

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

Wishing you a Blessed and Holy Season. Happy Easter to all, love Fr. Jamie and Fr. Rob.

LENT Charity Fundraising 2019

RCIA Easter Hamper Raffle. The winners of the Easter Hamper raffle are:

- 1st Prize - V Attridge
- 2nd Prize - Hemmings
- 3rd Prize - Calnans

Please would you collect your prizes from the parish office. We raised £295!! Many thanks for your support.

Thank you. With recent fundraising events and last weeks' retiring collection the total for our Lenten charities has now reached £ 6,427.10. Many thanks for your support and generosity.

RCIA Fish Finger/Fizz'Fish'Quiz Supper. Come and enjoy our Fish Finger/Fizz' Quiz Supper on Friday 3rd May in the parish centre. Everybody welcome for a fun family evening. All proceeds for Lenten Charities. Tickets on Sale today.

Parish Life

Cake & Conversation. We start again after the Easter break next Wed (24th). Apologies for the wrong date in previous newsletter. Anyone whose first language is not English is very welcome to come along to this friendly informal group - especially if you are new to Abingdon. Just come along to the Parish Centre at 9.30 - 11am any Wed morning.

Charismatic Prayer Meeting, Wednesday 24th April at 4 Rawlings Grove. 7:45-9pm. All welcome! Info Ab 528528.

NEXT WEEKEND we welcome the Comboni Fathers to the parish to preach the annual Mission Appeal. Please be generous in the retiring collection.

EASTER SUNDAY

Sunday 21 April EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

8am	Mass	Olive & Ben Bennelick RIP
9.30am	Mass	George Greenham RIP
11.30am	Mass	Mary Walsh Intentions
4.30pm	Polish Mass	

N.B. No evening Mass

Monday 22 April WITHIN OCTAVE OF EASTER

8.30am	Rosary	
9am	Mass	Fr. Wilin Buitrago Intentions

Tuesday 23 April WITHIN OCTAVE OF EASTER

8.30am	Rosary	
9am	Mass	Alexander Sermon RIP

Wednesday 24 April WITHIN OCTAVE OF EASTER

6.30pm	Rosary	
7pm	Mass	Pedro Escobar Pozo RIP

Thursday 25 April WITHIN OCTAVE OF EASTER

9am	Rosary	
9.30am	Mass	Wendy Cox RIP

Friday 26 April WITHIN OCTAVE OF EASTER

6.30pm	Rosary	
7pm	Mass	Doreen Eton Intentions (90 th Birthday)

Saturday 27 April WITHIN OCTAVE OF EASTER

8.50-10.15am	FHC (7)	
11am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
11-11.30am	Confessions	
12 noon	Mass	Marian Schmatz RIP

POSTERS, LEAFLETS, LOST PROPERTY, etc In an effort to reduce the clutter on our notice boards and at the back of the church, we would

be extremely grateful if you could hand in anything you want displayed to the parish office. Due to limited space, posters which are A5 size are more likely to get a place on the notice boards. Also, please note that lost property will be kept in the porch for a maximum of 2 weeks. Thank you for your understanding.

Living Simply You are invited to a joint conference (CAFOD and Caritas Portsmouth) on 'Living simply and in solidarity with the poor' at St Peter's Church Winchester on Saturday 4th May, 10am to 4pm. There are full details on the small poster at the back of church or from Anne Dodd. (525997). There are 3 places available in a car going down to Winchester and back. St Edmunds will be sharing our experience of becoming a Live Simply parish in one of the afternoon workshops.

CAMEROON Bishop Philip urges us as one of our Lenten activities to raise awareness of the atrocities that are occurring in Cameroon, including our sister diocese there, the diocese of Bamenda and to do all that is possible to bring about a peaceful solution. There is a template letter that can be sent to our MP Layla Moran on the Bamenda - Portsmouth website www.bamendaandportsmouth.com. There is also a copy on the small board at the back of church. As Bishop Philip says "Imagine the impact we could achieve if we did this across the diocese"

Taize Prayer Group 7.30 p.m. 1st May in the church. Please do come join St Edmund's new Taize Prayer Group! The Taize chants are a very spiritual, beautiful and uplifting way of reaching our Lord. If you have never sung any Taize before, it is very easy. Or you can just listen and meditate quietly...

Faith Development

The Secular Franciscan Order (OFS), Oxford will hold an Open Day of Recollection, Saturday 18th May at the Mornese Centre, Elmthorpe Convent, Oxford Road, Cowley OX4 2LF, 10:00 to 16:00. Fr. Paul Coleman OFM Cap, will provide reflection around the theme 'The Gospel according to Francis'. All welcome - details on the church notice board. Further details: mamartin@live.co.uk.

Youth

In the hotspot. Aged 11 to 16? In Secondary School? Then there is an event for you on Saturday 11th May from 12.45 to 2.45pm in the parish centre. Come along and bring your friends for a pizza lunch, a chance to meet other people and an opportunity to ask questions about.... well almost about anything... and it's all free! For catering, we need to know numbers, so please email: bhabayeb@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Parish Events for the Week

TODAY Refreshments after 10.15am Mass

Tuesday RCIA 7.30pm

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

27th April Schubert Winterreise, St Birinus Festival, Dorchester Abbey, Dorchester-on-Thames. 7pm. Please see flyers at back of Church.

3rd May Fish Finger/Fizz' Quiz supper evening 7.30pm

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 Saturday 27th April, 3.30-5.00pm. More info: bhabayeb@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk*

Mini Walking Pilgrimage to Boars Hill from Abingdon: Saturday 18th May - 9:00am for a 9:30am start from Tilsley Park car park (OX14 1PU) to Youlbury Scout Camp in Boars Hill. Bring a packed lunch and water bottle. Cooking over a campfire and other organised events on arrival at Youlbury. For more information or to book your place, please contact Melanie at tipayouth@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or on 07470094818.

Vacancy

Adventure Plus at Windmill Farm, Clanfield have a beautiful Cotswold garden. Spring is here and the garden is in need of some care and love. If you have the time and would like to help look after our garden in Lower Farm (on site) in a voluntary capacity, we would be so grateful. Please contact me Tessa Cox at tessa@adventureplus.org.uk and there is always a cuppa waiting for you!

Money Matters

Envelopes: £250.70 Loose Plate £739.13
Average weekly Gift Aid Standing Orders £995
Many thanks

Counters: P. & D. Brooks, M. O'Mullane
Cleaners: F. & C. Rogers