

**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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Roman Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth Reg. Charity No 246871 [www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

**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 Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> 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.

**JTiF – JOURNEYING TOGETHER IN FAITH**

We are all on a journey of faith. This course is open to everyone and runs on most Monday evenings from 7.30pm to 9pm in the parish centre. Do feel free to join us – everyone is welcome. Why not come along and see what it is like! A copy of the programme is available at the back of the church and also on our website.

**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 27 in Ordinary Time**

**Sunday 2 Oct**

8.45am	Mass	(Eugene Farrell RIP)
10.15am	Mass	(Patrick Thornton RIP)
2.00pm	Mass in Polish	
6.30m	Mass	(Paul Gibbons RIP)

**Monday 3 Oct**

8.30am	Rosary	
9.00am	Mass	(Teresa Lorenzo Intentions)

**Tuesday 4 Oct**

***St Francis of Assisi***

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 5 Oct**

6.30pm	Rosary	
7.00pm	Mass	(Dora Nash RIP)

**Thursday 6 Oct**

9.00am	Rosary	
9.30am	Mass	(Dora Nash RIP)

**Friday 7 Oct**

***Our Lady of the Rosary***

6.30pm	Rosary	
7.00pm	Mass	(Marie Tierney RIP)

**Saturday 8 Oct**

11am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
11-11.30am	Confessions	
12pm	Mass	( <i>Special Intention</i> )

**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.

## PRAYER FOR THE SEASON OF CREATION

### PRAYER OF GRATITUDE FOR THE EARTH

For the marvellous grace of your creation, we pour out our thanks to you God.

For sun and moon and stars,  
For rain and dew and winds,

For winter cold and summer heat.

We praise you God for mountains and hills,

For springs and valleys,

For rivers and seas.

We praise you God, for plants growing in earth and in water,

For life inhabiting lakes and seas, for life creeping in soils and land,

For creatures living in wetlands and waters,

For lifeline flying above earth and sea,

For beasts dwelling in woods and fields.

How many and how wonderful are your works, O Lord.

## FOOD BANK

Please remember the Abingdon food bank, especially during these difficult times. Food donations can be taken to the places listed below.

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

## ABINGDON CHURCHES TWINNING VISIT

Christians from Abingdon's twin towns have been invited for the long weekend Thursday 27th to Monday 31st October 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 29th to **an evening meal at your home**.

You are **welcome to attend some of the events**, free but please let us know for numbers:

1. Friday 28th at 10.00-12.00 at Trinity Conduit Hall, Key speaker Revd. Dr Dave Gregory of the John Ray Initiative followed by short reports from each twin town about their developments.
2. Saturday 29th at 10.00-12.00 at All Saints Church, 5 local Eco groups will talk about their work.
3. Saturday 29th 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

## 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.
- **Friday:** Baby & Toddler group in the parish centre 9.30am to 11.15am in term time.

## FUTURE DATES

- **Wed 12<sup>th</sup> October:** Parish lunch at 12.30pm in the parish centre. All welcome. For info, ring 534873.
- **Sat 15<sup>th</sup> Oct:** Parish Youth Groups activities in the parish centre 3.30-5pm. All 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.

## ST BERNADETTE'S RELICS TOUR

In September and October, the relics of St Bernadette will be at the Immaculate Conception RC Church in Bicester on the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> October. There are limited places available. To reserve a place, please contact Wendy on Ab. 532593 or Mary on Ab. 534873.

## LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINARS

These will take place via Zoom from Dublin every Tuesday evening for the next few weeks. They are free of charge. For details, please see the *News* section on the Parish Website. *If you have not yet followed this life-changing course don't miss this opportunity!*

## 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?

## CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY

Family Fast Day is on **Friday 7 October**. The optional second collection on **Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> October** will be 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 give on the 9<sup>th</sup> or start a monthly gift to **CAFOD**. You can collect the envelopes this Sunday and give your contribution as you leave the church on the 9<sup>th</sup>, or go to [cafod.org.uk/fastday](http://cafod.org.uk/fastday). A link is available on the *News* page of our website.

## WE PRAY FOR:

- Mary Sanderson, RIP. Funeral Friday 7<sup>th</sup> Oct. at 3pm.