

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

### Parish Life

**Can you Help?** We need volunteers to collect monies for Christian Aid at Tesco Extra Abingdon on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb between 2 to 8pm. Please ring Ab. 530480 to book your preferred slot if you are able to help. Thank you!

**PAX CHRISTI** total donations on Peace Sunday was £600 Further donations can be made at any time on line at [www.paxchristi.org.uk](http://www.paxchristi.org.uk) Many thanks.

**NEXT WEEKEND** we welcome Bishop Philip to the parish.

**Chrism Mass 2019**, St John's Cathedral, Portsmouth – Once again the Pastoral Area have arranged coach transport to the Chrism Mass this year, on Tuesday 16th April. The bus will pick up from Our Lady and St Edmund's, Abingdon at 7.45am and English Martyrs, Didcot at 8.15am, travelling down to Portsmouth for Mass at the Cathedral at 11am. The return trip will be around 3pm. The cost per person is £12. Bookings through Didcot Parish Office on 01235 812338, email [didcot@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:didcot@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) by 9th April please.

### Faith Development

**Fr Nicholas** Broadbridge of Douai Abbey will be running his highly regarded seminars on Healing and Gifts of the Holy Spirit at a parish in the Reading area on 16 Feb, 9 and 30 March, and 6 April, 10am - 5pm. Please email [nicholas@douaiabbey.org.uk](mailto:nicholas@douaiabbey.org.uk).

**CiA Lent Lectures 2019** Will Donaldson will be doing a series of talks on the beatitudes and countercultural lifestyle, from his book 'Living differently to make a difference' on the following five Mondays (7.45 pm) over Lent at Trinity Church: Will has been in parish ministry for 25 years and is currently Chaplain and Senior Welfare Office of St Edmund Hall, Oxford University; Area Dean of Oxford; and Director of Pastoral Care at St Aldates, Oxford.

### SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

#### Sunday 17 February

8.45am	Mass	Edward Joseph Ryan & Mary Ryan RIP
10.15am	Mass	Ben Jeacock RIP
4.30pm	Polish Mass	
6.30pm	Mass	Marek Wadrzyk RIP

#### Monday 18 February

8.30am	Rosary	
9am	Mass	Robert William Butt Pole RIP

#### Tuesday 19 February

8.30am	Rosary	
9am	Mass	Daphne Hill RIP

#### Wednesday 20 February

6.30pm	Rosary	
7pm	Mass	Stephen Harrold RIP

#### Thursday 21 February St Peter Damian

9am	Rosary	
9.30am	Mass	Pia Moriarty Intentions

#### Friday 22 February THE CHAIR OF ST PETER

6.30pm	Rosary	
7pm	Mass	Jean Moore RIP

#### Saturday 23 February St Polycarp

11am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
11-11.30am	Confessions	
12 noon	Mass	Theo van Helvoort RIP

Mon 25 Feb: Genuine humility and heartfelt sadness

Mon 4 Mar: Gentle strength and driving passion

Mon 11 Mar: Healing grace and holy integrity

Mon 18 Mar: Reconciliatory love and undaunted courage

Mon 25 Mar: Salt of the earth and light of the world.

**CAMEROON** Portsmouth Diocese is twinned with the Diocese of Bamenda, Cameroon in West Africa. The violence continues in that country. For an eye - witness report see [www.indcatholicnews.com/news/36454](http://www.indcatholicnews.com/news/36454). Bishop Philip wrote recently to the Foreign and Commonwealth Office's Minister for Africa, Harriet Baldwin MP and received a reply which is available in the Diocesan e-newsletter. A copy of the reply is also displayed on the table at the back of church. Bishop Philip encourages all of us to write to her too as this ensures that the political pressure is kept up. Additionally, parishioners can write to the MP for Abingdon, Layla Moran, sending her the link to Independent Catholic News' recent article about atrocities (link details above) and express concern about the testimony it provides. MPs, whose enquiries get careful attention within Whitehall, should be asked to draw this evidence to the Foreign Secretary's attention and ask him to let them know what practical and diplomatic steps are being taken to bring justice to all Cameroon, with an end to violence.

**Praying in the Company of Mary** Sat 2nd March  
 This topic will explore Mary's place in the life of Christians with a view to responding to her inviting us to prayer and encouraging us to 'ponder the Word' with her and to be 'obedient to the Word'. It will explore how this means 'sitting at the feet of Jesus', as exemplified by St Thérèse of the Child Jesus and St Elizabeth of the Trinity. 'Do whatever he tells you' - we grow into a deeper relationship with Christ which is the essence of Carmelite prayer. This talk will also highlight how knowledge of the scriptures and daily readings of the Church's liturgical year can feed our prayer life. Speaker: Anne Harriss OCSO. Venue: Carmelite Priory, Boars Hill, Oxford OX1 5 HB Time: 10 am - 12 noon (Registration from 9:30 am) Fee: £30 per lecture  
 To book a place, please email: [events@cacarmelitesp.co.uk](mailto:events@cacarmelitesp.co.uk)  
 or phone 01865 735133 (press 2 for Centre for Applied Carmelite Spirituality)

### LENT Charity Fundraising 2019

This year the PPC are looking for Fundraising suggestions for our three charities.  
 It may be a sponsored walk or event  
 A coffee morning or a soup lunch  
 A cookery demonstration  
 A Bring and Buy Sale  
 And a myriad of ideas.....we need suggestions....please have a think what you/we/us could do.....  
 Ideas and suggestions please contact Hilary Webb 01235 525928 or Debbie Brooks 01865432423

**Money Matters:** 10<sup>th</sup> February 2018  
 Envelopes: £354.96 Loose Plate £803.12 Many thanks

**Counters:** E. Bennett, L. Cribben, M. Haddock  
**Cleaners:** K. Gibbons, S. Pritchett

## Parish Events for the Week

**TODAY** Refreshments after 10.15am Mass

**Tuesday** RCIA 7.30pm

**Wednesday** Cake & Conversation 9.30am

**Friday** Baby & Toddler Group 9.30am

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

### Future Diary Dates

**6<sup>th</sup> March** Soup Supper, 7.30pm Parish Centre  
**13<sup>th</sup> March** Talk - The Mystery of the Mass (source and summit of the Christian life) Bishop Robert Barron  
 Word on Fire Ministries Parish Centre 7.30pm  
**16<sup>th</sup> March** St Patrick's Day Celebrations, Parish Centre (more details to follow)  
**17<sup>th</sup> March** St Patrick's Day Tea & Cake after 10.15am Mass, Parish Centre (more info to follow)  
**21<sup>st</sup> March** Talk - Sainthood, Sanctity and What Makes us Holy. Bishop Robert Barron Word on Fire Ministries Parish Centre 7.30pm  
**27<sup>th</sup> March** Talk - Eucharist and the Church (The Eucharist is the source and summit of the Church's life and mission). Canon David Oakley, Rector of St Mary's College Oscott. Parish Centre 7.30pm  
**4<sup>th</sup> April** Talk - Teaching the Eucharist (The Eucharist won't make sense unless it is taught from a lived context that makes sense of it). Sr Margaret Atkins is a member of the Augustinian Community in Cumbria. Parish Centre 7.30pm  
**10<sup>th</sup> April** Being the Body of Christ in the World - Parish Centre 7.30pm (This event is a follow -on from the talks in March and on 4th April as listed above)

### 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 is 23rd February. More info:  
[contact@ourladyandstedmund.org.uk](mailto:contact@ourladyandstedmund.org.uk)  
 Join us for some fun with friends on the ice! It doesn't matter if you're a seasoned pro. or you still need the help of a snowman...there'll be fun for everyone at the Oxford Ice from 2-4pm on Sunday 3rd March. Cost of the session is between £6.60 for children and £8.40 for adults. Please check the website for more information <https://www.fusion-lifestyle.com/centres/oxford-ice-rink/memberships/price-list/> Drop off and collection in the foyer. Looking forward to seeing you there!  
[tipayouth@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:tipayouth@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)*

### Antiphons for Year I, Week VI Ordinary Time

EA: Be my protector, O God,  
 a mighty stronghold to save me.  
 For you are my rock, my stronghold!  
 Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.  
 CA: They ate and had their fill,  
 and what they craved the Lord gave them;  
 they were not disappointed in what they craved.