

# ***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**

## **REFLECTION**

Through the voice of the Church, Christ says to us what he said to his disciples "If you love me, keep my commandments". We couldn't possibly call ourselves his disciples if we didn't listen to his words and make an effort to live by them.

## **INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER**

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May has been designated as the International Day of Prayer for Eastern Christians. On this day we pray for all countries at war and particularly Ukraine, Armenia, Syria, Ethiopia, Sudan. We ask the Lord to raise up among our brothers and sisters of the Middle-East, peacemakers and artisans of hope.

## **TALK ON ST THÉRÈSE OF LISIEUX**

In the 100th year of St Thérèse's (UNESCO Personage of the Year) Beatification and the 150th Anniversary of her birth - come and learn more about this most remarkable Saint. A talk will be given by parishioner Dr Joanne Mosley on **Wednesday 17th May** at 7.30pm in the parish centre on the topic *St Thérèse and Faith in the Family*. Any problems please do call on either 524861 or 07810192267.

## **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

Please pray for the children who are in the final stages of preparing for their First Holy Communion in June. Please also keep their families in your prayers.

## **KNEELERS IN THE CHURCH PEWS**

We are looking for volunteers to help recover the pew kneelers. If you feel you could help, please let the parish office know when you are available and then a working party will be organised. Thank you.

## **SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER: Cycle 1 (A)**

### **Sunday 14 May**

8.45am	Mass	<b>6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</b> (Jim Morrisey RIP)
10.15am	Mass	(Private Intention)
2.00pm	Mass in Polish	
6.30pm	Mass	(Ted Kelly RIP)

### **Monday 15 May**

8.30am	Rosary	
9.00am	Mass	(Ivor O'Connor RIP)

### **Tuesday 16 May**

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

### **Wednesday 17 May**

6.30pm	Rosary	
7.00pm	Mass	(Maureen Palmer RIP)

### **Thursday 18 May**

8.30am	Rosary	
9.00am	Mass	(Private Intention)
7.00pm	Mass	( <i>Special Intention</i> )

### **Friday 19 May**

6.30pm	Rosary	
7.00pm	Mass	<b>Dedication of Cathedral of St John, Portsmouth</b> (Geoff Castle Intentions)

### **Saturday 20 May**

11am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
11-11.30am	Confessions	
12pm	Mass	(Ted Kelly RIP)

## **PARISH OFFICE**

The parish office will be closed from Tues 23<sup>rd</sup> to Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May. It will re-open on Tues 30<sup>th</sup>.

## SECOND COLLECTION SUNDAY 21<sup>st</sup> MAY

The second collection on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May will be for the *Catholic Communications Network*.

## OPEN DOORS

*Open Doors* is on Mondays from 11.30 – 2.30pm, until July, offering lunch and conversation in the parish centre. We won't meet on Bank Holidays. Why not come and bring a friend who is on their own or would like more company? More details from Clare 847804.

## ARE YOU IN NEED?

If you are in need or know someone who is, do contact our parish SVP group (St Vincent de Paul Society) via the parish office and we will see what we can do to help. We always maintain confidentiality. Our SVP members meet every fortnight on a Wednesday evening.

## ABINGDON COMMUNITY FRIDGE

Abingdon Community Fridge is open to EVERYONE. Help to prevent food waste by coming to Hadland Road Community Centre, Abingdon OX14 3YH: Opening hours: Mondays 4 - 4.30pm, Thursdays 1 - 2 pm and Saturdays 10.30 - 11.30am.

## BIBLE ALIVE

Why not strengthen your faith with daily reflections on the Mass readings? Limited copies of Bible Alive are available on the table at the back of the church.

## DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

We are planning our open-air parish Mass in the garden by the parish centre for **Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> July**. There will be a celebration BBQ following the outdoor Mass at 10.30am, weather permitting. On that day there will only be one morning Mass. Any volunteers to set up and clear away would be much appreciated.

## SUPPORTING THE FOODBANK

Please continue to support the Abingdon Food Bank. However, **please do not leave your contributions in our church**. The collection points are at:

LOCATION OF FOOD DONATION POINT	OPENING HOURS
Waitrose Abingdon, Abbey Close, OX14 3HL	7.30am to 9pm (8pm Sat)
North Foodbank, Christ Church, Northcourt Rd, OX14 1PL	Tues & Fri 10am to 1pm
South Foodbank, Preston Road community Centre, OX14 5NR	Weds 1pm to 2.30pm

## PARISH EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

- **Sunday:** Refreshments in the parish centre after the 10.15am Mass.
- **Monday:** *Open Doors* in the parish centre from 11.30am to 2.30pm.
- **Wednesday:** Talk on St Thérèse of Lisieux at 7.30pm in the parish centre.
- **Friday:** *Baby & Toddler* group in the parish centre 9.30am to 11.15am in term time.
- **Saturday:** FHC preparation, Session 9, 8.50am to 10am, in the church.
- **Saturday:** Youth groups meet in the parish centre from 3.30 to 5pm. All in year 3 or above are welcome.

## FUTURE DATES

- **Sun 2<sup>nd</sup> July:** Parish Day. Morning Mass at 10.30am in the garden by the parish centre followed by BBQ.

## ABINGDON PEACE GROUP

Fr Gerry McFlynn will be the speaker at the online meeting at 8pm this Tuesday (16th). He is a Vice President of Pax Christi, the International Catholic Peace Movement and is Project Manager of the Irish Council for Prisoners Overseas. Following the 25th Anniversary of the Belfast/Good Friday Agreement, his topic will be Peace in Northern Ireland - Where are we now? Further details on the poster outside church or from Anne Dodd ( Ab 525997). For the Zoom link please email: abingdonpeace@gmail.com

## DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

You are invited to join with the Diocese on pilgrimage to Lourdes, leaving from Bournemouth airport on Monday 17th July and returning on Friday 21st July. If you would like to know more about joining in as a pilgrim or as a youth helper, serving our pilgrims and helping to make our pilgrimage a success, please email [lourdes@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:lourdes@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

## MARY'S MONTH

The month of May is traditionally known as "Mary's Month," a specific month of the year when special devotions are performed in honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This May, then, let's frequently call on the help of Mary's prayers, and, as Pope Francis encourages, *'to rediscover the beauty of praying the Rosary.'*

## WE PRAY FOR:

- Ted Kelly, RIP. Funeral Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May, 11am.