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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 Foreign Missions.

Mexico Earthquake Appeal. With fondest gratitude, we're pleased to announce that we reached a great total of £900 last Sunday. It was a remarkable day, that we won't forget. Thank you for all your love and support to make it possible. We trust that this aid will bring comfort and relief to the people in need. There's a long way to go, please keep them in your prayers. Muchas gracias!

RCIA Half Term next week, so sessions will resume on Tuesday 31st October.

ALTAR SERVERS there will be a practice for all Altar Servers on Sat 28th Oct at 10am. If you are unable to attend please speak to Fr. Rob.

NEXT SUNDAY Representatives from Friends of The Holy Land will be here. There will be a sale of Olive Wood Products and Christmas cards (all produced in Bethlehem) to aid in their support. Please support them in your usual generous way.

International Evening. NEXT SUNDAY 29th October from 7.30pm onwards in the Parish Centre. We will also be celebrating the 10th Birthday of Cake and Conversation. Please bring a plate of food from your own country if you can. Wine and soft drinks will be available. Everyone welcome.

CLEANING OUR CHURCH. Can you possibly help clean our Church, two or three times a year (depending on the number of people)? It normally takes one to one and half hour any time during the week Monday to Saturday when there is no service in the church. This can be a very peaceful time. We supply all tools and cleaning materials. We are happy to have a family, two people or individuals.

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 22 October

8.45am	Mass	Michael Lardner RIP
10.15am	Mass	Margaret Patricia Allen RIP
6.30pm	Mass	Giuseppina Magnaghi RIP

Monday 23 October St John of Capestrano

8.30am	Rosary	
9am	Mass	Cyril Tomline RIP

Tuesday 24 October St Anthony Claret

8.30am	Rosary	
9am	Mass	Joao De Faria Anniversary RIP

Wednesday 25 October

6.30pm	Rosary	
7pm	Mass	Private Intention

Thursday 26 October Ss Chad & Cedd

9am	Rosary	
9.30am	Mass	Catherine Calnan RIP

Friday 27 October

6.30pm	Rosary	
7pm	Mass	Gayle Belcher RIP

Saturday 28 October Ss SIMON & JUDE

11am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
11-11.30am	Confessions	
12 noon	Mass	John & Elizabeth McCarthy RIP

If you need any more information please do not hesitate to contact Mary Kelly (parish office). You can enter your name and contact details on the sheet at the back of the Church. Thank you

St Edmund's needs a new representative on the CiA Women's World Day of Prayer committee, which organises the annual WWDP service,

produced by women and celebrated by women around the world at exactly the same time for International Women's Day in March. If you are interested in working with women from the other churches in Abingdon with an international outlook and ecumenical frame of mind, please consider joining the team. It only involves a few preparation meetings and one service per year. More information from Angela Waterhouse or Sandra Kolb (parish office).

PARISH AGM Sun 5th Nov, 7.30pm: Everyone welcome! Review of the parish year with financial report, ending with social time over a glass of wine. If you have ANY PHOTOS OF PARISH EVENTS FROM THIS YEAR, please email them to the parish office before Oct 30th. Many thanks.

JESUS and the JEWISH ROOTS of the EUCHARIST - unlocking the secrets of the Last Supper. Parish Centre, Saturday afternoons Nov 4th & Nov 11th, 2pm - 3:45pm. Free study guides. All welcome! Refreshments provided. For more information please contact Mike or Maria (parish office).

Card Sale There will be a sale of Christmas Cards in aid of Save the Children, after morning Masses on 5th & 12th November.

First Holy Communion 2018 A meeting for parents wishing to enrol their children onto the 2018 programme, will be held in the Parish Centre on Wednesday 15th November at 8pm. Parents will be given a copy of the 2018 programme and forms to enrol their children. Any enquiries to Hilary or Errol (parish office).

Faith Development

Abingdon Emergency Foodbank. We've had a really busy summer at the Foodbank and our store is beginning to look empty. Donations would be hugely welcome, we're in need of everything except pasta and baked beans: tinned meat, fish, vegetables, pasta sauce, soup, tinned fruit, puddings, long-life fruit juice, fruit squash, breakfast cereals, biscuits, jam, marmite, peanut butter, instant coffee, hot chocolate, sugar (esp 500 g bags), long-life milk, hygiene products. Donations can be dropped at Christchurch, Northcourt Road, in the foyer (Mon-Fri 9 am - 4 pm), or at the Waitrose collection point near their exit.

Church in Abingdon Annual Bereavement Service

This will take place on Sunday 5th November, 3.30pm, at Trinity Church. Refreshments will be served in the church hall after the service.

Parish Events for the Week

TODAY Refreshments after 10.15am Mass
Wednesday Cake & Conversation 9.30-11am
 Charismatic Prayer Meeting 7.45pm, Church
Thursday Scripture Group
Friday SVP Meeting 7.30pm
Sunday International Evening & Cake and Conversation 10th Birthday Celebration, 7.30pm
N.B. All take place in the Parish Centre unless specified

Future Diary Dates

5th November Parish AGM 7.30pm, Parish Centre
4th/5th November Bamenda Sunday Weekend
18th November Fruitful Discipleship in our Diocese, Winchester Parish Centre, 9.30am - 5pm.
19th November Kerygma Retreat, Winchester Parish Centre, 12noon-6pm.
20th November Training on sharing our faith with others in our everyday life and through the parish at St. Bede's Basingstoke, 9.30am-5pm.
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Youth Events

*Further info please contact Melanie Parris- Dollar
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Antiphons for Year I Week XXIX Ordinary Time

EA: To you I call, for you will surely heed me, O God;
 turn your ear to me; hear my words.
 Guard me as the apple of your eye;
 in the shadow of your wings protect me.
 CA: Behold, the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him,
 who hope in his merciful love,
 to rescue their souls from death,
 to keep them alive in famine.

Money Matters: 15th October 2017
 Envelopes £532.50 Loose Plate £829.57 Many thanks

Counters: T. & I. Kinsella, B. Malone
Cleaners: M. Kelly, M. Cash