

# ***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:** For now, this is by appointment only.  
Please contact the parish office to make a booking.

## **PRIVATE PRAYER**

The church will be open for **private prayer only**,  
between **12.00pm and 1.00pm on Tuesdays and Fridays**.

## **MASS BOOKINGS**

Please remember that **bookings for the whole week beginning Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> Sept. to Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> Sept.** should be made on **Monday 31<sup>st</sup> August**. Do **please try and give us several options for days/times** when you could come and let us know **how many people you are booking for**. We will do our best to accommodate your request. If you would like to attend more than one Mass in the week, please make this clear when you book.

- Those people **without** Internet access can phone **07395 946827** between **10am and 11am each Monday** to give the day of the week when they are able to attend Mass. **There is no recorded answering message system**. Please do not use the office phone number or phone outside of this time period.
- Those **with** Internet access are asked **not** to use the phone booking system, but instead to email us at: **[contact@ourladyandstedmund.org.uk](mailto:contact@ourladyandstedmund.org.uk)** giving us 2 to 3 possible days of the week when you can attend Mass. Please do this **each Monday**. You will then receive a reply with the day allocated to you.
- In all cases, you are asked to state the number in your family who will be attending Mass. This is essential for our planning and to maintain safety distances.
- Be aware that singing is not yet permitted under the guidelines. Also, there will be no collection basket passed around, but you may leave donations as you leave the Church.
- Please note that there are currently only **two** Sunday Masses – one at **10.15am and the other at 6.30pm**.

Thank you all very much for your patience and help.

## **22<sup>nd</sup> week of Ordinary Time**

***In Church for those who booked, and also live streamed***

### **Sunday 30 August**

10.15am Mass (Peter Pitt-Pulford, RIP)  
1.00pm Polish Mass  
6.30pm Mass (Paul Cahill, intentions)

### **Monday 31 August**

9am Mass (Special intention)

### **Tuesday 1 September**

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 2 September**

7pm Mass (Oscar Williams, intentions)

### **Thursday 3 September (St Gregory the Great)**

9.30am Mass (Edward & Jean Cooper, RIP)

### **Friday 4 September (St Augustine of Hippo)**

7pm Mass (Private intention)

### **Saturday 5 September**

9am Mass (Private intention)

## **HOW TO BOOK FOR MASS**

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to book a place for the **FOLLOWING** week

### **Have Internet Access?**

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## FAITH IN PRACTICE

Lockdown deprived us of that greatest of gifts – to worship Christ in His real presence in the Blessed Sacrament in the tabernacle and to receive Him sacramentally during Mass. The Eucharist sustains and strengthens us! If you are able to, *don't deny yourself any longer* – you are encouraged to come along to a Mass during the week (using our booking system).

## NEWSLETTER:

Please note that, for now, we are unable to provide the newsletter in church. If you would like a copy for the readings and prayers, please print your own copy from the *News* page of our website (if you have the Internet) or for those without Internet access, bring the copy delivered to you on Saturdays. We are also unable to accept any books, pamphlets, etc. at this point in time, so please don't bring any of these with you.

## YOUR PARISH NEEDS YOU!

The parish still needs your donations. You can make these on our website. This will enable those who normally use the weekly gift aid white envelope system or loose plate donations to continue to support the Parish. *You can also place donations in the basket as you leave church.* **Your continued support for the Parish is greatly appreciated.**



## MASS TIME ON SATURDAYS

Please note that from **September**, the Mass time on Saturday will revert back to **12 midday**.

## SEASON OF CREATION

This begins on 1st September, the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, and ends on 4th October, the feast of St Francis of Assisi. Pope Francis has encouraged all Catholics, during this time, to pray and engage in events to deepen our relationship with God, our neighbour and the earth we share. Despite the restrictions of Covid19, we will, as a parish, do our best to do this in liturgy and action. Today, the month-long calendar of suggested daily reflections, prayers and actions will be introduced at Mass and available for download on the news page of our website.



## SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER DURING MASS:

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot today receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

## SHORT BREAK:

Whilst Fr Jamie takes a well-earned short break next week, we welcome Canon Peter who will be celebrating the Masses.

## Parish Events for the Week

**NO EVENTS IN THE PARISH CENTRE UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

## Future Diary Dates

*No events at the moment.*

## Youth Events

### YOUTH GROUPS

*The Saturday youth groups will stop meeting for now.*

## RCIA SESSIONS:

*What is love?  
What is happiness?  
What is the meaning of life?  
Who is Jesus?  
Who do they say that I am?*



I am with you always.... Peace be with you.... Do not be afraid.... Come and see!

You might wish to find out more about Jesus. Or perhaps you want to receive Baptism, or become a Catholic. Or maybe you are a Catholic but not Confirmed?

We can help you on this faith journey. **RCIA sessions begin on 15<sup>th</sup> September** online using Zoom. For more details and joining information, contact Pauline: **07506 753085** or email: **pehanley@hotmail.com**

## JOURNEYING TOGETHER IN FAITH

This course, which was interrupted by lockdown, resumes again on **Mondays from 6.30pm to 7.30pm** online using Zoom and **beginning on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September**. It is open to anybody interested in growing their faith and is suitable for those who have completed the RCIA course as well. For information and details, email: **contact@ourladyandstedmund.org.uk**



## JOB VACANCY

Post of Administrative Secretary, working for Fr Phillip Harris, Parish Priest at the Roman Catholic churches of English Martyrs, Didcot and St John the Evangelist, Wallingford. Closing date is 6<sup>th</sup> September. Information and application form: [www.didcotandwallingfordcatholicchurches.org/vacancy](http://www.didcotandwallingfordcatholicchurches.org/vacancy)

## WE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF:

- Matilda Christie
- Alice Devlin
- Beth Millikin
- Todd Churchman