

# ***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**

## **REFLECTION**

We hear in today's Gospel how a sick woman had the most amazing faith in Christ. She believed all she had to do was touch the hem of his robe and she would be well. And just as soon as she made contact with him, power flowed out from him and healed her. Here we can draw close to Christ, very close, depending on the depth and intensity of our faith. And we too need his healing touch in our lives. Power went out of Jesus and cured that woman. He felt it happen. You might well ask how this was possible with all these people pressing in on him. The reason is simple. Each cure took something out of him. Each act of caring costs. We could all do a little healing if only we allowed ourselves to become instruments of Christ. With a little sympathy we could heal a wounded heart. With a little care we could ease a troubled mind. With a little bit of our time, we could ease the pain of loneliness for someone. Each act of caring would cost us something. But if we keep up our contact with the Master, then power will be continually restored to us. And all the time we are thinking of others, we ourselves are being made whole and well. We are being raised from the grave of selfishness and healed of our hardness of heart.

## **PRAY FOR VOCATIONS**

Loving God in Baptism you called me to act justly, love tenderly and walk humbly with you. Keep me to know how to bring justice and love to a world that is desperately in need of you and your values. Strengthen me as well as my brothers and sisters with the courage and generosity to respond to your calling. You have chosen some to serve you by a particular call to the priesthood and religious life. Send your Holy Spirit to stir the hearts of those called to follow the path of spiritual leadership. Each member of our family is a special gift from you. You have given each of us gifts and talents so that we may enjoy life but also so that we can share with others. Generous and loving people are needed for service in our community. Help us to support and encourage each other to respond.

## **Week 13 in Ordinary Time: Cycle 2 (B)**

### **Sunday 30 June**

8.45am	Mass	<b>SAINTS PETER &amp; PAUL</b> (Andrew Harvey Intentions)
10.15am	Mass	(Margaret & Justin Gosling RIP)
6.30pm	Mass	( <i>Special Intention</i> )

### **Monday 1 July**

8.30am	Rosary	
9.00am	Mass	( <i>Special Intention</i> )

### **Tuesday 2 July**

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 July**

6.30pm	Rosary	<b>St Thomas, Apostle</b>
7.00pm	Mass	(Margaret Gosling RIP)

### **Thursday 4 July**

9.00am	Rosary	
9.30am	Mass	( <i>Special Intention</i> )

### **Friday 5 July**

6.30pm	Rosary	
7.00pm	Mass	( <i>Special Intention</i> )

### **Saturday 6 July**

11am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	<b>Our Lady on Saturday</b>
11-11.30am	Confessions	
12pm	Mass	( <i>Special Intention</i> )

## **ALPHA COURSE**

The Alpha course is coming to Our Lady & St Edmund's this Autumn, in September. Please be asking for the guidance of the Holy Spirit and praying for whom you can invite to the course. The details will follow very shortly.

## SECOND COLLECTION TODAY

The second/retiring collection today, Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June is for *Peter's Pence* - the name for the financial support offered by the faithful to the Holy Father as a sign of their sharing in the concern of the Successor of Peter for the many different needs of the Universal Church, and for the relief of those most in need. The offerings are destined to Church needs, humanitarian initiatives, and social promotion projects, as well as to the support of the Holy See. You can make your donations in the usual way and also online via the *News* page of our parish website.

## VOLUNTEERS PLEASE

We desperately need fresh volunteers to come forward. Firstly, our Baby & Toddler group on a Friday morning needs some help. Karen has to move on for personal reasons (a huge thanks to her for her dedication over the past years). It would be great to get some help to bring the toys from the garage and clear them away at the end. If you can help, please contact the office or speak to Fr. Jamie directly.

Also, we failed to re-launch Children's Liturgy at the 10.15am Mass after the pandemic. Again, this would help the children greatly to have their own Liturgy of the Word for 20-25 minutes and rejoin the congregation for the Eucharistic Prayer. We really need some young mums and dads to try this. We have books and aids for the sessions. Again, please contact the office or speak to Fr. Jamie.

## PARISH DAY

Our Parish Day this year will be celebrated on **Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> July**, with the morning Mass at 10.30am in the 'garden' behind the parish centre. This will be followed by a barbecue and there will be activities for children as well. Cheques will also be presented to representatives from our Lenten projects - *Friends of the Holy Land* and *Helen & Douglas House*.

- We are looking for volunteers to run activities for children after the Mass. If you have any ideas which you could do yourself, please could you let the PPC know as soon as possible via the parish office. Thank you.
- We will also need volunteers to help to set up the chairs before the Mass (from 8am). Again, please let us know as soon as possible via the parish office. Thank you.

## PRAYER MINISTRY AFTER THE 10:15 am MASS

Mike & Maria Pia Oliver will be offering prayer for healing on a periodic basis. Fr Jamie will introduce them at the end of the 10:15am Mass and give them a blessing, following which they will remain in Our Lady's chapel, available to pray with anyone who is in need of prayer. Mike & Maria Pia have been in the Healing Ministry for many years, and before the pandemic they ministered regularly in our church.

## PARISH EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

- **Sunday:** Refreshments in the parish centre after the 10.15am Mass.
- **Monday:** *Open Doors* in the parish centre from 11am to 2pm.
- **Friday:** Baby & Toddler group in the parish centre 9.30am to 11.15am *in term time*.

## FUTURE DATES

- **Wed 10<sup>th</sup> July:** Parish lunch in the parish centre at 12.30pm.
- **Sun 21<sup>st</sup> July:** Parish Day, with outdoor morning Mass at 10.30am.

## LENTEN PROJECTS

A huge thank you to all our 'Teens' who did their annual "car wash" to support the Lenten Projects this year. And also, the help given by Cathy. This year they raised £350, bringing the total to just short of £13,500. A huge thanks to you all. The charity cheques as usual will be presented at our "outdoor Mass" on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> July.

## GUIDE FOR THE GENERAL ELECTION

The General Election is this week! As Catholics, we know that tackling poverty and injustice are among the most important issues politicians should act on. The Bishops' Conference have created a webpage about some of the issues and proposed legislation, which you can access at: [www.cbcew.org.uk/election24](http://www.cbcew.org.uk/election24) The Bishop's Conference have also produced a web page for Catholics to use their general election preparations.

## SUMMER CONCERT

Abingdon Chorale is delighted to present their first ever Summer Concert in aid of *The Abingdon Bridge*. Join them for an hour of gorgeous music, followed by refreshments. They will sing a selection of songs on a Shakespearean theme, with a few jazzy numbers thrown in for good measure! Tickets £10 (£2.50 for under 16s) St Michael & All Angels Church, Park Road, Abingdon, OX14 1DS on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> July at 8.00pm.

## SIGNIFICANT WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Bishop Philip invites all married couples in the Diocese who are celebrating their 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th (or longer) wedding anniversary to join him for this year's Significant Wedding Anniversaries Mass at St Bede's Church, Basingstoke on Saturday 7th September at 2:00pm. If you would like to attend, please email for an application form at: [anniversaries@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:anniversaries@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

## We pray for:

- Pat Belcher RIP. Funeral Wed 17<sup>th</sup> July at 12noon.
- Gwendoline Mary Marsh RIP