

# ***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**

## **HOLY COMMUNION UNDER BOTH KINDS**

The Bishops of England & Wales have decided to make the receiving of the Precious Blood from the Chalice permitted, at the discretion of the Parish Priest. Therefore, the Chalice is available to you once more, if there is a Eucharistic Minister at Mass This of course is not obligatory, but allowed once more. For obvious reasons, people must feel free to receive Holy Communion via the host only, as this contains the full presence of the Lord, body, blood, soul and divinity. Many will prefer to continue in this way due to increased risk of cross contamination, so please be cautious. Finally, the Bishops repeat their view that the practice of "intinction" (dipping the host into the precious blood) by yourself is not a recommended method of **RECEIVING** Holy Communion. Though quite common abroad, the Bishops here do not offer the option, and request visitors to respect this. In our parish we will resume the practice of receiving the Chalice on the sanctuary. More immobile parishioners can let us know in advance and arrangements can be made.

## **SECOND COLLECTION THIS SUNDAY**

The second collection this Sunday 30th April is for the *Clergy Training Fund*. Our prayers this Sunday are also for vocations to the priesthood, the diaconate and the religious life.

## **MOTHERS' PRAYERS**

Please note that the Mothers' Prayers scheduled for Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May is cancelled, as this is the date of the king's coronation – which many will be following on television.

## **YOUTH GROUPS**

The Youth Group session scheduled for Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May is cancelled, due to the events for the king's coronation. The next session will 20<sup>th</sup> May.

## **PARISH OFFICE**

The parish office will be closed on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May.

## **FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER: Cycle 1 (A)**

### **Sunday 30 April**

8.45am	Mass	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</b> (Kelly Family Intentions)
10.15am	Mass	(In Thanksgiving St Jude)
2.00pm	Mass in Polish	
6.30pm	Mass	(Private Intention)

### **Monday 1 May**

9.30am	Rosary	
10.00am	Mass	(Clementina Guarracino RIP)

### **Tuesday 2 May**

NO Mass	See: <a href="http://www.ourladyandstedmund.org.uk/english-martyrs-vale-of-white-horse">www.ourladyandstedmund.org.uk/english-martyrs-vale-of-white-horse</a> for other Masses	<b>St Athanasius</b>
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### **Wednesday 3 May**

6.30pm	Rosary	<b>Saints Philip &amp; James</b>
7.00pm	<b>Service of the Word &amp; Holy Communion</b>	

### **Thursday 4 May**

9.00am	Rosary	<b>The English Martyrs</b>
9.30am	Mass	(Alberto Incarbona RIP)

### **Friday 5 May**

6.30pm	Rosary	
7.00pm	<b>Service of the Word &amp; Holy Communion</b>	

### **Saturday 6 May**

11am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
12pm	Mass	(Dorothy Duffy RIP)

## **CONFESSIONS**

Please note that there will be no confessions on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May.

## **KNEELERS IN THE CHURCH PEWS**

We are looking for volunteers to help recover the pew kneelers. If you feel you could help, please let the parish office know when you are available and then a working party will be organised. Thank you.

## OPEN DOORS

*Open Doors* (replacing 'Warm Spaces') is on Mondays from 11.30 – 2.30pm, until July, offering lunch and conversation in the parish centre. We won't meet on Bank Holidays. Why not come and bring a friend who is on their own or would like more company? More details from Clare 847804.

## ARE YOU IN NEED?

If you are in need or know someone who is, do contact our parish SVP group (St Vincent de Paul Society) via the parish office and we will see what we can do to help. We always maintain confidentiality. Our SVP members meet every fortnight on a Wednesday evening.

## ABINGDON COMMUNITY FRIDGE

Abingdon Community Fridge is open to EVERYONE. Help to prevent food waste by coming to Hadland Road Community Centre, Abingdon OX14 3YH: Opening hours: Mondays 4 - 4.30pm, Thursdays 1 - 2 pm and Saturdays 10.30 - 11.30am.

## BIBLE ALIVE

Why not strengthen your faith with daily reflections on the Mass readings? Limited copies of Bible Alive are available on the table at the back of the church.

## DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

We are planning our open air parish Mass in the garden by the centre. We are not quite ready to finalise the date as we still need to consult with some key people. There will be a celebration BBQ following the Mass, weather permitting. On that day there will only be one Mass outdoors. Any volunteers to set up and clear away would be much appreciated.

## LIGHT OF TRUTH

The Dominican Sisters in Lymington offer online courses and events for adults and catechists which are free, but donations are welcome, and they are available to everyone in the diocese. For more information, visit: <https://www.lightoftruth.uk/join>

## DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

You are invited to join with the Diocese on pilgrimage to Lourdes, leaving from Bournemouth airport on Monday 17th July and returning on Friday 21st July. If you would like to know more about joining in as a pilgrim or as a youth helper, serving our pilgrims and helping to make our pilgrimage a success, please email [lourdes@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:lourdes@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

## 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.

## 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.
- **Saturday:** FHC preparation, Session 8, 8.50am to 10am, in the church..

## FUTURE DATES

- **Wed 10<sup>th</sup> May:** Parish lunch in the parish centre at 12.30pm.
- **Sat 20<sup>th</sup> May:** FHC preparation, Session 9, 8.50am to 10am, in the church.
- **Sat 20<sup>th</sup> May:** Youth groups meet in the parish centre from 3.30 to 5pm. All in year 3 or above are welcome.

## GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

Today we celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday. It is the Good Shepherd who lays down his life for the sheep. He gave his life to save us all, and invites us to lay down our lives for one another. Each of us has a vocation – that's our personal "calling". All of us share our Baptismal vocation as Christians to follow Christ and make him ever more present in the world by the way we live.

Today is the moment to thank God for our calling and seek his grace to live our Baptismal life as fully as we can.

We also pray especially for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Vocations come from families. They don't drop from the sky, so if you know a young person considering it, please give them every encouragement so we continue in the church with Good Shepherds. When a young person feels called to the priesthood or religious life, he or she can experience a lot of confusion and anxiety. But the Saints tell us never to make a decision about one's vocation in a state of fear. Rather like the psalmist, we must learn to discover a place of inner peace, when we hear Jesus best, and then trustingly respond to his call.

## GOD BLESS THE KING

Next weekend we have a once in a lifetime event of the Coronation of King Charles III and Queen Camilla. Let us pray that the new King will be anointed by God for this serious duty.

## GOD SAVE THE KING

## WE PRAY FOR:

- Yvonne Maingot, RIP