

**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**

**MASSES THIS WEEK**

Fr Jamie will be back on 2<sup>nd</sup> August. Fr Thomas will celebrate the Masses this Sunday. On Monday we will have the Service of the Word and Holy Communion.

**FR THOMAS – LIGHT FOR THE BLIND**

After the 10.15am Mass this Sunday 31st July, Fr Thomas and his colleague from India, Father Sebastian, will be in the Parish Centre where we will be serving coffee, tea, cold drinks and Indian snacks. Do come along to meet them to find out more about their work in India and for them to answer any questions that you may have.

You will have the opportunity to make donations to the *Light for the Blind Appeal* after each Mass, and you can also do so electronically using the link on the *News* page of our website.

**WE'RE HERE TO HELP!**

Our parish **St Vincent de Paul Society group (SVP)** are here to help wherever possible. If you are lonely or know someone who is and would like a visit, do get in touch via the parish office. We are also able to offer some practical help where this is feasible – just get in touch with us via the parish office and we will see what we can do to help.

**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 18 of Ordinary Time: Cycle 2 (C)**

**Sunday 31 July**

8.45am Mass (Peter Williams RIP)  
10.15am Mass (Jack McCoull RIP)  
2.00pm Mass in Polish  
6.30m Mass (Adrian Cleere RIP)

**Monday 1 August St Alphonsus Ligouri**

8.30am Rosary  
9.00am Service of the Word & Holy Communion

**Tuesday 2 August**

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 3 August St Ethelwold**

6.30pm Rosary  
7.00pm Mass (Special Intention)

**Thursday 4 August St John Vianney**

9.00am Rosary  
9.30am Mass (Special Intention)

**Friday 5 August**

6.30pm Rosary  
7.00pm Mass (Special Intention)

**Saturday 6 August Transfiguration of the Lord**

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

**SUMMER CAMP FOR YOUNG PEOPLE**

*Fanning the Flame* 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>

## BISHOPS' DISCERNMENT OF SYNOD DOCUMENT

The national Synthesis of the recent Synodal process has now been submitted by the Bishops Conference of England and Wales to the Synod office in Rome. Meanwhile, following the process decreed, the Bishops have issued a response to the document. It is called **Seeking our Hearts' Desire**, and you can read the text using the link on the *News* page of our website.

## 10<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY AS BISHOP!

The Cathedral Chapter would like to organise a Thanksgiving Mass on the occasion of Bishop Philip's 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary as Bishop of our Diocese. It will be held on **Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> September at 12:00** followed by a reception in the Cathedral centre.

Please would you email Kirsten McGuire on: [kmcguire@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:kmcguire@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) to say if you can come and join the Bishop for this Mass.

## ABINGDON'S INTERNATIONAL WELCOME CAFÉ

This was set up in response to the *Homes for Ukraine* scheme and to provide wider support of refugees through a collaborative partnership of Christ Church and Host Abingdon, the main partners, as well as many other churches in Abingdon and local groups and organisations, including the Food Bank. Read more on the *News* page of our website and see how you can help or support this project.

## TEACHING ASSISTANT POST – ST EDMUND'S SCHOOL

St Edmund's School are looking for an enthusiastic teaching assistant who enjoys working with children and who would be supportive of the school mission statement and the Catholic ethos of the school.

Calls to discuss this position further with the Headteacher, Mrs Maria Delany-White are encouraged and warmly welcomed. Please contact The School Business Manager (01235 521558 or email [clomas2266@st-edmunds-rc.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:clomas2266@st-edmunds-rc.oxon.sch.uk)) to request an application pack. **Closing date: Tuesday 2nd August at 4.00pm**

## CAFOD

Did you know that CAFOD, the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development, helps some of the poorest and most marginalised people across the world? We can reach so many people because we are a member of *Caritas Internationalis*, the Catholic Church network with a presence in 165 countries. Our local experts work with people over the long-term, helping them to have the right skills, tools and opportunities to live with dignity and support their families. For example, in South Sudan we are helping families learn how to farm better as the climate gets hotter, so that they can cope better in the future when things get even more difficult. Thank you for your support. Why not consider volunteering for CAFOD? We are looking for school volunteers to deliver assemblies and workshops please contact Jo on [portsmouth@cafod.org.uk](mailto:portsmouth@cafod.org.uk) for more information.

## PARISH EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

- **Sunday:** Refreshments in the parish centre after the 10.15am Mass.

## FUTURE DATES

- **Fri 9<sup>th</sup> Sept:** Baby & Toddler group resumes.
- **Wed 10<sup>th</sup> Aug:** Parish lunch at 12.30pm.

## FLAME YOUTH GATHERING

This is taking place on **Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> March** next year, and is an awesome and inspiring experience for young people in Year 9 or above, at College, or Uni, or a young adult. Tickets to attend *Flame 23* are now on sale at the early bird price of £24 and it is expected that they will be snapped up quickly, so act soon if you would like any, by contacting the Diocese by email: [youth@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:youth@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) Clothing bearing the Diocesan logo and transport from Portsmouth Cathedral are also available for purchase.

## WORLD YOUTH DAY 2023

If you are going to be aged 16 or above by July 2023, you are invited to join with like-minded young people from across the diocese to journey on pilgrimage to Lisbon for World Youth Day in the Summer of 2023. This is a life changing experience for all those who accept the invitation and this pilgrimage, led by Bishop Philip, is set to be the best one yet! Spaces are limited! Please find out more and register your interest **ASAP** using the links on the *News* page of our website.

## PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO PATMOS

A pilgrimage to the beautiful Greek island of Patmos, is planned for **7<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> June next year**. Keep this date in your diary!

Patmos is the island that St John (Apostle and Evangelist) was exiled to as a result of anti-Christian persecution in Ephesus (where he was at the time) under the Roman emperor Domitian. Patmos was the setting of a vision of Jesus by the Apostle John which led to the writing the book of Revelation. This tiny island in the Greek Aegean sea is a unique blend of natural beauty and the hum of ancient piety. We will visit the cave where St John met the Glorified Christ, take part in guided tours of this historic island, have free time to explore – and much more.

An information evening will be organised in our parish centre in early September – details to follow.

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

- Eamonn Drummond, RIP. Funeral Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> August at 11am.
- Peter Williams, RIP. Funeral Thu 4<sup>th</sup> August at 2.30pm
- Michael Ellwood, RIP. Funeral at South Oxfordshire Crematorium, Garford on Thu 11<sup>th</sup> Aug at 12 noon. Please phone 07484 136329 if attending.
- David Tetlow, RIP