

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

SECOND COLLECTION – SUNDAY 26th JUNE

The second collection this Sunday (**collection boxes outside as you leave the church**) will be for **Peter's Pence** – where our contributions are a gesture of solidarity through which we all can participate in the activity of the Pope as Pastor of the universal Church. The offerings to the Holy Father through the Peter's Pence Collection are destined to Church needs, to humanitarian initiatives and social promotion projects, as well as to the support of the Holy See. You can also make your contribution online using the link on the *News* page of our website.

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.

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 13 of Ordinary Time: Cycle 2 (C)

Sunday 26 June

8.45am Mass (*Special intention*)
10.15am Mass (Donya Hignett, RIP & her family)
2.00pm Mass in Polish
6.30m Mass (*Special intention*)

Monday 27 June

8.30am Rosary
9.00am Mass (Valerie Hazelwood RIP)

Tuesday 28 June *St Irenaeus*

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

Wednesday 29 June *St Peter and St Paul*

6.30pm Rosary
7.00pm Mass (*Special intention*)

Thursday 30 June

9.00am Rosary
9.30am Mass (*Special intention*)

Friday 1 July

6.30pm Rosary
7.00pm Mass (*Special intention*)

Saturday 2 July *Our Lady on Saturday*

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

SECOND COLLECTION – SUNDAY 10th JULY

This collection will be for the **Apostleship of the Sea (Stella Maris)** who improve the lives of seafarers and fishers through their network of local chaplains and seafarer centres, expert information, advocacy, and spiritual support.

VOCATIONS SEEKER EVENT

Our Diocesan Vocation Seeker Group meets monthly, on the First Friday, for food, prayer, reflection & friendship. The next Seeker evening will be held on **Friday 1st July, from 7-9pm** at the Sacred Heart Church, Fareham, which has easy access via road, train and bus. If you are considering what God is calling you to do with your life and would like to attend, contact:

Canon John Cooke on 01329 318 869

or email: vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk to register. You can also discover more about the many vocations in the Church on the Diocesan Vocations website: <https://www.portsmouthvocations.org/>

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY – PARISH DAY

Our **Parish Day** is planned for **Sunday 3rd July**. 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. You may also like to bring your own seating or mats so that the chairs available can be used by those parishioners in greater need for them.

We need some able-bodied volunteers to help with carrying and setting up the chairs before the Mass and clearing up afterwards. If you are able to help, please let us know by contacting the parish office not later than Wednesday of this coming week. Thank you.

RELICS OF ST BERNADETTE

The relics of St. Bernadette are coming to visit our Diocese! You may well have seen reports in the Catholic press that the relics of St Bernadette are to tour Britain from 3rd to 30th September. The dates and venues of the tour have now been confirmed and Bishop Philip is delighted to announce that the relics of St Bernadette will be with us here in Portsmouth, in the Cathedral, on 8th September and on the morning of 9th September 2022. More details will be available in the coming weeks.

PARISH YOUTH GROUPS

Our two parish youth groups – **Children of Our Lady (COOL)** for children in Years 3 and above in primary school, and **St Edmund's Knights** for young people in secondary school, will be reconvening again from September. The events take place on alternate Saturdays from 3.30pm to 5pm during school term time and are a great way to meet with friends, make new friends and grow your faith while doing fun and useful activities.

We are in need of adult volunteers to help - mainly with supervision. If you would like to join us on this lively and worthwhile enterprise, please speak to Barbara or contact her via the presbytery office before the end of July. Thank you.

PARISH EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

- **Sunday:** Refreshments in the parish centre after the 10.15am Mass.
- **Friday:** Baby & Toddler group in the parish centre 9.30am to 11.15am in term time.

FUTURE DATES

- **Fri 1st July:** 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.

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.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR GRANDPARENTS

The Holy Father has written a message for the Second World Day of Prayer for Grandparents and the Elderly, that is to be held on 24th July. Its theme is "In old age they will still bear fruit" (Psalm 92: 15). You can read the message on the News page of our website.

CAN YOU HELP?

A disabled parishioner would love to attend the 10.15am Mass on a Sunday at least once a month. She lives in Wootton and has her own Motability Van but needs someone to drive it. If you think you can help, please phone 01865 735146.

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>

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION / CONFIRMATION

Please continue to pray for the 46 children who recently received their First Holy Communion, and also for the 18 young people from our parish who were confirmed on Friday June 24th at English Martyrs Didcot.

DOMINICAN SISTERS OFFER COURSES

The sisters are inviting all catechists, seasoned and new, and all children's Liturgy leaders and helpers to attend their **Diocesan Day for Catechists**, which will be taking place on the **8th of October in Winchester**. All details and registration here:

<https://www.pffm.org.uk/catechists>