

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

MASSES:

Thank you for helping to keep each other safe by continuing to wear face masks/coverings, for sanitising your hands as you enter the church, and for maintaining a reasonable distance from others where feasible.

NEWSLETTERS

Please do take your newsletter home with you. Contributions for the newsletter should be sent by the Wednesday of each week. Thank you.

ADVANCE NOTICE FOR 3rd FEBRUARY

Please note that there will be no Mass in our church on **Thursday 3rd February**, as Fr Jamie has another commitment in Southampton.

SECOND COLLECTION THIS SUNDAY

The second collection this **Sunday (23rd January)** is for St John's Cathedral. This collection is the only support our Cathedral receives from the wider Diocesan family, so please be generous. Envelopes were given out last Sunday and are also available in the church. You are also able to make a donation online using the link on the *News* page of our website.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity ends on **Tuesday, 25th January**. On the night before he died, Jesus prayed for unity amongst his disciples "*that they may all be one*" – and he linked his prayer to the mission that he had given them, "*so that the world may believe*" (*John 17:21*). Let us pray together, that through our prayers will come trust, friendship and the desire to work together.

Eternal Father, we praise you for sending your Son to be one of us and to save us. Look upon your people with mercy, for we are divided in so many ways, and give us the Spirit of Jesus to make us one in love. We ask this gift, loving Father, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Week 3 of Ordinary Time: Cycle 2 (C)

Sunday 23 January

8.45am Mass (Patrick & Teresa O'Brien RIP)
10.15am Children's Mass (*Special Intention*)
2.00pm Mass in Polish
6.30pm Mass (Gloria House RIP)

Monday 24 January

St Francis de Sales

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

Tuesday 25 January

The conversion of St Paul

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

Wednesday 26 January

St Timothy & St Titus

6.30pm Rosary
7pm Mass (*Special Intention*)

Thursday 27 January

9.00am Rosary
9.30am Mass (Doreen Domoney & Cyril Bregazzi RIP)

Friday 28 January

St Thomas Aquinas

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

Saturday 29 January

8.50-10am FHC – Session 2
11am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
11-11.30am Confessions
12pm Mass (Glyn Harries RIP)

WE ARE CALLED...

Think not only of what the parish can do for us, but also what we can do to help our parish to thrive. Consider a way, or ways in which you could contribute to parish life, offering a little of your time, your gifts and your energy, so that we can truly live our faith. Let us know, via the parish office, if you can contribute in any way.

LENTEN PROJECT

Thank you, once again, to all those who submitted proposals for our Lenten projects for this year. After careful consideration of them all, and taking into account the effects of the pandemic, the PPC has decided that this year we will concentrate our effort on supporting only one charity. The charity chosen is **St Monica's (Mauni) Primary School in the Koche Parish in Malawi, Africa.** Fr Charlie Beirne has informed us that the needs of the school are many: With over 842 children, there are only 9 small classrooms, 15 school desks, no tables or chairs for the teachers, only 1 changing room, limited textbooks and sports equipment, and only 6 pit latrines. Whatever support we can give will go a long way to helping the staff and pupils of the school.

Ash Wednesday is on 2nd March and Lent begins on Sunday 6th March. This gives time for individuals and small groups to formulate ideas and plans for fundraising. Information on the school and current dates for your diary, are available in the leaflet in the church from this Sunday – and on our website *What's On* section. If you are willing and able to **organise and do** something, please submit your proposal via the parish office as soon as possible, giving dates and times where possible. *"Truly, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."* (Matthew 25:40) Thank you.

DONATE AN OLD SMARTPHONE OR TABLET

If you have a smartphone or tablet that you no longer use, perhaps you would consider sending it to the *Jesuit Refugee Service* who give them to people experiencing the asylum and immigration system. This is so they can keep in touch with family, friends, legal, medical and social services. The devices should be in good working condition and be wiped of all data and restored to factory settings. A working charger would also be needed. Please send any devices to *Jesuit Refugee Service UK, The Hurtado Jesuit Centre, 2 Chandler St, London E1W 2QT.* Thank you.

JTiF - JOURNEYING TOGETHER IN FAITH

Our faith is a journey, not an experience. We should always strive to gain a better understanding of Jesus and how to respond to Him. Do join us in the parish centre from 7.30pm to 9pm on Mondays as we journey in faith together and seek a closer relationship with Christ.

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR JANUARY

"We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family."

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION / CONFIRMATION

Please keep the children, young people, their parents and the Catechists in your prayers.

PARISH EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

- **Sunday:** Refreshments in the Parish Centre after the 10.15am Mass.
- **Monday:** JTiF (Journeying Together in Faith), 7.30pm to 9pm in the parish centre. All welcome.
- **Friday:** Baby & Toddler group in the parish centre 9.30am to 11.15am in term time.
- **Saturday:** FHC preparation, session 2, in the church for those registered, from 8.50am to 10am.

FUTURE DATES

- **Mon 31st Jan:** JTiF (Journeying Together in Faith), 7.30pm to 9pm in the parish centre. All welcome.
- **Fri 4th Feb:** Baby & Toddler group in the parish centre 9.30am to 11.15am in term time.
- **Sat 12th Feb:** FHC preparation, session 3, in the church from 8.50am to 10am for those registered.

PARISH YOUTH GROUPS

In consideration of the current situation with the pandemic, it has been decided to postpone the youth group sessions for this month. The situation will be reviewed again for February.

ROTA FOR BIDDING PRAYERS & EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

The rotas can be viewed on our website in the *About Us* section.

ABINGDON NEW YEAR WALK

The Church-In-Abingdon (CiA) Christian Aid Walk 2021 is 'self-directed' this year and can be done anytime during January. The aim is to visit 9 CiA churches and find a single letter at each church to make an anagram of a word connected with the Christian Aid's Christmas Appeal. Participants will be asked for the 'word' they have found. Sponsors are invited to make a donation via the *Just Giving* page, which you can access on the *News* page of our website. Instructions and information for the walk are also on the noticeboard outside our church.

WHITE FLOWER APPEAL

The *White Flower Appeal* is scheduled for **Sunday 30th January.** The *Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC)* is the oldest pro-life campaigning and educational organisation in the world, and the UK's first and largest pro-life group. SPUC campaigns to end abortion and advocates the need for a consistent life ethic - one that values the lives of all human beings - and so they also campaign against other direct threats to the lives of vulnerable individuals, such as euthanasia and embryo abuse.

WE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF:

- Margaret Birks RIP. Funeral Fri. 28th Jan at 11am.
- Gloria House RIP. Funeral Fri. 4th Feb at 11.30am.
- Philomena Antrobus, RIP.