdon, MoreinComon, Abingdon Peace Group, Host UK and St Ethelwold's. This year will also involve the Archway Foundation, which works with people in Abingdon to relieve some of the distress caused by loneliness. It is a wonderful opportunity to enjoy a bring-and-share lunch and some world music and to meet people who are committed to making our town a welcoming place of cultural and religious diversity, and acceptance, for people from all over the world.

Marriage Care in Abingdon is looking for people who could spare us a couple of hours on a regular basis on a Tuesday between 6pm and 7pm. We need one or two people to Join a rota and chaperone one of our counsellors. The premises are warm and you can read a book/knit/or study whilst you are helping us. If this is something that you could assist us with, please contact Catherine Macfarlane on 07470 412800 or email (parish office) to find out more with no obligation.

Parish Events for the Week

TODAY Refreshments after 10.15am Mass

Wednesday Cake & Conversation 9.30-11am

Thursday Scripture Group 10am

Friday SVP Meeting 7.30pm

Saturday "A Day in the footsteps of Celtic and Northern Saints" 10am-3pm.

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

Future Diary Dates

30th May The Life & Legacy of St Edmund of Abingdon. Talk by Will Donaldson at St Nicholas Church, Market Place, Abingdon. 7.30pm. Refreshments provided.
5th June Parish Vision Meeting, 7.30pm, Parish Centre
13th June Parish Lunch, 12.30pm, Parish Centre
1st July Parish Day

Youth Events

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

One-day pilgrimage to Liverpool Sat 8th Sept. Bishop Philip invites you to join him at the National Eucharistic Congress. To share in a unique opportunity to worship Jesus Christ: crucified and risen. To deepen your relationship with Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist. Pilgrims will have the opportunity to hear inspirational speakers including Cardinal Vincent Nichols, & Bishop Robert Barron. To find out email congress@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk The cost of the pilgrimage depends upon how you travel but will be between £40 -£110. It may be possible to obtain sponsorship to help with the cost of your conference fee and travel from the Living Our Faith Fund.

Antiphons for Year II, Week VIII Ordinary Time

EA: The Lord became my protector.
He brought me out to a place of freedom;
he saved me because he delighted in me.
CA: Behold, I am with you always,
even to the end of the age, says the Lord.

Money Matters: 20th May 2018
Envelopes: £ 290.81 Loose Plate £ 723.47 Many thanks.

Counters S. Campbell, D. & B. Stacey
Cleaners: I. Alder, I. Hvaland