

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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REFLECTION

TODAY we celebrate the greatest mystery of our faith. The mystery is this: that God is Father, Son and Spirit. It's not so much something to talk about (for words are totally inadequate), as something to celebrate, pray, and live. Lord Jesus reveal the mystery of the Father, and of his love for us. Reveal the mystery of your own divine sonship. And reveal the mystery of the Holy Spirit who binds us together as brothers and sisters.

LENTEN PROJECT - LEBANON

As announced, the final total from our Lenten efforts this year came to **£13,669.71**. Once again, huge thanks for this, as it will be a great benefit to *Ecole Don Bosco, in Hadath, Baalbeck in Lebanon*. Ernest Janicki, one of our parishioners, will be taking this in person to the sisters later this month, so we wish him a safe journey.

USING YOUR CARD TO GIVE

We have a new machine at the back of church so that you can give to a collection or pay for candles or books using a bank card. It is very simple and quick – just follow the on-screen instructions and select what it is you are giving for. The money you give will be directed as you choose – to the offertory collection, to the second collection or to pay for candles or books. The next second collection will be on **Sunday 18th June** for *Day for Life*. You don't have to wait until after the Mass – it can all be done in a few seconds before Mass starts.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Please pray for the children who are in the final stages of preparing for their First Holy Communion in June. Please also keep their families in your prayers.

PLEASE PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

That those chosen to share the mercy of God as priests, deacons, sisters and brothers will be faithful to the Spirit of Truth who has called them and guides them.

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY: Cycle 1 (A)

Sunday 4 June

8.45am	Mass	The Most Holy Trinity (Geoff Wyatt RIP)
10.15am	Mass	(Wallace Ellwood RIP)
2.00pm	Mass in Polish	
6.30pm	Mass	(Private Intention)

Monday 5 June

St Boniface

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

Tuesday 6 June

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Wednesday 7 June

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Thursday 8 June

9.00am	Rosary	
9.30am	Mass	(Anne Hetherington RIP)

Friday 9 June

6.30pm	Rosary	
7.00pm	Service of the Word & Holy Communion	

Saturday 10 June

11am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
12pm	Mass	(Private Intention)

SERVICES THIS WEEK

Please note that there will be no Masses or Services on Monday 5th to Wednesday 7th June, and no Confessions on Saturday 10th June.

LOCAL NEWS

Mgr. Andrew Burnham (East Hendred) is retiring this weekend from our Pastoral Area of English Martyrs, Vale of White Horse. Fr. Andrew was a Bishop in the Anglican Church before he joined the Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham. He has been part of our area ever since. Please join me in thanking him for his devoted ministry over these years and pray that he will enjoy a well-deserved retirement with his wife and family. God Bless you Fr. Andrew.

PARISH PILGRIMAGE

This week, 16 of us will be in PATMOS on pilgrimage. Patmos is where St John was exiled to by the Roman Emperor. It is the site where he received the revelation from God for writing the Book of Apocalypse (Revelations). Please say a prayer for a safe journey and we will be praying for the parish too. I'm grateful for assistance with Masses this week to the Carmelite Friars of Boars Hill.

WANTING TO VOLUNTEER?

Caritas Portsmouth volunteer teams support parishes and schools to become the 'church beyond walls' to help meet the needs in our local communities. *Caritas* would be delighted if you would join them. Visit their website for details at <https://caritas.org.uk/act/> or email them at caritas@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk Thank you.

THINKING BOOKS - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

TrinityLearning is a small church funded charity working with volunteers to improve the wellbeing and mental health of school communities in Abingdon. They're currently looking for new *Thinking Books* volunteers to start in September 2023 to go into schools regularly to meet children one-to-one or in small groups and share reading of carefully selected books which start conversations about feelings and relationships. They're committed to Safeguarding and provide full training and ongoing support to volunteers. Email nic.trinitylearning@gmail.com to find out more.

GRANDPARENTS, GREAT AUNTIES AND UNCLES!

Please do come and join us for tea and cake at No. 30, St Ethelwold's House and Gardens, East St Helens St on **Thursday 8th June** at 2.30. Parishioner Anne Dodd will also give a talk about Dorothy Pickering, Fr Bede Griffiths and St Ethelwold who are all connected in some way to this interesting house and stunning gardens. If there are any transport needs please call either Clare on 524861 or Mary on 534873.

GARDEN TEA PARTY

Sunday 18th June 2.30- 5pm. St Ethelwolds House, 30 East St Helen's OX145EB. Tickets at £10 (adults) available. Please follow the link on our website for info. Tickets also available in Bookstore in the precinct. Proceeds in aid of the Abingdon Passion Play.

PARISH EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

- **Sunday:** Refreshments in the parish centre after the 10.15am Mass.
- **Monday:** *Open Doors* in the parish centre from 11.30am to 2.30pm.
- **Thursday:** Tea, cake and talk at St Ethelwold's House. See info in main section of this newsletter.
- **Friday:** *Baby & Toddler* group in the parish centre 9.30am to 11.15am in term time.

FUTURE DATES

- **Wed 14th June:** Parish lunch in the parish centre at 12.30pm.
- **Sat 24th June:** Youth groups meet in the parish centre from 3.30 to 5pm.
- **Sun 2nd July:** Parish Day. Morning Mass at 10.30am in the garden by the parish centre followed by BBQ.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

We are planning our open-air parish Mass in the garden by the parish centre for **Sunday 2nd July**. There will be a celebration BBQ following the outdoor Mass at 10.30am, weather permitting. On that day there will only be one morning Mass. Any volunteers to set up and clear away would be much appreciated.

ST EDMUND'S SCHOOL FAYRE

St Edmund's School will be holding their summer fayre on **Saturday 24th June** from 12pm to 3pm. Parishioners are warmly welcomed to come along.

TACKLING THE ROOT CAUSES OF POVERTY

Did you know that Church teaching says that we should not only support those in poverty but also tackle the root causes of poverty? Pope Benedict XVI said that "*Love - caritas - is an extraordinary force which leads people to opt for courageous and generous engagement in the field of justice and peace.*" For decades CAFOD has spoken out against injustice. To find out more about our seeds campaign and get involved in tackling the root causes of poverty, please go to www.cafod.org.uk/latestcampaigns

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT COURSE

Bishop Philip has announced that this year in the diocese is to be the Year of the Holy Spirit. Why not come and join the *Life in the Spirit* course running after Pentecost! This will be held on Zoom from **Thursday 1st June until Thursday 13th July** from 7.30pm until 9pm. Get involved in Praise and Worship of the Lord. Listen to sound teaching on the Holy Spirit. Meet up with other members of the diocese - and beyond - to discuss what you believe. It is in articulating our thoughts that we really come to know what we do believe. You can register for the course using the link on the *News* page of our parish website.