



**16 NOVEMBER 2014**

## **ST EDMUND OF ABINGDON**



**CITY CENTRE  
CATHOLIC PARISH,  
SOUTHAMPTON  
ST JOSEPH'S &  
ST EDMUND'S**

ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF  
PORTSMOUTH REG. CHARITY NO. 246871

**SOUTHAMPTON  
CENTRAL AND WEST  
PASTORAL AREA**

ALSO INCLUDES  
ST. BONIFACE,  
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL  
& HOLY FAMILY



## **St Edmund of Abingdon,** was born

Edmund Rich in the town of Abingdon, just south of Oxford, in about 1170/75, the son of a prosperous merchant. After studies at Oxford and Paris, he taught (c. 1194-1200) in Paris and in Oxford, where he is supposed to have been the first to teach the philosophy of Aristotle. He taught at Oxford again from about 1214 to 1222.

He was considered an outstanding priest, administrator, teacher, and man of peace and prayer. In 1222 Edmund was appointed Treasurer of Salisbury Cathedral, then being built, and in 1233 he was elected Archbishop of Canterbury after three other candidates had been rejected by Pope Gregory IX. Edmund was essentially a teacher and preacher, a man of study and prayer, but his brief episcopate of seven years was passed in turmoil of public affairs, with which he dealt reluctantly but resolutely.

This was a time of great unrest and change; eighteen years before, the barons had forced from King John the famous statement of rights known as Magna Carta, while King John's own disputes with the Church had led to the Pope's imposition of the 'Great Interdict' when English Church life was suspended, the buildings were closed and sacraments could not be celebrated. In trying to restore the balance after this stormy time, Edmund soon came into conflict with Henry III, by defending Church rights and criticising the king's continental policies.

Edmund also became involved in serious disputes with the monastic chapter at Canterbury and in 1238 took his case against them to Rome. On the back of this, fresh difficulties arose between him and the King and in the autumn of 1240 Edmund set out on a second journey to Rome. Poor health made him break off his journey at Soisy in Burgundy, where he died on 16 November 1240. He was buried at Pontigny Abbey. He was canonised in 1246; King Henry opposed his canonisation!

On his death bed he is reputed to have called God to witness, "I have sought nothing else but you". Very little of his writings survive, but in his 'Mirror of Holy Church' he sets out at various levels the contemplatives' way to God.

St Edmund's Shrine is still in the Abbey at Pontigny (look up Google Maps!). He is not only our co-patron (with St Joseph) but is also co-patron of the Diocese together with Our Blessed Lady.

*Vincent Harvey*

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### **THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD:**

1. In today's gospel Peter is challenged how much he loves Jesus. How would you describe your love of Christ: unlimited, limited, strong or weak?
2. "You are a letter from Christ" St Paul says. In what way are you such a 'letter'? How do you present Christ to the world?

*Vincent Harvey*



## TODAY: SUNDAY 16 NOVEMBER 2014

**SECOND COLLECTION** today is for Catholic Care.

**WELCOME AND THANKS** to Fr Des Connolly who will be celebrating the 9am and 11am Masses today.

**BAPTISMS:** We welcome into our faith community:



- **Molly Stapleton**, daughter of Stephen & Shelley
  - **Monty Pickford**, son of Michael & Nicola
- who are being baptised in St Edmund's Church at 12:30pm.

**FILIPINO CHOIR:** 7pm Mass. Rehearsal at 6pm.



### RECENTLY DIED:

**Fred & Kate McEwing RIP.** As many of you will know Fred died two weeks after Kate. We are having a joint Requiem Mass for them both which will be in St Edmund's Church on Thursday, 20 November at 11:00am (*Kate & Freds' bodies will be received into the church on Wednesday, 19 November at 4:30pm*). May they both rest in peace. Please keep John and Michael, their two sons, in your prayers. **Family flowers only** ..... any donations for CAFOD which Fred and Kate supported.

**John Faller RIP.** Please pray for John who died last Tuesday in the General Hospital after only a short time in hospital. John was a regular at the 7pm Mass. May he rest in peace. Our sympathy to his family.

## THIS WEEK

### FOR INFORMATION:

Mon: VH day off. Tues: Clergy Meeting: VH

Wed: Space for Peace: VH

Thurs: Funeral: VH. Southampton Collaborative Group: VH  
Pathfinders (schools): VH

Fri: St George Mass: VH. Solent Uni Graduation: VH  
Night fever: VH

**BINGO CLUB** meet 2pm on Mondays in St Edmund's Hall.

**OPEN DOOR RETREAT** Monday evenings in St Edmund's Hall from 7pm-9pm; current retreat finishes 8 December.

**ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONFRATERNITY OF THE ROSARY:** Tuesday 18 November at St John's Cathedral, Portsmouth. Starting with Mass at 12:15pm, followed by recitation of the Holy Rosary at the Altar of Our Lady. Refreshments and light lunch in the Cathedral Centre before the meeting starts at 2pm. Discussion on 2014 events that took place and making plans for 2015.

**WELLSPRING PRAYER GROUP** meet Tuesdays at 7:30pm in St Edmund's Hall. All welcome!

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PARENTS INFORMATION EVENING & REGISTRATION** taking place at 7:30pm Tuesday 18 November at Stella Maris Hall, Bugle Street.

**WEDNESDAY LUNCH CLUB** every Wednesday 12noon in St Edmund's Hall. New members welcome! Please contact the Parish Office if you would like to join.

**12:15PM MASS CANCELLED** Thursday 20 November at St Joseph's due to Requiem Mass taking place at 11am St Edmund's for Fred and Kate McEwing RIP.

**THE SPIRITUAL ODYSSEY: POETRY SHARE, THURSDAY 20 NOVEMBER, 7PM, ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH.** 'Each day of going from here to there, doing whatever it is that we do, is another day of the spiritual pilgrimage we are all called to make. Indeed, as the scriptures make clear, our lives are made up of our daily treks either toward or away from the Homeland; and we are constantly fidgeting with our spiritual compasses, setting and re-setting them toward God'. *Please join the poetry share group as they share and discuss this universal, but personal, odyssey through the poetic eyes of both original works and established poets.* The topic will be introduced by Fran Morley, and the periods of reflection will be graced by the inspirational music of flautist Rachel Brady. Please come and share your favorite poet, poem, or spiritual metaphor - and be a blessing to all.

**HANDING ON THE FAITH:** 'Journey in Faith' meet 7:30pm every Thursday in St Edmund's Hall.

**WISDOM CENTRE QUIET DAY** for anyone who has experienced significant loss or bereavement. From 10am to 4pm Friday 21 November 2014, Wisdom Centre, Romsey. Suggested offering £25 to include lunch. Call 01794 830206 to book. See Noticeboards.

**FRIDAY LUNCHTIME PRAYER GROUP** meet 1:10pm-1:50pm in St Edmund's Hall for prayer and reflection. All welcome!

**DISCOVERING OUR IDENTITY** youth group meet at 7:45pm (after Mass) on Fridays in St Edmund's Hall.

## NEXT WEEKEND

**FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING** Sunday 23 November.

**CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES FROM THE PARISH** are invited to the 7pm Mass next Sunday, 23 November, at St Edmund's Church to be presented to the Parish and prayed for. Please do come along.

## NEXT WEEK

**CCPG (City Centre Pastoral Group)** meeting 7:45pm Wednesday 26 November in St Edmund's Presbytery. *If you would like to raise any issues to do with the pastoral life of the Parish, or any possible initiatives to be considered please do let us know: phone or email the Parish Office or Father Vincent.*

**EU WELCOME INFORMATION EVENING** 6pm-8pm Friday 28 November in St Edmund's Lodge.



**BAPTISM:** We welcome into our faith community **Briain Newland**, son of Niki and Aideen, who is being baptised in St Edmund's Church at 1:30pm Saturday 29 November.

**IRISH SOCIAL EVENING - HOLY FAMILY CHURCH HALL:** 7.30pm-11pm Saturday 29 November in Holy Family Church Hall, Redbridge Hill, Southampton, SO16 4PL. McDonnell-Haynes School of Irish Dance present their Christmas Social Evening with Irish folk band Shebeen, display of Irish dancing and Christmas raffle. Tickets £10 per adult and accompanied children are free. All welcome to join them for an evening of Irish music and dance. Contact Charlotte Haynes on 07740 645665 or email [charlotte@mcdonnellhaynesirishdance.co.uk](mailto:charlotte@mcdonnellhaynesirishdance.co.uk).

**CHRISTMAS FAYRE SUNDAY 30 NOVEMBER** after morning Masses in St Edmund's Hall. **Raffle tickets** are now on sale after Mass - 1st prize £150 plus paint ball vouchers, photo shoot, Christmas hamper and lots more. Bacon and egg sarnies. Bottle stall, cake stall, Bric a brac, Kids corner, sale of Christmas cards and gifts. All donations for stalls or raffle to be left at the Parish Office. **Helpers needed** Tel Fiona, Mob. 07717 535 221 or email [fionalennon76@gmail.com](mailto:fionalennon76@gmail.com). All funds will go towards sorting out our churches' sound systems.



### HEMOCARE CLIENTS CHRISTMAS GIFTS:

Last year we asked for new **unwrapped presents** for our elderly; this worked very well as their carers were able to pick the most suitable gifts for their clients – diabetics were given a gift that they could use and others received their favourite biscuits etc. While you're out shopping in

**the next two or three weeks**, please think about picking up a gift or two for us to pass on, many of the Christmas offerings in the shops at the moment would be most suitable along with stationery, stamps, jams and toiletries etc. Thank you! Baskets available in the porches from next weekend.

**KEEP CALM AND EAT (MORE) CAKE:** afternoon tea and quiz fundraiser for HCPT Group 170 (the local branch of the national charity which takes sick, disabled and disadvantaged children on pilgrimage-holiday to Lourdes). Sunday 30 November at 3pm in Holy Family Church Hall, Millbrook. Tickets £6 adult / £4 child. See website [www.group170.org.uk](http://www.group170.org.uk) or mail [charlie@group170.org.uk](mailto:charlie@group170.org.uk) for more info.

**ADVENT** ..... two weeks away ..... some extra events!

- **Evening Prayer** on Sunday 30 November at 5:30pm in St Edmund's to celebrate the groups in the Parish and the involvement of many. **Please come along to mark the beginning of Advent** and to pray for all our volunteers.
- **Evening Prayer** at 6:30pm on a Wednesday and Friday before Mass
- **Penitential Service** on Monday 22 December at 7:30pm.

### GENERAL ITEMS

**AN EVENING OF HEALING** with Little Way Healing Ministries 7pm-9:30pm Monday 1 December at Highfield House Hotel, Highfield Lane, SO17 1AQ. Fr. Laurence Brassill OSA and Mrs. Pauline Edwards and team offer an evening of teaching and healing. All welcome! No need to be a churchgoer to attend. *Tea and coffee provided.* Jesus said: 'Lay your hands on the sick and they will be healed'. **Come and see.**

**SOUTHAMPTON AND WINCHESTER VISITORS GROUP:** The SWVG are holding their AGM on Monday 1 December at 7 pm at Avenue St Andrews. Roy Millard (South East Strategic Partnership for Migration) will talk on 'Young Asylum Seekers in Limbo'. Do come along. If you are going please let them know: 01962 866215 or [secretary@swvg-refugees.org.uk](mailto:secretary@swvg-refugees.org.uk).

**ANNUAL GOAN COMMUNITY EVENT:** Feast of St Francis Xavier Celebration taking place on Sunday 7 December from 12:30pm - 5:30pm in St Boniface Church Hall, Shirley, Southampton. Tickets £10 for adults and 13-18 year olds. Children (5-12) = £6. Live Goan Band. Dress Formal. Authentic Goan Buffet. Complimentary Drinks. Spot Prizes & Raffle. Dina 02380780774 or Text Roque 07816195002, email [roquevaz@yahoo.co.in](mailto:roquevaz@yahoo.co.in). See Notice Board.

**THE CITY'S JUBILEE CHRISTMAS STREET PARTY** is taking place on Saturday 13 December, between 4pm-7pm in the Guildhall Square; all invited to come along, bring friends and celebrate the real meaning of Christmas.

### 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 contact Urszula Topp, Interim Director, Department for Schools, email: [utopp@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:utopp@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) or Mob. 01329 835 363. Web [www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/vacancies](http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/vacancies) for an application form and job description. Closing date *Thursday 20 November 2014 (4pm).*

**THANK YOU TO JUDY BROWN AND VOLUNTEERS** for all the work they have done to improve St Edmund's Hall.

**REFURBISHMENT OF ST EDMUND'S PARISH HALL:** Jenepher Parry Davies will donate £1 from each sale of her first solo album, 'The Spinning Wheel' towards the costs of refurbishment of St. Edmund's Hall. Call 07891 733939 or Email: [sineadnicdaihi@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:sineadnicdaihi@yahoo.co.uk) to purchase a copy. Website: [www.jenepher.co.uk](http://www.jenepher.co.uk).

**CAR PARKING** ... some people are being complacent and parking on the private road into the estate behind us ..... and getting fined! No parking is allowed in the estate or on the approach roads. We can park 4 cars in front of the Lodge and 4 or 5 behind on the graveled area only.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR** Nenum (Anushka's sister), Marge Whiteman, Mary Davies (fall recovery), Phyllis Grattan, Maria Gibzinska, HE, Virginia Monteiro, Stella Grace Krumina (toddler), Marie Adams, Patricia Penny, Joyce Mnguni, James Adie, Peter Hunt, Edward O'Donovan, Maria Annunziata, Jean Kaye, Hélène Scrase, Emma Bailey, Laura Pinson, Madeleine Clarke, Debbie Murphy, Albie Escorcio, Vera Morris, Perry Cunio, Mike Mantle, Maria Farrao, Pat Cummings, NW, Carlene Metcalf, Bosco & Myra Andrade, Joe Sculley, Tegar Marriott, Josie Franklin, Joan Wheeler, Bertie Radcliffe, Ken Woodford, Joy Grant, John O'Reilly, Bridget Busk, Joan Roberts, Phoebe, Tony O'Donnell, Pam Bennett, Pauldia Grant, Terry Clarke, Grace Baxter, Evelyn Nolan, parishioners who are ill or having surgery and all listed in the Lady Chapel Prayer Book at St Edmund's. Thank you for keeping all these people in your prayers.

# MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY 16 NOVEMBER 2014

SAT	15 NOV	<b>VIGIL MASS</b>	6:15PM SJ 7:00PM SE	HEALTH & WELLBEING OF CHRIS GUTOWSKI (E&MC) MASS IN POLISH
SUN	16 NOV	<b>ST EDMUND OF ABINGDON</b>	9:00AM SE 10:00AM SJ 11:00AM SE 7:00PM SE	AGOSTINHO GONCALVES RIP (MG) PEOPLE OF THE PARISH EILEEN & PETER COLES RIP (MB) AUSTIN STACK RIP (DB)
TUES	18 NOV	<b>DEDICATION OF THE BASILICAS OF ST PETER &amp; ST PAUL, ROME</b>	10:00AM SE	KATE McEWING RIP (ROSARY GROUP)
WED	19 NOV	<b>33rd WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME</b>	7:00PM SE	ANGELA FERRIS RIP (DF)
THURS	20 NOV	<b>33rd WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME</b>	11:00AM SE 12:15PM SJ	REQUIEM MASS: FRED & KATE McEWING RIP <b>MASS CANCELLED DUE TO FRED &amp; KATE McEWING'S REQUIEM MASS AT ST EDMUND'S</b>
FRI	21 NOV	<b>THE PRESENTATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</b>	7:00PM SE	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
SAT	22 NOV	<b>ST CECILIA</b>	11:00AM SE 6:15PM SJ 7:00PM SE	MATEUSZ VICTORIA—THANKSGIVING 1ST BIRTHDAY (IM) DONALD & MAURA GORMAN RIP (GH) MASS IN POLISH
SUN	23 NOV	<b>OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, UNIVERSAL KING</b>	9:00AM SE 10:00AM SJ 11:00AM SE 7:00PM SE	ANNA EGAN RIP (KN) ROBERT—CONVERSION OF HEART TO GOD'S WILL (RK) OLIVIA LEE RIP (MONDAY CLUB) YVONNE PROWING RIP (DB)

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St Anne's School	023 8032 8200
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### Prayer of the Church week 1

**16 NOVEMBER 2014**  
**ST EDMUND OF ABINGDON—33rd WEEK OF O/T**

#### Psalm Response

Proclaim the wonders of the Lord  
among all the peoples.

#### Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;  
I know my own sheep and my own know me.  
**Alleluia!**

### READINGS SUNDAY 23 NOVEMBER 2014 OUR LORD JESUS CHRIS, UNIVERSAL KING

1st Reading: Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17  
 2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28  
 Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46

#### 2nd COLLECTION TODAY CATHOLIC CARE

#### NO 2nd COLLECTION NEXT WEEK

Collections	9/11/14 1st	9/11/14 2nd—CHURCH MAINTENANCE
<b>Total</b>	<b>£2,187.12</b>	<b>£255.27</b>
Cash	782.90	105.89
S / O	1,139.85	119.50
Gift Aid Tax Rebate	264.37	29.88

Thank you for your generous contributions. Your donations make the life and work of the Parish possible.

#### CONFESSION TIMES:

**St. Edmund's:** Saturdays 11:30am  
**St. Joseph's:** Thursdays 11:45am; Saturdays 5:45pm