

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

Please note that on Wednesday and Thursday this week we will have the Service of the Word and Holy Communion.

LIGHT FOR THE BLIND – A BIG THANK YOU

Fr Thomas, with Fr Sebastian, wish to express their sincere thanks to all parishioners and patrons of *Light for the Blind* for your continued generosity in supporting their wonderful work in India, caring for the dying destitute. With some monies still coming in, you have donated just over £5,000 (including Gift Aid), which is a tremendous achievement. Fr Thomas says *“you are all wonderful and loving people, always so generous and supportive of our work, and are constantly in our thoughts and prayers. May God bless you all and keep you safe.”*

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. Or get in touch with us if you would like to know more about the SVP.

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 19 of Ordinary Time: Cycle 2 (C)

Sunday 7 August

8.45am Mass (*Special intention*)
10.15am Mass (Pauline Fallow, RIP)
2.00pm Mass in Polish
6.30m Mass (*Special intention*)

Monday 8 August *St Dominic*

8.30am Rosary
9.00am Mass (*Special intention*)

Tuesday 9 August *St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross*

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

Wednesday 10 August *St Laurence*

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

Thursday 11 August *St Clare*

9.00am Rosary
9.30am Service of the Word & Holy Communion

Friday 12 August

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

Saturday 13 August *Our Lady on Saturday*

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

PARISH LUNCH

The next parish lunch will be on Wednesday 10th August at 12.30pm in the parish centre. All welcome.

VIVA VOCE

The summer edition of *Viva Voce*, our quarterly Diocesan Newsletter, is available on the table at the back of our church.

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.

10th ANNIVERSARY AS BISHOP!

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

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

YOU WILL BE MY WITNESSES

After various consultations and discussions with clergy and with the laity over the last three years, the draft of the new diocesan Mission Strategy document is published, called *You will be My Witnesses*, and Bishop Philip wishes to hear what we think and how we can be involved. You can download a copy using the link on the News page of our website, and he asks that if you spot anything that needs correcting, improving or developing, you can email the planning team by using a special email address: missionplan@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk A shorter version of the Mission Plan in printed form will be available in September. The key message of *You will be My Witnesses* is the need for personal conversion and holiness of life. Feedbacks can be made to the special email address but must be submitted by the cut-off date of 15th December. The aim is that in the New Year, the (new) Pastoral Areas can begin developing local plans.

HOLY COMMUNION FROM THE CHALICE

The Bishops Conference have looked into the possible resumption of the reception of Holy Communion under both kinds to the congregation. Having taken advice from Professor Jim McManus, it was thought that it would not be prudent to resume this now, but that this would be kept under review as further research becomes available.

CARETAKER – ST EDMUND'S SCHOOL

St Edmund's School wish to appoint a self-motivated, organised and adaptable person to take on the role of part-time Caretaker. The successful candidate will be responsible for maintenance, security, carrying out compliance checks, general caretaking duties and for the unlocking and locking of the school premises.

Calls to discuss this position further with our Headteacher, Mrs Maria Delany-White are encouraged and warmly welcomed. Please contact The School Business Manager (01235 521558 or clomas2266@st-edmunds-rc.oxon.sch.uk) to request an application pack. **Closing date:** Wednesday 31st August 2022 at 4.00pm.

PARISH EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

- **Sunday:** Refreshments in the parish centre after the 10.15am Mass.
- **Wednesday:** Parish lunch at 12.30pm

FUTURE DATES

- **Fri 9th Sept:** Baby & Toddler group resumes.

STANDING READY – GOSPEL REFLECTION

In this week's Sunday Gospel we are reminded that we all must stand ready, because the Son of Man is coming at an hour we do not expect. It is so easy at this time of year to be busy thinking about holidays and a time for relaxation for our physical wellbeing that there is a danger that we relax from taking care of our spiritual health! Why not make this holiday season the time for a spiritual recharge as well? We have been given the gift of faith and are entrusted to live this faith and also to share it. *'When a man has had a great deal given him, a great deal will be demanded of him; when a man has had a great deal given him on trust, even more will be expected of him.'* (Luke 12:48)

BIBLE IN A YEAR

In The Bible in a Year podcast, Fr Mike Schmitz walks you through the entire Bible in 365 episodes, providing commentary, reflection, and prayer along the way. *Ascension's Bible in a Year* podcast follows a reading plan inspired by *The Great Adventure Bible Timeline*, a ground-breaking approach to understanding salvation history developed by renowned Catholic Bible scholar Jeff Cavins. With this podcast, you won't just read the Bible in a year ... you'll finally understand how all the pieces of the Bible fit together to tell an amazing story that continues in your life today! You can access it through the link on the News page of our website.

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO PATMOS

A pilgrimage to the beautiful Greek island of Patmos, is planned for **7th to 14th 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, and was the setting of a vision of Jesus 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:

- Michael Ellwood, RIP. Funeral at South Oxfordshire Crematorium, Garford on Thu 11th Aug at 12 noon. Please phone 07484 136329 if attending.
- Dean Jeacock, RIP
- Marilyn Lenaghan. Funeral Thu 8th Sep at 11.30am.