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Newsletter
of the
Catholic Parish of
St Thomas More

St Edmund of Abingdon Yr A

15th/16th November 2014

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Week beginning 15th November :		Mass Intention
Saturday 15th Nov. 6.00pm	First Mass of St Edmund of Abingdon	Epifany and Martina Lobo, RIP
Sunday 16th Nov. 9.30am *Ordinariate Mass* 11.15am	**ST EDMUND OF ABINGDON**	People of the Parish
Monday	—	—
Tuesday 18th Nov. 9.30am 10.00am - 12.00	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	For all the faithful departed
Wed. 19th Nov.10.30am *Ordinariate Mass*	Feria	For all the faithful departed
Thurs. 20th Nov. 9.30am	Feria	For all the faithful departed
Friday 21st Nov. 9.30am	**The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**, *memorial*	For all the parish faithful departed
Sat.5.15–5.45pm 22nd Nov 6.00pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation First Mass of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King	Sylvia Esposti, RIP
Sunday 9.30am 23rd Nov. *Ordinariate Mass* 11.15am	OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, UNIVERSAL KING	Martin MacDonald, RIP

Sunday November 16th

ST EDMUND OF ABINGDON, BISHOP

JOINT-PRINCIPAL PATRON OF THE DIOCESE

Entrance Antiphon: Saint Edmund, poor and humble in this world, enters the kingdom of heaven rich by the grace of God.

First Reading: Jeremiah 1:4-9

Second Reading: 2nd letter of St. Paul to Corinthians 3:1-6

Gospel Accl: Alleluia, alleluia! I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my own sheep and my own know me. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon Mt.24:46-47

Blessed is the servant whom the Lord finds watching when he comes; truly I tell you, he will set him over all his possessions.

St Edmund of Abingdon

St Edmund Rich was born at Abingdon in 1180. He studied at Oxford and Paris, became Professor of Philosophy at Oxford, then Treasurer of Salisbury Cathedral, and finally Archbishop of Canterbury in 1233. He was a notable and effective reforming Bishop. His love for discipline and justice aroused opposition, and resulted in a journey to Rome in an appeal against the King. On the way he died at Soissy on 16th November 1240. He was buried at Pontigny. His cultus was especially marked at Abingdon, and at Catesby where his sisters were both nuns. Edmund was canonised in 1246 and is the Joint-Principal Patron of the Diocese of Portsmouth.

REDEDICATION TO OUR PATRONS

Immaculate Virgin Mary and St. Edmund of Abingdon,
You are the Patron Saints of our Diocese of Portsmouth,
and with you, and with your help today,
I dedicate myself totally to the service of God's Kingdom.
With all the clergy and the people of the diocese,
I ask your prayers, inspired by your example,
that by the power of the Holy Spirit,
I may always do the Father's will.
Help me to be faithful to the vocation Christ has given me,
and pray for us all,
especially the poor, the sick, those in prison and all in need
that we will remain steadfast in God's love.
Keep me true to the practice of my Catholic Faith,
so that one day I may be worthy of a place in heaven with you.
Amen.

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LITURGY OF THE WORD WITH CHILDREN

Most Sundays there is an informal Children's Liturgy session in the hall during the first part of Mass.
The Gospel is explained in simpler terms and there is usually some associated craft activity.
All children are welcome!
(The usual age-range for Liturgy of the Word with Children is from five upwards. Younger children should be accompanied by a parent or other responsible adult.)

HOW HAPPY ARE YOU?

Next Sunday is **NATIONAL YOUTH SUNDAY**.

We are asked to make a point of welcoming, encouraging and celebrating the young people around us.
The theme for this year poses the question 'How happy are you?'

It is intended to enable a reflection on how we can find true and lasting happiness. There are postcards on the 'free table' to be given to young people.
The postcards respond to this question with 'Be Attitudes', inspired by the Beatitudes in Matthew's gospel.



How can you take part in making the most of this opportunity to reach out and bless our young people? Your prayers for young people are really important and you are welcome to take postcards to give to young people you know.

Please visit
www.nationalyouthsunday.org.uk

The Senior Citizens Annual Christmas Party
Saturday 13th December.

This year we will be having an afternoon tea
(from 2.30pm - 4.30pm.)

Advent **'WALK WITH ME'**
Copies of 'Walk with Me' for Advent available now! £1 a copy



Repository - *New Stock in Now!*
Advent calendars & candles, Christmas cards,
a really lovely selection of cribs …. and more.

Our New Music Ministry
Recently St. Thomas More RC Church embarked on a new venture which is proving to be popular with our parishioners and mass congregations. It is the launch of the new music ministry. We now have a small group of singers to lead the singing at our 9.30 am Sunday Mass. Last Sunday the group took a big step forward by continuing the music during communion. Last Sunday being Remembrance Sunday the group sang "Abide with me" during communion, and dare I say I could actually hear people singing once they had received their communion.
Over the past few weeks we have additionally been playing music during the Altar Censing, and again the feedback on this has been encouraging. Do you have a special hymn in the ***Celebration Hymnal*** that you would like to hear during Altar Censing or during Communion? We regularly receive requests to play music during these two parts of the Mass, so if you have something from the hymnal you would like to hear please tell either Paul or Barry, and we will see what we can do for you. *Barry (Organist)*

COUNTING ROTA : We would welcome any volunteers to assist as Sunday Collection counters to verify and deposit the weekend's collections after Sunday Mass. No special skills are required for this task which occurs every 5 weeks on a rota basis.
Please contact parish office for more information.

FOODBANK
- A reminder that there is a black plastic crate underneath the 'free table' where donations for the foodbank in Charminster may be left. Tinned foods and sealed packets of food are very welcome.

Barn Dance at OLQP Parish Centre, Sat.29th Nov., from 7pm. Music by Murphy's Lore. Please see poster for details. Tickets: Adults £10, children free. Please call OLQP Parish Office on 01202 424960 for tickets.

'CHRISTMAS' CAKE SALE Sunday 30th November
There will be a sale of cakes, preserves, etc after the 9.30am Mass on 30th November. Please bring any donations of 'goodies' along to the church hall before the start of Mass on that day. All proceeds will go towards church funds.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY CLUB: St Thomas Garnet's School are providing a club for children aged 5-11 during the school holiday. The cost is £25 per day and will run 8.30am -5.30pm with half day sessions also available. The dates the club is running are 15-19, 22, 23, 29 & 31 December. There will be lots of great activities to keep your children busy during the festive break. Please contact the School Office on 01202 420172 for more information and a booking form.

HOSPITAL CAROL SERVICES: The Royal Bournemouth and Christchurch Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust Carol Services (sponsored by the ChaplaincyTeam) will be on
Thursday, 18th December at 2pm at Christchurch Hospital Chapel (followed by light refreshments) and on **Sunday, 21st December at 3pm in the Bournemouth Hospital Atrium** (followed by light refreshments).

If anyone has any items for the newsletter, please e-mail the parish office at stmiford@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or leave a note in the post box by the office door

TIMES OF WEEKEND MASSES in other Parishes in the **AVON STOUR PASTORAL AREA**		
The Immaculate Conception and St Joseph's, Purewell, Christchurch	01202 483340	Saturday 6.30pm Sunday 9.00am, 10.45am
Holy Redeemer Kilmington Way, Highcliffe	01425 274838	Sunday 8.00am, 10.00am
The Sacred Heart and St Therese of Lisieux, Ringwood	01425 653131	Sunday 11.00am
Our Lady of Sorrows and St Philip Benizi, Fordingbridge	01425 653131	Saturday 6.00pm Sunday 9.00am
Our Lady Queen of Peace, Southbourne	01202 424960	Sunday 8.00am, 11.00am 6.00 pm
Hospital Visits: For non-urgent requests please contact the Chaplaincy Office on 01202 704221. They also have an answerphone. For more urgent requests/ out of hours, the duty RC chaplain may be contacted via the switchboard on 01202 303626		

CONFRATERNITY OF THE ROSARY: 8th December. Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. Holy Mass 12.15pm. Candle-light Procession led by the Statue of Our Blessed Lady. Hymns. Prayers. Benediction. Everyone welcome!

MASS IN EXTRAORDINARY FORM: Fr Anthony Glaysher, parish priest of Ryde, offers Mass in the Extraordinary Form (the 'Tridentine Mass') at Our Lady Immaculate, Westbourne, on the third Sunday of each month at 6.00, preceded by confessions from 5 pm. The next EF Mass is on this Sunday, 16th November. All are welcome.

CAFOD Just one world

CAFOD Needs You - CAFOD Portsmouth is currently looking for enthusiastic volunteers to help us visit Catholic **primary** schools in Bournemouth. If you are a good communicator and interested in global issues, please get in touch. The role aims to empower young people to make a difference in today's world.

Full training provided. Please contact Lynda Mussell on 01252 329385 or email portsmouth@cafod.org.uk for further information.

Bournemouth and Poole Marriage Care

are actively seeking a new person to chair the organisation. This is a really important service to the Catholic community providing marriage preparation services and couple counselling. It is the local branch of a national organisation, www.marriagecare.org.uk.

Department for Schools Vacancy - School Standards Support Officer

A new post has arisen for a School Standards Support Officer to work in the Diocesan Department for Schools which is located at Park Place Pastoral Centre, Wickham. This is a new and exciting post which may suit someone who has recently retired or is in employment looking to further their own professional development. The post is full-time but part-time arrangements may be possible. For more information about the post and salary details please contact:- **Urszula Topp, Interim Director, Department for Schools, Telephone: 01329 835363 Email: utopp@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk** For an application form and job description please go to:- **ww.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/vacancies** Closing date for applications: **Thursday 20th November 2014 (4pm)**

Keep in touch with the latest news! The Diocese of Portsmouth now issues a weekly e-news with photos, news, and information from around the Diocese. Go to www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk and add your email address to receive these updates. Are you on Facebook? Like 'Diocese of Portsmouth' to get all the latest info as it happens. You can also follow @BishopEgan and @PortsmouthRC on Twitter.

THANK YOU **for the offerings 8th/9th Nov.**

Envelopes :	£ 145.04	Cash :	£ 144.63
Standing Orders :	£ 152.99		**Total : £ 442.66**
BAMENDA SUMDAY:	£ 138.66	*Thank you!*	