

**Our Lady & St Edmund of Abingdon**  
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| Parish Blog:  | www.stedmundabingdon.blogspot.co.uk                             |                   |
| Parish Website:   | access via www.thamesis.org.uk                                  |                   |
| Primary School:   | St. Edmund's School, Radley Road, Abingdon, OX14 3PP Tel 521558 |                   |
| Roman Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth Reg. Charity No 246871 | www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk                                    |                   |

Confessions: Saturday, 11:00 -11.30am    Sunday Mass Times: 8.45 am, 10.15 am, 6.30pm

**Parish Life**

**PEACE SUNDAY.** The Bishops of England and Wales have designated today to celebrate the Pope's annual Message for World Peace Day. The theme this year is Migrants and Refugees: seekers of peace. There will be information on this and the International Catholic Peace Movement, Pax Christi, at all Masses.

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

**Parish Office** will be closed on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January.

**Alpha** starts next Sunday at 6pm! Please come for supper and hear who Jesus is, why he died for us and his love and forgiveness for each of us. Each evening is relaxed, thought-provoking and a chance to hear and discuss the Christian message about the meaning of life. Contact Clare or Maeve (parish office).

**Saturday 20th January 2018, Parish Centre**

Creating a Safe Environment Training 10am-12.30pm.  
 Safe Guarding Refresher Training\* - 1.30-4pm. The Safeguarding Commission has decided that it is important that this training be delivered to parish priests, group leaders and others involved with the running of group activities in the parish. To register for either session you must book your place with Soraya Ciccarone (soraya@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

\*SG Refresher Training is for volunteers who haven't attended a SG training session since 2015 or before. You can get information from your group leader or from Anne Green (parish office).

**NEXT SUNDAY** there will be a second collection for the Cathedral.

**LIVE SIMPLY AWARD** - Next Sunday (21st) at the 10.15 Mass the parish will be presented with the Live Simply Award by Geoff O'Donoghue CAFOD Director of Operations. All Parishioners are invited to the Parish

**SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**

**Sunday 14 January**

|         |      |                           |
|---------|------|---------------------------|
| 8.45am  | Mass | Jimmy Twohig RIP          |
| 10.15am | Mass | Fr. Malachy Kilbridge RIP |
| 6.30pm  | Mass | Dean Cobbe RIP            |

**Monday 15 January**

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| 8.30am | Rosary       |                    |
| 9am    | Mass         | Patricia Flood RIP |
| 11am   | Funeral Mass |                    |

**Tuesday 16 January**

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| 8.30am | Rosary |                       |
| 9am    | Mass   | Mary Walsh Intentions |

**Wednesday 17 January St Anthony of Egypt**

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| 6.30pm | Rosary |                            |
| 7pm    | Mass   | Phil, Andy & Pete Dunn RIP |

**Thursday 18 January**

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| 9am    | Rosary       |                   |
| 9.30am | Mass         | Special Intention |
| 1.30pm | Funeral Mass |                   |

**Friday 19 January St Wulstan**

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| 6.30pm | Rosary |                            |
| 7pm    | Mass   | Mr & Mrs Connor Intentions |

**Saturday 20 January St Fabian**

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| 11am       | Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament |
| 11-11.30am | Confessions                        |
| 12 noon    | Mass                               |

Centre after Mass to celebrate and to see a display of our Live Simply year and to meet Mr O'Donoghue.

**Faith Development**

**The Personal Project** is a course aimed at men and women aged 22-33. It is designed to help young people as they enter into adulthood to reassess key aspects of their lives in order to make better decisions which will allow them to

lead more fulfilling lives and grow as individuals. Please see poster for further details.

**Church in Abingdon Quiz reminder.**

Date: Fri 19<sup>th</sup> Jan. Papers on tables at 7.40; 1st questions at 8pm. Venue: Christ Church Northcourt (main church). Cost: Donations, profits to charity. Suggested £2 donation per person. Team size: Max 8 per table. Refreshments: Basics provided; you're welcome to bring bottles and snacks. Bookings deadline: Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January. Contact: del@walkercrew.plus.com/Ab. 528134

**Raising Funds for Abingdon Passion Play 2019**

**Candlelight Vespers**, Sat 27<sup>th</sup> Jan 2018, 7:30 pm at St Michaels Church, Park Rd Abingdon. Tickets £10  
**St Valentine's Dinner and Dance**, Sat 17<sup>th</sup> Feb 2018 at Trinity Church, Conduit Rd Abingdon. For further information see www.abingdonpassionplay.org.uk, Tickets are available online, at The Bookstore (Precinct), or from Anne Green (parish office).

**WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER COFFEE**

**MORNING** Saturday, 27<sup>th</sup> January 2018. Peachcroft Christian Centre, Lindsay Drive Abingdon, 10am -12 noon. (Proceeds towards the 2017 Women's World Day of Prayer Services prepared by the women of Suriname)

**Jesus and the Kingdom** - A weekend of reflection - 17<sup>th</sup> -18<sup>th</sup> of February 2018. Led by David McLoughlin (from John Newman University, Birmingham) Venue: Park Place Pastoral Centre, Wickham, Fareham, Hants PO17 5HA. Details: cost £65 before 15<sup>th</sup> of Jan; £70, later bookings. Fees include all meals and accommodation. For a booking form and further details email: actaportsmouth@gmail.com or Tel: 07917 845184.

**School News**

**St Edmund's Primary School** is currently advertising for a part-time Teaching Assistant for the Spring and Summer Terms 2018. The post is for 18.75 hours (8.45 am to 12.30 pm Monday to Friday during term-time). Application packs are available on the school website or from the school office.

The winning numbers in the January draw of the **Governors' 100+ Club** were:

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| 1st Prize (£30) - Number 15 | Karen Clarke |
| 2nd Prize (£20) - Number 27 | Leila Brown  |
| 3rd Prize (£10) - Number 24 | Geoff Young  |

**We pray for:**

- The Repose of the Soul of Gwendoline Elizabeth Monaghan RIP
- The Repose of the Soul of Bryan Reginald Cox RIP

**Money Matters:** 7<sup>th</sup> January 2018  
 Envelopes £447.28    Loose Plate £739.55    Many thanks

**Counters:** T. & I. Kinsella, B. Malone  
**Cleaners:** J. Ryan, M. Haddock

**Parish Events for the Week**

**TODAY** Refreshments after 10.15am Mass

**Monday** Anchor Course FHC Parents 7.30-9pm

**Tuesday** RCIA session (13) 7.30pm

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

**Thursday** Scripture Group 10am

**Friday** Baby & Toddler Group 9.30-11.15am  
 SVP Meeting 7.30pm

**Saturday** Safeguarding Training from 10am

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

**Future Diary Dates**

**21<sup>st</sup> Jan** Presentation of Parish Live Simply Award  
**7<sup>th</sup> Feb** Parish Lunch 12.30pm, Parish Centre  
**10<sup>th</sup> Feb** Altar Servers Practice 10-11am, Church  
**14<sup>th</sup> Feb** Soup Supper 7.30pm, Parish Centre  
**10<sup>th</sup> March** Called and Gifted Teaching day on 9.30am - 4pm. Christchurch Barn  
**10<sup>th</sup> March** Altar Servers Practice 10-11am, Church

**Youth Events**

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

**Prayer for Peace**

*Pour out upon us the power of Your love  
 that we may protect life and beauty.  
 Fill us with peace that we may live as brothers  
 and sisters, harming no one.*

*Bring healing to our lives  
 that we may protect the world and  
 not prey on it,  
 that we may sow beauty,  
 not pollution and destruction.  
 Touch the hearts  
 of those who look only for gain  
 at the expense of the poor and the earth.*

*Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle  
 for justice, love and peace.*

*(adapted from Laudato Si, Pope Francis, 2015)*

**Antiphons for Year II Week II Ordinary Time**

EA: All the earth shall bow before you, O God,  
 and shall sing to you,  
 shall sing to your name, O Most High!  
 CA: We have come to know and to believe  
 In the love that God has for us.