

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

PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE

Please note that the parish office will be closed on Thursday 9th and Friday 10th June.

NO SERVICES ON SATURDAY 11th JUNE

The First Holy Communion ceremonies will take place this weekend, so please note that there will be no Confessions, Adoration or Mass on Saturday. Thank you for your understanding.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION / CONFIRMATION

46 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 and their parents in your prayers.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY – PARISH DAY

Our **Parish Day** is planned for **Sunday 3rd July**. This will be a wonderful opportunity to welcome and meet new parishioners and to re-establish contact with existing ones. 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.

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.

PENTECOST

Sunday 5 June

8.45am Mass (Special intention)
10.15am Mass (Bernard Laurence Brady, RIP)
2.00pm Mass in Polish
6.30m Mass (Special intention)

Monday 6 June

8.30am Rosary
9.00am Mass (Special intention)
Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church

Tuesday 7 June

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

Wednesday 8 June

6.30pm Rosary
7.00pm Mass (Special intention)

Thursday 9 June

9.00am Rosary
9.30am Mass (Catherine & Linus Carden, RIP)
Our lord Jesus Christ, the Eternal High priest

Friday 10 June

6.30pm Rosary
7.00pm Mass (Special intention)

Saturday 11 June

St Barnabas
Due to the First Holy Communion, there will be no Confession, Adoration or Mass. See: www.ourladyandstedmund.org.uk/english-martyrs-vale-of-white-horse for other Masses

PENTECOST

Pentecost is known as the "birthday" of the Catholic Church, as it marks the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles. Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created. And You shall renew the face of the earth.

GREAT FEASTS THIS WEEK

The **month of June** is devoted to the **Sacred Heart of Jesus** and so we pray: "Sacred Heart of Jesus, burning with love of us, inflame our hearts with love of Thee."

On **Monday** we celebrate a feast established in 2018 by Pope Francis in honour of the **Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church**. This celebration helps us to remember that growth in the Christian life must be anchored to the Mystery of the Cross, to the oblation of Christ in the Eucharistic Banquet and to the Mother of the Redeemer and Mother of the Redeemed, the Virgin who makes her offering to God.

On **Thursday** is the feast of **Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Eternal High Priest**. But let us not forget that all of us, through our Baptism and Confirmation, share in the priesthood of Christ. St Peter reminds us that the laity are a holy priesthood. They have been called to something great: "*You are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, that you may declare the wonderful deeds of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvellous light.*" (1 Peter 2)

SUMMER CAMP FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

The annual summer camp is run by The Dominican Sisters of St. Joseph and an experienced team of volunteers who have been running *Fanning the Flame* events for over 20 years. The camp is for young people aged 11 to 21 years, and it will take place again at the Priory this year from **15th -19th August**. More information and booking forms can be found via this link <https://www.fanningtheflame.co.uk/summer-camp>

SIGNIFICANT WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES MASS

Are you celebrating a 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, 60th anniversary, or anniversary over 60 years? If so Bishop Philip would like to invite you to a Mass of celebration, which will take place at St Bede's church in Basingstoke on **Saturday 2nd July 2022 at 11am**. It is a wonderful occasion to celebrate and witness to Marriage.

If you would like to come, please email Liz Murphy at anniversaries@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk If you do not have access to the internet, please contact the Parish Office at St Bede's (01256 465214) and they will provide you with the form.

To help celebrate the occasion please could you provide a **COPY** of your Wedding photograph, you can upload it when you complete the form online. Alternatively, scan and send via email to the above email address. If you have no access to the internet, you can post a **COPY** along with the completed form by post to the following address: St Bede's Parish Office, Popley Way, Basingstoke, RG24 9DX (**Please mark the envelope Significant Wedding Mass**)

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT

This series will be starting on Thursday 9th June at 7:15pm and will run for 7 weeks across the Portsmouth Diocese via Zoom. To register please visit www.tinyurl.com/2022-LIS

PARISH EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

- **Sunday:** Refreshments in the parish centre after the 10.15am Mass.
- **Wednesday:** Parish lunch at 12.30pm in the parish centre. All welcome.
- **Thursday:** FHC parents/ meeting at 7.30pm in the Church.
- **Friday:** Baby & Toddler group in the parish centre 9.30am to 11.15am in term time.

FUTURE DATES

- **Fri 10th June:** Baby & Toddler group in the parish centre 9.30am to 11.15am in term time.
- **Sun 3rd July:** Parish Day Mass at 10.30am in the field behind the parish centre.

PARISH LUNCH

The next parish lunch will be on Wednesday 8th June at 12.30pm in the parish centre. All are welcome. For information ring Ab. 534873.

ST EDMUND CAMPION

From May 29th to 11th September, the relic of St Edmund Campion will be travelling around the country as part of the annual pilgrimage in his honour, organised by the Knights of St Columba. Our local Mass, with the relic present, will be at 7pm on **Wednesday 22nd June**.

CATHOLIC LEGACIES WEEK

Catholic Legacies Week, from 5-11 June, is an ideal opportunity for us to consider including a gift to the Church in our will. For more information about legacy giving to the Diocese, please contact legacygiving@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk, or phone 023 9421 6503. However, if you would rather leave a legacy to our Church here in Abingdon, an information sheet is available on the table at the back of the church and also on the *About Us/Giving* page of our website.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

There are still a few places left. To find out more about joining the pilgrimage to Lourdes from the 18th-22nd July 2022 please email lourdes@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk, phone 07780 221686 or visit the Pilgrimages page on our new diocesan website (link provided on the News page of our website).

ENCOUNTER FESTIVAL

The Carmelite Priory at Boars Hill are running a Young Adult event from **Friday 29th to Sunday 31st July** for people aged 25 to 35. The event will be held both at the Oxford Priory and online. There are some fliers on the table at the back of the church, a poster on our outside notice board, and a link to more information and booking on the News page of our website.

WE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF:

- Catherine Danfald, RIP. Funeral 7th June at 1.30pm