

Our Lady & St Edmund of Abingdon

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

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We live stream all services

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CONFESSIONS: For now, this is by appointment only.
Please contact the parish office to make a booking.

PRIVATE PRAYER

The church will be open for **private prayer only**,
between **12.00pm and 1.00pm on Tuesdays and Fridays**.

MASS BOOKINGS

Please remember that **bookings for the whole week beginning Sunday 20th Sept. to Saturday 26th Sept.** should be made on **Monday 14th September**. Do **please try and give us several options for days/times** when you could come and let us know **how many people you are booking for**. We will do our best to accommodate your request. If you would like to attend more than one Mass in the week, please make this clear when you book.

- Those people **without** Internet access can phone **07395 946827** between **10am and 11am each Monday** to give the day of the week when they are able to attend Mass. **There is no recorded answering message system**. Please do not use the office phone number or phone outside of this time period.
- Those **with** Internet access are asked **not** to use the phone booking system, but instead to email us at: **contact@ourladyandstedmund.org.uk** giving us 2 to 3 possible days of the week when you can attend Mass. Please do this **each Monday**. You will then receive a reply with the day allocated to you.
- In all cases, you are asked to state the number in your family who will be attending Mass. This is essential for our planning and to maintain safety distances.
- Be aware that singing is not yet permitted under the guidelines. Also, there will be no collection basket passed around, but you may leave donations as you leave the Church.
- Please note that there are currently only **two** Sunday Masses – one at **10.15am and the other at 6.30pm**.

Thank you all very much for your patience and help.

24th week of Ordinary Time

In Church for those who booked, and also live streamed

Sunday 13 September

10.15am Mass (Alexandra Paterson, intentions)
1.00pm Polish Mass
6.30pm Mass (Lisa Paterson, intentions)

Monday 14 September (The Exaltation of the Holy Cross)

9am Mass (William James Ferguson, RIP)

Tuesday 15 September (Our Lady of Sorrows)

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

Wednesday 16 September (Ss Cornelius & Cyprian)

7pm Mass (In thanksgiving – Kolb family)

Thursday 17 September

9.30am Mass (Andrew Sweeney, RIP)

Friday 18 September

7pm Mass (Eddie Jarman, RIP)

Saturday 19 September

12pm Mass

FRIDAY 25th SEPTEMBER MASS

Please note, that due to a Confirmation service, there will be no Mass for parishioners on this date.

HOW TO BOOK FOR MASS

No Internet Access?

Phone **07395 946827** **EACH MONDAY** between 10am and 11am **ONLY** to book a place for the **FOLLOWING** week

Have Internet Access?

DON'T phone. Instead, email: **contact@ourladyandstedmund.org.uk** **EACH MONDAY**, to book a place for the **FOLLOWING** week

NEWSLETTER:

We currently cannot provide the newsletter in church. Please print your own copy from the *News* page of our website, or for those without Internet access, bring the copy delivered to you on Saturdays. We are also unable to accept any books, pamphlets, etc. at this point in time.

YOUR PARISH STILL NEEDS YOU!

The parish still *really* needs your donations. You can make these on our website. This will enable those who normally use the weekly gift aid white envelope system or loose plate donations to continue to support the Parish. *You can also place donations in the basket as you leave church.* **Your continued support for the Parish is greatly appreciated.**

BAMENDA, CAMEROON

Our diocese is twinned with the diocese of Bamenda in Cameroon, West Africa. A much under-reported civil war has been raging in that country for the last 3 or 4 years. Two parishioners, Casimir Fotso and Anne Dodd will be speaking on a Zoom Meeting of *Abingdon Peace Group* on Tuesday, 15th Sept. about the roots of the conflict, the current situation and what we can each do to move the situation to a peaceful resolution. If you would like to join the meeting please email abingdonpeace@gmail.com so that you can be sent the link.

WATER IS PRECIOUS!

The focus this Sunday will be the preciousness of water to all life in our God-given world. Pope Francis, in *Laudato Si'*, reminds us that *'fresh drinking water is an issue of primary importance since it is indispensable to human life.'* One of the prayer stops on the Creation Walk round the centre of Abingdon focuses on water. The Prayer Walk continues to be available on the News section of the parish website, together with the Season of Creation calendar of daily reflections, prayers and actions.



SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER DURING MASS:

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot today receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT:

This has been a very difficult year for so many. We have some photos of those members of our parish who have sadly died since March and these you can see on your left as you enter church. However, the extraordinary circumstances mean that not all the contact details of the next of kin are available to offer condolences on behalf of the parish. If your loved one's photo is not there and you would like it to be, please send or drop in, a small photo to the parish office and I will add it in. If you would like a call please let me know via the parish office and I will be in touch. God bless. Sue Richards.

Please pray for the young people receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation on 25th and 26th September.

Parish Events for the Week

NO EVENTS IN THE PARISH CENTRE UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Future Diary Dates

No events at the moment.

Youth Events

YOUTH GROUPS

The Saturday youth groups will stop meeting for now.

RCIA SESSIONS:

What is love? What is happiness? What is the meaning of life? Who is Jesus? Who do they say that I am?

I am with you always.... Peace be with you.... Do not be afraid.... Come and see!

You might wish to find out more about Jesus. Or perhaps you want to receive Baptism, or become a Catholic. Or maybe you are a Catholic but not Confirmed?

We can help you on this faith journey. **RCIA sessions begin on 15th September** online using Zoom. For more details and joining information, contact Pauline: **07506 753085** or email: pehanley@hotmail.com

JOURNEYING TOGETHER IN FAITH

This course, which was interrupted by lockdown, resumes again on **Mondays from 6.30pm to 7.30pm** online using Zoom and **beginning on Monday 14th September**. It is open to anybody interested in growing their faith and is suitable for those who have completed the RCIA course as well. For information and details, email: contact@ourladyandstedmund.org.uk

LIGHT FOR THE BLIND

Fr Thomas, who sadly can't be with us in person this year, sends his blessings to all parishioners and would appreciate you viewing a short new video of his work, which is now available on the News page on the parish website. The Covid crisis has hit Tamil Nadu hard and has severely stretched his resources, and in his absence to make an appeal for funds, asks for our usual generosity in supporting his work in caring for the dying destitute. Donations can be made via the LftB web site - lightfortheblind.org.uk or by contacting our treasurer Mark Wilkins, 1 Highgate Croft, Keighley, BD20 8JQ. Tel: 0782 443 1217. Many thanks and God Bless.

WE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF:

- Matilda Christie
- Alice Devlin
- Beth Millikin
- Todd Churchman