

Christmas services

Wed 24th December: The Nativity of the Lord
4.30pm-Children's short service followed by
 Christmas Vigil Holy Mass at 5.00pm.
11.45pm Carols followed by Midnight mass.

Thur 25th December : 9.00am & 11.00am -
 Holy Mass.

Fri 26th December: St Stephen 10.00am Holy
 Mass.

Sunday 28th December: Holy Family. Holy
 Mass at 8.30am, 11.00am & 5.00pm

*No weekday Mass on Monday 29th December
 and Tuesday 30th December 2025.*

Wednesday 31st December 2025:
 Thanksgiving Mass for 2025 at 6.30pm

**Thursday 1st January 2026: Mary Mother of
 God:** 11.00am Holy Mass

Friday 2nd January 2026: 1st Friday of the
 month, 6.30pm Holy Mass

Saturday 3rd January 2026: 1st Saturday
 devotion to our Lady 11.00am Holy Mass

**Visitors to the Parish are reminded that photography/video recording is not permitted at any time during mass
 services unless authorised by the Parish. Photography of children and young people is prohibited.**

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All arrangements in RBH are "Patient Led". : If you or a loved one are taken into hospital, please inform the
 Catholic Chaplaincy. Hospital staff are not allowed to ask you. Ring the hospital on 0118 322 7105 to let them
 know that you or your loved one would like a visit from a priest.

Reading Catholic Churches

Christ the King, Whitley	Fr. Daniel Agber
St. John Bosco, Woodley	Fr. Leo Odomeja
St. James	Fr Chris Heaps
English Martyrs, Tilehurst	Fr. Gaston Forbah
St. Joseph, Tilehurst	Fr Jude Mbonu
St. William of York	Fr. Seth Phipps
Our Lady & St. Anne, Caversham	Fr Joe McLoughlin

**Sunday 4th January 2026: 2nd Sunday after
 Christmas:** 8.30am, 11.00am and 5.00pm Holy
 Mass.

Monday 5th January 2026: Vigil Mass for
 Epiphany at 6.30pm.

**Tuesday 6th January 2026: Epiphany of the
 Lord** (Holy day of obligation) Holy Mass at
 6.30pm

**Sunday 11th January 2026 The Baptism of
 the Lord:** 8.30am, 11.00am and 5.00pm Holy
 Mass.

*No weekday Mass from Monday 12th January –
 Friday 16th January 2026.*

Offertory Donations:

You can set up regular offertory donation by
 setting up monthly standing order.

Our Bank details are as follows:
 A/c name: CDP Reading Our Lady of Peace
 Lloyds Bank 30 93 04 A/C No: 00886018

You can also pay via the contactless
 machine in the Advent Room.

If you are a UK taxpayer, then
 donating with Gift Aid means that we can claim
 an extra 25p for every £1 received.



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Parish office opening hours Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 11.00am-2.00pm.

St Edmund of Abingdon

(Not in Sunday Missal)

16th November 2025

Please collect the Sunday reading leaflet from the Advent room

Psalm Response: Proclaim the wonders of the Lord among all the peoples.

St Edmund of Abingdon, the Principal Patron of Our Diocese.

St Edmund of Abingdon was born around 1175 and lived for about 65 years. He had a deep love for mathematics and dialectics, as well as for the ascetic life and theology. He cherished Aristotle and the Holy Scriptures—everything for a greater love of God. His industrious spirit and zeal were inspired by his father, a dedicated merchant, and his mother, who taught him religious practices. Beneath it all was Our Lady herself. From her, he drew a love for discipline and justice, intertwined with the spirit of evangelical purity and poverty, even as he became the first known Oxford Master of Arts and later a bishop.

As a young heart, he was wholly devoted to God through Mary. From an early age, he experienced Mary as his spiritual guide. At just twelve, while studying in Oxford, he made a "sacred marriage" to her, placing a ring on a statue of Our Lady in the Church of St. Mary the Virgin—a ring that miraculously could not be removed.

By consecrating himself to Mary in this "spiritual marriage," Edmund entered into a living communion with her, a relationship of trust and mutual love, through which he was led more deeply into God. Mary, as mediator of all graces, guides and strengthens everyone who entrusts themselves to her care. Throughout his life, Mary remained his protector and counselor. He received visions, including one of his mother depicted as Theology, which encouraged him to pursue theological studies. His love for Mary strengthened him in his ascetic practices, his scholarly pursuits, and even in his courageous defense of the Church as Archbishop of Canterbury.

Edmund's devotion to Mary was not private; it shaped his ministry and inspired others. He is remembered as a reforming bishop, a faithful teacher, and a peacemaker. His life encourages us to allow Mary to guide us, to embrace prayer and study, and to live with courage and humility in our daily responsibilities. St Edmund of Abingdon reminds us that a life rooted in Mary's love is a life of spiritual depth, moral courage, and gentle service. His example invites us to offer ourselves to Mary's care, trusting her to lead us ever closer to Christ.

Fr Stan.

Date & Dedication	Time	Mass Intentions etc
Sun 16th November St Edmund of Abingdon	8.00am 8.30am 10.30am 11.00 am 5.00pm	Rosary For Parishioners Rosary Anthony John Owens RIP Alexander family thanksgiving
Mon 17th Nov St Elizabeth of Hungary	6.00pm 6.30pm	Rosary Patrick Mooney RIP
Tue 18th Nov: Dedication of the Basilicas of St Peter & St Paul	No Mass	
Wed 19th Nov	No Mass 4.15pm	Rosary
Thurs 20th Nov - Sat 22nd Nov	No Mass	
Sun 23rd November Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe	8.00am 8.30am 10.30am 11.00 am 5.00pm	Rosary Claudia's 2nd Birthday Rosary Christina Owens RIP For Parishioners

Sacrament of Reconciliation: On Mondays, Fridays and Holy Days of Obligation 5.30pm-6.30pm or by private appointment with Fr Stan.

Baptism: If you wish to celebrate the baptism (of a child) here, please contact Father Stan.

Anniversaries: Please keep in your prayers

17th November: Edward McIlvenna (1974); Alexander O'Boyle (1990); Mary Kelliner (2003); Rudolf Horvath (2018)
 18th November: Kathleen Pearl (1987); Sheila Scott (2001);
 19th November: Miles Webber (2012); Bernadette Beech (2023)
 20th November: John Pringle (1998);
 22nd November: Joan Andrijecko (1983); Norman Preston (2013);
 23rd November: Violet Lefebvre (1977); Kenneth Mansfield (87)

We keep in our prayers our parishioners who are sick and housebound. We pray for God's mercy and healing for the sick and for health and strength for all who care for them. **If you or someone you know is sick and housebound and would like to mention them here, or if you have any queries, please contact Rachel at the Parish Office.**

Parish News

Fire Drill on Sunday 16th November after 8.30am & 5.00pm Mass.

Tuesday 18th November - Friday 21st November: No weekday Mass or Adoration. Church will be open during office hours.

Parish office will be closed from Monday 24th November to Friday 28th November.

Children's Nativity service on Wednesday 24th December: Parents of children in primary school, please be in touch with Fr Stan for the planning of the children's nativity service on Christmas Eve.

Parish Christmas / Pre-Advent Party: Saturday 29th November at 6.00pm in the Parish Hall. £5.00 per person. Children aged 3-10 yrs £2.50 per child. Kids under 3yrs free. Please bring a cold plate of starter or deserts to share. Drinks will be provided.

Christmas Cards: The Parish Christmas cards are on sale in the Advent Room. £3.00 for pack of five cards or £5.00 for pack of ten cards.

First Holy Communion 2025-26. Session every Tuesday during Term time at 3.45 in Bl Dominic Barberi Room.

Confirmation 2025-26. Next session is on Sunday 23rd November after 11.00am Mass in Bl Dominic Barberi Room.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is open to people who are discerning whether to join or come into full communion with the Catholic Church. To find out more, please see Fr. Stan after Mass

Fundraising for Church: Patio cleaning - If you would like to have your Patio cleaned then please contact Dawid on 07809868203. Special discount for Parishioners and also 80% of the fees will be donated to the church.

Events in Advent

Angelus will be said before all Advent Masses

We will again celebrate the Rorate Mass every Wednesday morning in Advent from 3rd December at 6.30am. Rorate is a candlelit Mass in the dark, so please bring lantern.

Saturday 6th December : 1st Saturday of every month at 9.30am: (Dedication to Our Lady) Adoration, Rosary, Reconciliation followed by Holy Mass at 11.00am.

Monday 8th December: The Immaculate Conception of Our Lady. (Solemnity) Holy Mass at 6.30pm.

Sunday 14th December (Gaudete Sunday) from 3:15pm to 4:45pm. Carol singing in the local neighbourhood The plan is to meet in Bl. Dominic Barberi Room at 3:15pm for a short briefing and prayer before we set off promptly at 3:30pm. We will sing at several fixed locations along The Knapp, Aldbourne Avenue and Ramsbury Drive, and will start heading back to the church at 4:30pm so that we could finish at 4:45pm in time for the 5pm Mass. Singers and non-singers are all encouraged to join -- not just for the singing, but for knocking of doors and small-chats with the residents.

Sunday 14th December: No Divine Mercy holy hour in our church due to Carol singing in the neighbourhood.

Friday day Adoration. Friday 19th Dec will be the last Adoration for 2025, Adoration will start again after the Christmas break on Friday 23rd January 2026.

Advent Confession on Saturday 20th December at 9.00am - 12noon at our church. Please spare some time for prayer and reflection, this Advent. Start planning now to keep a sense of true perspective during this holy season. All are welcome.