

**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**

### THANK YOU

A very sincere thank you to all those who helped with the preparation for and during the Holy Week services and Easter – the cleaners, choir, musicians, readers, Eucharistic Ministers, stewards, flower arrangers, any others, and all those who attended. Also, a very big thank you for your kind generosity with the Easter offering.

*Fr Jamie.*

### MISSIO - RED BOX DONATIONS

We have been notified that in 2021, our parish raised £3,758.83 through our Red Boxes and individual donations to *Missio* and the *Mill Hill Missionaries*. Thank you to all those who so generously contributed. You may be interested to know that Pauline Jaricot, the founder of this network, which supports missionaries, will be beatified on 22<sup>nd</sup> May this year.

### GIFT AIDING YOUR MONETARY DONATIONS

If you aren't doing so already, please consider gift aiding your 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 *About Us/Giving page*. Thank you.

### 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.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> WEEK OF EASTER: Cycle 2 (C)

#### Sunday 24 April

8.45am Mass  
10.15am Mass  
2.00pm Mass in Polish  
6.30m Mass

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

(Pauline & Peter Anderson,  
56<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary)  
(Patricia Connor intentions)  
(*Special Intention*)

#### Monday 25 April

8.30am Rosary  
9.00am Mass

#### St Mark

(Patrick O'Sullivan, RIP)

#### Tuesday 26 April

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

#### St George

#### Wednesday 27 April

6.30pm Rosary  
7.00pm Mass

(Terry Bremble & family intentions)

#### Thursday 28 April

9.00am Rosary  
9.30am Mass

(Michael & Mary Houghton, RIP)

#### Friday 29 April

6.30pm Rosary  
7.00pm Mass

#### St Catherine of Siena

(Mark Castle intentions)

#### Saturday 30 April

8.50am FHC preparation (Session 7)  
11am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
11-11.30am Confessions  
12pm Mass (Richard Tully intentions)

### JOURNEYING TOGETHER IN FAITH (JTIF)

After the Easter break, this programme resumes on  
**Monday 25th April** in the parish centre from  
7.30pm to 9pm. All welcome.

## 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.

## FOOD BANK

The Abingdon Food Bank regularly need:

- tinned soup;
- sauces for rice – e.g curry, sweet & sour, etc;
- small tins of baked beans or spaghetti hoops, etc;
- shampoo;
- shower gel for men;
- sturdy carrier bags;
- washing up liquid;
- cartons of long-life fruit juice;
- bottles of squash.

**Please do not leave items in our church! The food donation points and opening hours are shown 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

## THE CHURCH IN ABINGDON (CiA):

The Church in Abingdon (CiA) is planning to have a stall at the Town Council's community event on Thursday 2 June. We are looking for 2-3 parishioners to help with planning activities for the stall and to take part on the day. If you would like to be part of this ecumenical initiative, please contact Margaret Hancox on [margaretdhancox@gmail.com](mailto:margaretdhancox@gmail.com)

## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION / CONFIRMATION

47 children are due to make their First Holy Communion on Saturday 11th and Sunday 12th June, and 18 young people from our parish will be confirmed on Friday June 24th at 7pm at English Martyrs Didcot. Please keep the children, young people, their parents and the Catechists in your prayers.

Please also pray for Christopher and Gavin who received the sacraments of initiation at the Easter Vigil.

## MARY'S MEALS – PRAY IN MAY

Mary's Meals has been built on a foundation of prayer and the many little acts of love from those who support them. They are inviting churches across the UK to join them in prayer to celebrate the wonderful work of Mary's Meals and give thanks that together we are now reaching more than 2 million children with a nutritious meal in 20 countries every school day. This year they have also created prayers for children and will be inviting church schools to join in with the campaign. More information is available on the *News* page of our website.

## PARISH EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

- **Sunday:** Refreshments in the parish centre after the 10.15am Mass.
- **Monday:** JTiF (Journeying Together in Faith), 7.30pm to 9pm in the parish centre. All welcome.
- **Friday:** Baby & Toddler group in the parish centre 9.30am to 11.15am in term time.
- **Saturday:** FHC preparation, session 7, in the church from 8.50am to 10am for those registered.

## FUTURE DATES

- **Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> May:** JTiF (Journeying Together in Faith), 7.30pm to 9pm in the parish centre. All welcome.
- **Fri 6<sup>th</sup> May:** Baby & Toddler group in the parish centre 9.30am to 11.15am in term time.
- **Sat 7<sup>th</sup> May:** FHC preparation, session 8, in the church from 8.50am to 10am for those registered.
- **Wed 11<sup>th</sup> May:** Parish lunch at 12.30pm in the parish centre. All welcome.

## UPCOMING COURSES

The diocesan *Formation for Mission* team will be offering a couple of online courses for adults, to help them discover, understand and live their Baptism and Confirmation.

- *What is Baptism and what does it do?* will take place on Tuesday evenings from 7.00 to 8.30 pm, from the 26th April to the 31st May and
- *Where is the Holy Spirit in my life?* will take place on Thursday evenings from 7.00 to 8.30 pm, from the 28th April to the 2nd June.

There will also be an online workshop for *readers*, with 1:1 practice, which will take place on Saturdays 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> June, from 10am to 1pm.

**Information and joining instructions for all the courses can be found on the News page of our website.**

## EASTER SEASON PRAYER

Almighty Father, we thank You for the gift of Your Son, Jesus Christ, who rose from the dead and redeemed humankind.

Help us to live in the gladness and grace of Easter Sunday every day of our lives. Let us have hearts full of thankfulness for Christ's sacrifice and eyes that look upon Your grace and rejoice in our salvation.

Fill us with the fire of the Holy Spirit, that we may be faithful disciples and enthusiastic witnesses of our Catholic faith. Help us to walk in Your mighty grace and tell Your good news to the world.

Amen.

## WE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF:

- Elizabeth Kehoe, RIP. Funeral 1.30pm 26<sup>th</sup> April.
- Paul Pennington, RIP. Funeral 10.30am 29<sup>th</sup> April