

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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PARISH OFFICE: The Parish Office is closed until further notice. More information as we get it.

MONEY MATTERS: There is an opportunity to help with the cost of the recent replacement of our live stream camera, which most of you will know broke at the start of Holy Week. If you are willing and able to contribute, please look at the **home page of our parish website** this week. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

MONTH OF MAY: Pope Francis reminds us that this is a time when the People of God express with particular intensity their love and devotion for the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is traditional in this month to pray the Rosary at home within the family - especially during these days when we cannot do so in church. Pope Francis points out that by praying the Rosary, we may become even more united as a spiritual family and will help us overcome this time of trial. **His letter on this subject and the accompanying two prayers he asks us to pray, can be downloaded from the 'News' or 'Parish Blog' pages on our website.** Jesus said that: "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." If you would like to join in praying the Rosary at 8pm with other parishioners, please email: contact@ourladyandstedmund.org.uk and we will send you information on how you can do this.

FOODBANKS: The Foodbank at Northcourt Road is open on Tuesday and Friday Mornings. Donations can be brought there between 9.30 and 1.00 pm, and parcels can be collected between 11.00 and 1.00 pm. On Wednesday the South Abingdon Foodbank is open between 1.00 and 2.30 at Preston Road Community Centre.

The Foodbank is particularly short of long life milk, tinned meat and tinned vegetables including potatoes, tinned spaghetti hoops, small bags of sugar and bottles of fruit squash but any of the items shown on the 'News' page of our website are also welcome. You can either drop donations off at Northcourt Road **or** contact us to pick them up from your doorstep by emailing: contact@ourladyandstedmund.org.uk

SIXTH WEEK OF EASTER

All these Masses are live streamed only

Sunday 17 May (Sixth Sunday of Easter)

10.15am Mass (Jenny & Mike (RIP) Carr - Intentions)

Monday 18 May

9am Mass (Geoff Castle - Special Intention)

Tuesday 19 May

NO Mass See: www.ourladyandstedmund.org.uk/thames-isis-pastoral-area for other masses

Wednesday 20 May

7pm Mass (John Smith, RIP)

Thursday 21 May (The Ascension of The Lord)

9.30am Mass (John Keyes, RIP)

Friday 22 May

7pm Mass (Florenca Naldo, RIP)

Saturday 23 May

9am Mass (Francisco Naldo, RIP)

ABINGDON COMMUNITY FRIDGE: The Health & Wellbeing Centre, Audlett Drive, is open each weekday 10.30 - 11.30 am. It distributes surplus food from supermarkets.

UPCOMING SUNDAY MASSES:

If you have a Mass Intention booked for either 8.45am or 6.30pm on a Sunday, please contact the office to re-schedule. Many thanks.

SEEKING HELP: There are people in the parish who are able to offer some support and help to those who need it - telephone conversations, shopping, collection of prescriptions.... If you are in need of help or you know somebody who does, you can give us the details using the **form on the 'News' page of our website** or emailing: contact@ourladyandstedmund.org.uk

THE PRAYER AND LISTENING SERVICE:

Sometimes it is difficult to pray when we are exhausted or in stressful situations or by ourselves. The diocese has created a team with experience in both praying with others and in spiritual listening. All of the volunteers are trained in this service and have been through the essential safeguarding training and other requirements. We are offering a service where people fill in a short form on the diocese website requesting a phone call, of 10-15 minutes usually. Additionally, we are asking key workers if they would like to give us their name and work place and we will pray for them by name each day. Please go to the home page of the diocese website and under "Coronavirus" you can click on a box called "Prayer Support".

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 now 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. Amen.

WORKING AND PRAYING TOGETHER:

- **Praying the Rosary** together is happening throughout the month of May at 8pm. For information on how you can join in, whenever you can, please email: contact@ourladyandstedmund.org.uk
- **Mothers' Prayers** continues through video conferencing or social networking. Email clare@claresimpson.com if you would like to join in. For **Mothers' Prayers in Spanish** on Mondays at 11.30am, please email mamakolb@gmail.com
- There is a new page on our website for this year of "**The God Who Speaks**". From there you are able to access ten **Sycamore** videos made by Fr Stephen Wang. **Sycamore** is an informal course about the Christian faith and its relevance for life today. It gives you space to explore your beliefs, and think about questions that really matter. The page can be found in the 'What's On' section.
- The friendly **Cake and Conversation** group for those whose first language is not English has been continuing to meet via Zoom each Wednesday while the Parish Centre is closed. If you would like further information about the group please phone Anne on 525997, Angela on 532296 or email abingdoncakeandconversation@gmail.com
- A 5 week course started on Thursday evenings, using Zoom, from 7th May, 7.45pm - 9pm. Called "**No Greater Love**" it is filmed in the Holy Land and presented by a number of speakers. It is described as a biblical pilgrimage and will use both the Old Testament and Jesus's Passion to help us experience a deeper appreciation of God's immeasurable and unconditional love for us. Come and grow closer to Jesus. People who have never done a faith course or anything in the church before will be MOST welcome, as well as our parishioners. Please register by emailing clare@claresimpson.com

Parish Events for the Week

NO EVENTS IN THE PARISH CENTRE UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

Future Diary Dates

Laudato Si' week begins this Sunday. See the News and Blog pages on our website for details.

Youth Events

YOUTH GROUPS

The Saturday youth groups will stop meeting for now. We will let you know when they resume through our parish newsletter.

*Reminders of future events are always included in the parish weekly newsletter and the full programme can be viewed in the youth section on our parish website at: www.ourladyandstedmund.org.uk/events
More info: bhabayeb@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk*

LENTEN FUNDRAISING DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

- All events are postponed.

WE PRAY FOR:

The repose of the souls of:

- Ron Moss
- Rosemary Payne
- James Ryce
- Raimondo Raimondi
- Richard Claridge
- Michael & Mary Haughton

We also pray for the families of the recently deceased



NO INTERNET? CAN'T ACCESS LIVE STREAM MASS?

St Mary's Cathedral in Middlesbrough have a 'Dial-a-Mass' system. When someone phones the number, they hear a brief message welcoming them and then a recording of the Sunday Mass said by the Bishop of Middlesbrough in his cathedral then begins. The Knights of St Columba Council 29 is funding the service, which the diocese believes is the first in England that doesn't require special access codes.

If you know of anyone who could benefit from this service, please pass on the number to them: **01642 130120**. Please let them know that call charges are at local rates – or 'free' if included in the person's allocated minutes. Also, the Mass can be listened to at any time and day **from midday on Sundays**, but it is always the same Sunday Mass for that week.