

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

MASSES:

Please note that, 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

Please note that on the online version of our newsletter on our website, we will no longer be including the *Sunday Message*. However, you will be able to view a copy of this on The News page of our website instead.

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.



DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Our **Parish Day**, is planned for **Sunday 12th September**, all being well. This will be a wonderful opportunity to welcome and meet new parishioners and to re-establish contact with existing ones after this long pandemic period. 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.

21st Week of Ordinary Time (Year B)

Sunday 22 August

8.45am Mass (*Special Intention*)
10.15am Mass (*Gertrude O'Riordan RIP*)
2.00pm Mass in Polish
6.30pm Mass (*Private Intention*)

Monday 23 August

8.30am Rosary
9am Mass (*Alison & Louise Murphy RIP*)

Tuesday 24 August *St Bartholomew*

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

Wednesday 25 August

6.30pm Rosary
7pm Mass (*Special Intention*)

Thursday 26 August

9.00am Rosary
9.30am Mass (*Edward Hargreaves RIP*)

Friday 27 August *St Monica*

6.30pm Rosary
7pm Mass (*Special Intention*)

Saturday 28 August *St Augustine of Hippo*

11am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
11-11.30am Confessions
12pm Mass (*Special Intention*)

NEW TO THE PARISH?

We warmly welcome all new parishioners who have joined our parish in the last year. Please do make yourselves known if you have not already done so, and also let us know if you would like to contribute to parish life in any way. You can use the form on our website to register:

www.ourladyandstedmund.org.uk/register



RCIA / JOURNEY IN FAITH SESSIONS

What is Love? What is Happiness? What is the meaning of my 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. A friend to those in need. A Comforter to those who ask. A healer to the sick. A helper to those in need. Love one another as I have loved you. **The Son of God. "This is My Beloved Son"**

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.

"Come and See" introduction to RCIA Tuesday 7th September at 7.30pm

Sessions begin on 21st September.

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



JOURNEYING TOGETHER IN FAITH (JTIF)

We will be starting a new programme on **Monday 6th September**. 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 sessions will comprise of a video, reflection, discussion, prayer, and a chance to socialise, with refreshments. Please feel free to invite others to these sessions. The full programme can be viewed on our parish website in the *News* section or in the *Groups* section/*Faith Development*.

GRANDPARENTS ASSOCIATION

There has been some interest in the formation of a Parish branch of the *Catholic Grandparents Association*. **Regular meetings provide an opportunity for members to socialise and share experiences.** To register an interest **please** send your contact details to delanypeter@btinternet.com or by leaving them at the Parish Office

CHURCH GROUPS

Our parish website is currently being updated. **Please** could you have a look at all the entries in the *Groups* section, especially if you are a representative for any of the groups, and let us know of any necessary changes **as soon as possible**. If you are part of a group which is missing, or you would like to start a group, please could you also get in touch and let us know. Please use the email: contact@ourladyandstedmund.org.uk. Thank you.

PARISH LUNCH

The next Parish Lunch will be on Wednesday 8th September at 12.30pm. Please contact Mary Ab. 534873 or Jo Ab. 526177

SUNDAY MASS BIDDING PRAYERS

The bidding prayers are written by a small team of parishioners. There is now a need for more to join this team. With sufficient people we normally only need to write the prayers once every couple of months. If you are interested in joining the team to compose these prayers, please contact Pat Mulqueen (e-mail: patjmul1949@gmail.com)

WE PRAY FOR:

The repose of the soul of Peter Stewart.

A Prayer for Afghanistan

Lord have Mercy and comfort your people

For those who are fleeing: Sanctuary

For those who are staying: Safety

For those who are fighting: Peace

For those whose hearts are breaking: Comfort

For those who see no future: Hope

Lord have mercy and comfort your people

Amen