

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

Charismatic Prayer Meeting Wednesday 23rd May at 4 Rawlings Grove. 7:45-9pm. Info Ab 528528.

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.

WiFi connection: We now have available good wifi service for the parish centre. It's provided via a mobile device called T-P Link. So if it is needed for any courses, programmes, other parish events in the centre it is available on request from the Parish Office/Presbytery.

CALLING ALL PARISHIONERS the Children's Liturgy team needs YOU! There are two Children's Liturgy groups during the 10:15am Mass: the younger group, from Reception to the start of Year 3 (approx. age 4 to 7); the older group from Year 3 to Year 6 (approx. age 8 to 11). For more info, contact Dawn-Marie Davies at childrens.liturgy.abingdon@gmail.com

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,

PENTECOST SUNDAY

Sunday 20 May
 8.45am Mass Viviana Gentilini RIP (Anniversary)
 10.15am Mass Ann E Gilronan Intentions
 4.30pm Polish Mass
 6.30pm Mass Gayle Belcher RIP

Monday 21 May ORDINARY TIME RESUMES
 8.30am Rosary
 9am Mass Francisco Naldo RIP
 11am Funeral Mass

Tuesday 22 May St Rita of Cascia
 8.30am Rosary
 9am Mass Clare Simpson In Thanksgiving

Wednesday 23 May
 6.30pm Rosary
 7pm Mass Fr. Phil Carroll In Thanksgiving

Thursday 24 May
 8.30am Rosary
 9.30am Mass Renee Harrison RIP

Friday 25 May St Bede the Venerable
 6.30pm Rosary
 7pm Mass Private Intention

Saturday 26 May St Philip Neri
 8.50-10.15am FHC (Session 10)
 11am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
 11-11.30am Confessions
 12 noon Mass Alex Vesey RIP (Anniversary)

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.

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

THRIVE South Abingdon: please keep the work of this Christian based youth project in all our prayers. They are doing great work in our town. Meeting in Parish Centre this coming Wed 23rd May at 7.30pm. Please ring Clare to find out more on 847804. If anyone would like to volunteer in their outreach/support in the community please contact the team leader Matt Warmington via the website: www.thriveteams.org

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. You can Share the Journey by joining a walk. 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 to agree two global agreements on refugees and migration. For more information on organising your own parish walk or to find out about a walk in your area please contact Jo Lewry portsmouth@cafod.org.uk or call 01252 329385.

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 (parish office) to find out more with no obligation.

Money Matters: 13th May 2018
 Envelopes: £429.70 Loose Plate £783.46 Many thanks.

Counters B. & D. Keaney, M. Pike
Cleaners: F. & C. Rogers

Parish Events for the Week

TODAY Refreshments after 10.15am Mass

Tuesday RCIA 7.30pm

Wednesday Cake & Conversation 9.30-11am
 Thrive Meeting 7.30pm

Thursday Scripture Group 10am
 FHC Parents Meeting 7.30-9.30pm

Friday Baby & Toddler Group 9.30-11.15am

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

Future Diary Dates

2nd June "A Day in the footsteps of Celtic and Northern Saints" To be held in the parish centre 10am-3pm.

5th June Parish Vision Meeting, 7.30pm Parish Centre

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 VII Ordinary Time

EA: O Lord, I trust in your merciful love.
 My heart will rejoice in your salvation.

I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me.

CA: Lord, I have come to believe that you are the Christ, the Son of the living God, who is coming into this world.