

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

Parish Life

PARISH DAY SUNDAY 21 JULY Dear Parishioners, we need volunteers to help with the following:

- SETTING UP CHAIRS AND FURNITURE ON THE GRASSED AREA BOTH BEFORE AND AFTER MASS.
- TO RUN THE BARBEQUE
- CHILDRENS' ACTIVITIES (SUGGESTIONS GRATEFULLY RECEIVED)

If you can help in any way to make the day a success, please speak to Fr. Jamie or Fr. Rob, or leave your contact details at the parish office, or phone Hilary Webb on Ab. 525928. Many thanks.

THANK YOU! A big thank you to everyone who supported St Edmund's Primary school last Saturday, by buying raffle tickets or by joining us at the school summer fair. It was a lovely afternoon with lots of fun and (mostly) sunshine!

The RED MISSION BOX Summer edition (Missio) are now available and be collected from the back of Church.

Charismatic Prayer Meeting Wednesday 26th June at 4 Rawlings Grove. 7:45-9pm. All welcome! Info Ab 528528.

CAFOD Petition on Climate Change Thank-you to all the parishioners who took time to sign after Masses last Sunday. There will be a final opportunity after Masses TODAY to sign if you were not able to do so last Sunday. We will take the petition with us to the Parliamentary Lobby on Wednesday.

Mohanraj Edward, who lived with us for a year learning English is to be ordained priest in Portsmouth Cathedral next month on 20th July. You are invited to attend (see invitation on notice board). If there are enough parishioners interested, we could hire a coach for the day. But there would have to be a critical number, say 25. If you are interested, please let Lisa know by tomorrow, June 24th. We'll announce the result after that.

CORPUS CHRISTI (The Body & Blood of Christ)

Sunday 23 June

8.45am	Mass	D'Silva Family RIP
10.15am	Mass	Wallace Ellwood RIP
6.30pm	Mass	

Monday 24 June THE NATIVITY OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST

8.30am	Rosary
9am	Mass

Tuesday 25 June

8.30am	Rosary	
9am	Mass	Cameron & Isabella Paterson Special Intentions

Wednesday 26 June

6.30pm	Rosary
7pm	Mass

Thursday 27 June St Cyril of Alexandria

9am	Rosary	
9.30am	Mass	Alexandra Paterson Intentions

Friday 28 June THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS

6.30pm	Rosary	
7pm	Mass	Private Intention

Saturday 29 June The Immaculate Heart of Mary

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

Christian Aid All are invited to the Summer Concert at Trinity Church Abingdon on the 27th June at 7pm. Featuring Carswell School Choir, Abingdon Gospel Choir, and Abingdon Ladies Morning and Afternoon Choirs. Tickets Adult £8. Children £4 at the door or Ab. 530480.

PAX CHRISTI There are copies of the June/July newsletter at the back of church. Please take one for news, amongst other things, of the recipients of this year's Peace Awards.

Confirmation 2019-20 This year's course for the sacrament of confirmation will commence in September. If your child is of the age of 12+ (school year 8 in September) and would like to attend this year there will be a meeting for children and parents on Monday 1st July at 7.30pm. If you have any questions prior to the meeting, please contact Tammy Lavers at tammylavers@hotmail.co.uk

Fr. Thomas - Light for the Blind We are pleased to advise that Fr. Thomas will be returning to the parish to make an appeal at all three Masses on Sunday 7th July on behalf of his beloved charity, providing unconditional love, hope, compassion and care for the most disadvantaged of God's children - the dying destitute and abandoned street people of Tamil Nadu. The words of Jesus "Whatever you do to one of the least of my brothers and sisters, you do to me", is his guiding light supporting his unshakeable dedication. Please join Fr Thomas for coffee and a chat in the Parish Centre after the 10.15 Mass. The Abingdon Trustees.

Faith Development

Volunteer with Marriage Care Could you give an hour a week to support us? Our trained professional volunteer counsellors help couples and individuals with their relationships. However, they cannot offer this service without a chaperone (receptionist) to welcome clients, and stay in reception during the counselling session. We are looking for a friendly and helpful volunteer to spend an hour on a Tuesday evening, on a rota with other volunteers. Ideally you will be located within the OX14 postcode. If you would like to help us to help others, please ring Catherine on 07470 412800 or email catherine@marriagecare.org.uk. visit our website for more information: www.marriagecare.org.uk/get-involved/volunteer/chaperone/.

The Great Get Together: TODAY 12-3pm at St Ethelwolds, 30 East St Helen Street OX14 5EB. Come to a Bring and Share picnic in the gardens. This is a national event to promote community cohesion and is held annually. Please join in and help prove Abingdon is a very friendly town!

Avoiding the Scams Internet and telephone fraud is increasingly common and increasingly convincing. To help us avoid the scams, All Saints Methodist Church has organised an advice session on 25 June 2019 at 2 pm. The speaker, NatWest's Community Banker from Aylesbury, comes very highly recommended and her talk will suit all levels of Internet proficiency. The event is free and open to all - come along and bring anyone you feel might benefit.

Parish Events for the Week

TODAY Refreshments after 10.15am Mass
12noon

Wednesday Cake & Conversation 9.30-11am

Friday Baby & Toddler Group 9.30am

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

Future Diary Dates

21st July Parish Day - Outdoor Mass and BBQ 10.30am

26th July - 9th Aug Parish Office closed

Youth Events

Please look at the events calendar on our website in the Youth section for more details of ALL events.

** The next event for Parish Youth Groups (Years 3 to 6) is Saturday 6th July from 3.30 to 5.00pm in the Parish Centre. More info: bhabayeb@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk*

Golf Day in aid of CAFOD The Catenians of Province 11 are organising a Golf Day to raise funds for CAFOD on Friday 12th July at Weybrook Golf Club in Basingstoke. For more information please contact Pat Murphy on pfm190654@outlook.com

School News

St Edmund's Primary School is looking for a Foundation Governor to complete its Governing Body. Foundation Governors have to be practising Catholics as they play a vital role in ensuring the Catholic ethos of our school. Please speak to one of the current governors after Mass or Fr Jamie if you feel you could help in this way.

St Edmund's Primary School would welcome volunteers from the Parish to go into school and listen to children read.

Antiphons for Year I, Week XII Ordinary Time

EA: The Lord is the strength of his people,
a saving refuge for the one he has anointed.
Save your people, Lord, and bless your heritage,
and govern them forever.

CA: The eyes of all look to you, Lord,
and you give them their food in due season.

Money Matters 16th June 2019

Envelopes £341.50 Loose Plate £709.94

Average weekly Gift Aid Standing Orders £995

Many thanks

Counters: E. Midwinter, J. Ryan

Cleaners: M. Kelly, M. Sheaf