

Our Lady & St Edmund of Abingdon ***1 Radley Rd, Abingdon on Thames, Oxon, OX14 3PL***

We are a **LiveSimply** parish aiming to live Simply, Sustainably and in Solidarity with the Poor

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Confessions: Saturdays 11.00 – 11.30am or by appointment

OFFICE CLOSURE

The office will be closed from 15th September until 1st October as Lisa will be on sick leave. Fr Jamie will respond to urgent messages as soon as he can.

MASSES:

In consideration for others, the government strongly recommends that face masks/coverings continue to be worn in indoor public spaces. Thank you for helping to keep each other safe by doing this, for sanitising your hands as you enter the church, and for maintaining a reasonable distance from others where feasible.

SUNDAY MESSAGE

For now, the online version of the *Sunday Message*. will be available on The **News** page of our website.

NEWSLETTERS

Items for the newsletter should be sent to the parish office by the Wednesday of each week please.

Please do not return newsletters to the basket or table in the church, or leave them on the benches – kindly take them home with you. Thank you.

24th Week of Ordinary Time (Year B)

Sunday 12 Sept

8.45am No Mass

10.30am Parish Day Mass (The D'Silva Family RIP)

2.00pm Mass in Polish

6.30pm Mass (Private Intention)

Monday 13 Sept

St John Chrysostom

8.30am Rosary

9am Mass (Lisa Paterson Intentions)

Tuesday 14 Sept

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

NO Mass See: www.ourladyandstedmund.org.uk/english-martyrs-vale-of-white-horse for other Masses

Wednesday 15 Sept

Our Lady of Sorrows

6.30pm Rosary

7pm Mass (Private Intention)

Thursday 16 Sept

Saints Cornelius & Cyprian

9.00am Rosary

9.30am Mass (Sarah Stedman RIP)

Friday 17 Sept

6.30pm Rosary

7pm Mass (Anthony McDonald Intentions)

Saturday 18 September

11am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

11-11.30am Confessions

12pm Mass (Private Intention)

LET US DREAM

Thursday from 7th October to 4th November inclusive, 7.00-8.00pm via Zoom link - an online course offering the opportunity to explore and discover the richness of *LET US DREAM: Pope Francis - The Path to a Better Future* in conversation with Austen Ivereigh. More details of the course and registration next week. For further information: pehanley@hotmail.com

PARISH DAY

THIS SUNDAY!

Weather permitting, this will be outdoors, with the Mass at 10.30am. **Please note that there will be only one morning Mass on that day – at 10.30am in the outdoor area behind the parish centre. Evening Mass at 6.30pm will take place as usual.**

This year there will be no catering, so we invite you to bring your own picnic lunch and enjoy your time in the company of other parishioners after Mass. Limited seating will be available for those who need it, so please feel free to bring your own chairs or rugs to sit on. We pray that plans for this day will be fruitful.

HOME MISSIONS

Next weekend there is a collection for *Home Missions*. The collection supports the Bishops' work in the area of evangelisation. You can also make a donation online on the *News* page of our website.

SEASON OF CREATION

The *Season of Creation*, dedicated to prayer and action for the protection of creation, runs until 4 October (the feast of Saint Francis of Assisi). It is a time to renew our relationships with God our Creator, and with all creation, as we join together in prayer. Inspired by Pope Francis' encyclical letter *Laudato Si' - Care for our Common Home* - we give thanks for all that God has made, repent for the damage that we have caused and commit ourselves to take action to protect the earth our common home.

A Prayer for the Earth (from *Laudato Si'*)

All- powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures.

You embrace with your tenderness all that exists.

Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty.

Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one.

O God of the poor, help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth, so precious in your eyes.

Bring healing to our lives,

that we may protect the world and not prey on it, that we may sow beauty not pollution and destruction.

Amen.

JOURNEYING TOGETHER IN FAITH (JTIF)

All sessions take place in the Parish Centre on Mondays from **7.30pm to 9pm**. These sessions are suitable for any adult with an enquiring mind who wishes to journey further in their faith. It is also suitable for anyone who has completed the RCIA course. **Everyone is welcome to attend any or all of the sessions**. The full programme can be viewed on our parish website in the *News* section or in the *Groups section/Faith Development*. A copy is also available at the back of the church.

RCIA/JOURNEY IN FAITH SESSIONS

You might wish to find out more about Jesus, would like to receive baptism, become a Catholic, or you may be a Catholic but not confirmed? If so, *RCIA/Journey in Faith* could be for you. **Sessions begin on 21st September**.

Please contact Pauline Hanley
email: pehanley@hotmail.com or tel: 07506 753085 for further details.

CONFIRMATION

The preparation for the sacrament of Confirmation will begin this month. This is for young people who are in Year 8+. Parents are invited to a meeting on **Thursday 23rd September** in the parish centre at 7.30pm. Unfortunately, due to Covid this meeting is only for parents. If you have any questions before, please contact: tammylavers@hotmail.co.uk

PARISH GRANDPARENTS ASSOCIATION

Exciting News for Grandparents – *'The Treasures of family Life'*

You are warmly invited to the first meeting of our new *Catholic Grandparents Association*, on **Wednesday 22nd September at 2.30pm in the parish centre**. This is an opportunity not to be missed; meet up with like-minded grandparents to socialise and share experiences; to pray together; and to support each other in our role as grandparents. Afternoon tea and cakes will be served, and a warm welcome awaits you.

RESPONDING TO CRISES

CAFOD is responding to significant crises across the world. They are working with local Church organisations in Haiti to deliver emergency aid to people affected by the catastrophic earthquake and tropical storm. In the tragic situation in Afghanistan, they are working to ensure the safety of their local partners and their communities. They are supporting local aid workers to deliver urgent food and water supplies to hundreds of thousands of people facing extreme hunger in Tigray in Ethiopia, South Sudan and north-east Nigeria. You can read more about how we can all express solidarity with our sisters and brothers affected by these emergencies through the link on the *News* page of our website. Your compassion, generosity and prayers have helped CAFOD to continue to support communities in these difficult times. Thank you.

YOUTH GROUPS

Our two youth groups will resume meeting in the parish centre on most alternative Saturdays during school term time, beginning on **Saturday 18th September, from 3.30pm to 5pm**. All children in years 3 to 6 are invited to come along and join in the activities for the **"COOL" Children of Our Lady group**. Young people in Secondary School are invited to come along and join in with the **St Edmund's Knights** activities.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

A Memorial Service is being held for Ann Goodwill on **September 14th at 2.00pm**.

LIGHT FOR THE BLIND

With thanks to Fr Jamie, the Abingdon trustees of Light for the Blind, Peter Dodd, Peter Hendricks and Paul Tierney, will hold an appeal for funds on **Sunday 26th September** in support of Fr Thomas's wonderful work in giving succour and comfort to the abandoned dying destitute street people of Southern India. Your continued generosity is greatly appreciated, without which Fr. Thomas could not continue to fulfil God's word - *"Whatsoever you do to one of the least of my brothers and sisters, you do for me."*

WE PRAY FOR

The repose of the soul of David Webster.