

***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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**Confessions: Saturdays 11.00 – 11.30am or by appointment**

**YOUR PARISH NEEDS YOU!**

Post pandemic, we need to update our records and the contact details of all parishioners – new and existing. We would also like to consolidate what parishioners are already involved in and **really** need to know what you would be willing to be involved with, because our parish is only as good as we make it!

**From TODAY to 16<sup>th</sup> October**, we will have census sheets available for you (outside the church on Sundays) to take and fill in, and you will also be able to download a copy from the *News* page of our website. We ask you to please fill in one sheet per household.

Please do take a sheet and take some time to carefully fill it in. All sheets need to be returned by Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October, and you can mark them for the attention of the PPC and drop them off through the presbytery letterbox at any time, or return them at the Sunday Mass when a member of the PPC will be outside the church to collect them. Thank you for your help.

**PARKING**

OLA School have kindly allowed us to use the school car park for the Sunday Masses. Thank you for not parking there at other times.

**OCTOBER – MONTH OF THE ROSARY**

We have much to thank God for – and to pray for. Why not join in the praying of the Rosary in the church before all weekday Masses?

**PRAYER FOR UKRAINE AND RUSSIA**

Loving God, we pray for the people of Ukraine and Russia, for all those suffering or afraid, that you will be close to them and protect them.

We pray for world leaders, for compassion, strength and wisdom to guide their choices.

We pray for the world, that in this moment of crisis, we may reach out in solidarity to our brothers and sisters in need. May we walk in your ways so that peace and justice become a reality for the people of Ukraine and Russia and for all the world. Amen.

**Week 28 in Ordinary Time**

**Sunday 9 Oct**

8.45am	Mass	(Florencia Amaral & Miguel Soares RIP)
10.15am	Mass	(Dora Nash RIP)
2.00pm	Mass in Polish	
6.30m	Mass	(Rose-May Georges RIP)

**Monday 10 Oct**

8.30am	Rosary	
9.00am	Mass	(Mary Scanlon & Patrick McCarthy RIP)

**Tuesday 11 Oct**

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 12 Oct**

6.30pm	Rosary	
7.00pm	Mass	(In Thanksgiving SVP)

**Thursday 13 Oct**

9.00am	Rosary	
9.30am	Mass	(Jo Sanderson RIP)

**Friday 14 Oct**

6.30pm	Rosary	
7.00pm	Mass	(Rose Langridge Intentions)

**Saturday 15 Oct**

**St Teresa of Avila**

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

**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.

## CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY

Family Fast Day was on **Friday 7 October**. The optional second collection **this Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> October** is for **CAFOD's World Food Crisis Appeal**. Millions of families are facing a food crisis that could be the worst in living memory. As people of faith, we must act. Your donations can help **CAFOD's** local experts to provide emergency food supplies to families in the worst affected countries in East Africa and support communities around the world working hard to put food on the table.

Please place your fast day donations in the CAFOD envelope provided, **as you leave the church**. (Please do not put the donations in the offertory collection during Mass). You can also contribute online by going to [cafod.org.uk/fastday](http://cafod.org.uk/fastday). A link is available on the *News* page of our website.

## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION 2023

There will be a meeting, in the Church on **THURSDAY 10 NOVEMBER AT 7.30pm**, for parents to enrol their children on the 2023 programme. It is **ESSENTIAL** that parents attend the meeting to receive enrolment forms and a copy of the programme and lesson dates. If you have any enquiries, please contact Hilary Webb by email at [humwebb53@gmail.com](mailto:humwebb53@gmail.com).

## ABINGDON CHURCHES TWINNING VISIT

Christians from Abingdon's twin towns have been invited for the long weekend Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> to Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2022 to share in and discuss the ecological theme '**Christian Stewardship of the Environment**'. Our 15 visitors are hosted in family homes where possible. **Offers of accommodation** would be most welcome. Another way to spend time with the visitors is to invite them on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> to **an evening meal at your home**.

You are **welcome to attend some of the events**, eg

1. Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> at 10.00-12.00 at All Saints Church, 5 local Eco groups will talk about their work
2. Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> from about 2.45pm at Peachcroft Christian Centre, talk about its Heat Source

**For further information**, hosting offers and event attendance, please contact: Anne Dodd 01235 525997 or Pat Warren 07526033715

## GIFT AIDING YOUR MONETARY DONATIONS

If you aren't doing so already, please consider gift aiding your offertory donations – it makes them all the more worthwhile, because if you tell us that you pay tax in the UK, then we can claim back 25% from the Government - that's 25p for every £1 you give! You can do so by filling in the yellow form available at the back of the church or online on our website in the *Giving* section. Thank you.

## FRIENDS OF THE HOLY LAND

There will be a sale of Christmas cards and other items in aid of Friends of the Holy Land on 30<sup>th</sup> October.

## PARISH EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

- **Sunday:** Refreshments in the parish centre after the 10.15am Mass.
- **Monday:** Journeying Together in Faith (JTIF) at 7.30pm in the parish centre. All welcome.
- **Wednesday:** Parish lunch at 12.30pm in the parish centre. All welcome. For info, ring 534873.
- **Friday:** Baby & Toddler group in the parish centre 9.30am to 11.15am in term time.
- **Saturday:** Parish Youth Groups activities in the parish centre 3.30-5pm. School years 3 upwards welcome.

## FUTURE DATES

- **Sat 5<sup>th</sup> Nov:** Parish Youth Groups activities in the parish centre 3.30-5pm. School years 3 upwards welcome.

**YOUTH GROUPS** The two groups for primary school children in years 3 to 6 and secondary school pupils meets again on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> October in the parish centre from 3.30-5pm. See the dates and information on the flyer available at the back of the church, on the outside notice board, and on our website.

## LOST PROPERTY

If any property is found in the church, it is put inside a small, labelled basket on the shelf in the church porch. Items will be kept for two weeks, after which they will be removed. If you have left anything behind, please check to see if it has been placed in the lost property basket. Thank you.

## NEW MOTHERS' PRAYERS GROUP IN FRENCH

A new mothers prayers group in French will be meeting on the 2nd Tuesday of each month from 8pm till 8.30pm in the Parish Centre. The first meeting will be on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October. Please come along or contact Eliane on 07932 350951.

## VACANCY AT ST EDMUND'S SCHOOL

We are looking for a **Part-time Higher Level Teaching Assistant** to join our friendly and efficient team and who would be supportive of our school mission statement and the Catholic ethos of our school. Calls to discuss this position further with our Headteacher, Mrs Erika Kirwan are encouraged and warmly welcomed.

Please contact The School Business Manager (01235 521558 or [clomas2266@st-edmunds-rc.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:clomas2266@st-edmunds-rc.oxon.sch.uk)) to request an application pack. Closing date: Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October at 12 noon.

## WE PRAY FOR:

- Kathleen Fox RIP. Funeral Tues 11<sup>th</sup> October at 10.30am
- Mike Mallet RIP