

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

In the Gospel we will read how Jesus looked at the people who had come to him, saw how miserable and harassed they were, and had compassion on them. "Sheep without a shepherd" was how he described their plight. We have our own worries, problems, and pain. Christ has compassion on us too. Compassion is a word full of meaning: it means sharing the same passion, sharing the same suffering, sharing the same agony, accepting into my heart the misery in yours.

Your pain calls out to me. It touches my heart. It awakens something in me, and I become one with you in your pain. I may not be able to relieve your pain, but by understanding it and sharing it, I make it possible for you to bear it in a way that enhances your dignity, and helps you to grow.

YOUTH GROUPS

Our Youth groups meet again this coming Saturday from 3.30pm to 5pm in the parish centre. All children in the school year 3 and above are very welcome. We could also do with some parent volunteers. Please consider coming along to help with supervision and refreshments. Thank you.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Congratulations to all our children making their First Holy Communion this weekend. We pray that Jesus will bless them deeply with an awareness of his wonderful presence. Any may this be a great blessing on all their families and friends.

PLEASE PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

That each of us through the grace of the Holy Spirit will be compassionate as our Heavenly Father is compassionate. We pray for vocations to the Priesthood and Religious life asking God for shepherds who will lay down their lives for their flock.

11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: Cycle 1 (A)

Sunday 18 June

8.45am Mass (Private Intention)
10.15am Mass (Eric Perera RIP)
2.00pm Mass in Polish
6.30pm Mass (Leslie & Helen Birkbeck RIP)

Monday 19 June

8.30am Rosary
9.00am Mass (Tony Ryan RIP)

Tuesday 20 June

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

Wednesday 21 June St Aloysius Gonzaga

6.30pm Rosary
7.00pm Mass (Paul Pennington RIP)

Thursday 22 June Ss John Fisher & Thomas More

9.00am Rosary
9.30am Mass (Geoff Castle Intentions)

Friday 23 June

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

Saturday 24 June Nativity of John the Baptist

11am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
11-11.30am Confessions
12pm Mass (Paterson Family Intentions)

WELCOME THE STRANGER

Is a webinar on Thursday 22nd June 7-8.30pm offered by CARITAS-Portsmouth about supporting Ukrainian refugees and others. You can find out more information and registration details on Caritas Portsmouth website.

USING YOUR CARD TO GIVE

We have a new machine at the back of church so that you can give to a collection or pay for candles or books using a bank card. It is very simple and quick – just follow the on-screen instructions and select what it is you are giving for. The money you give will be directed as you choose – to the offertory collection, to the second collection or to pay for candles or books. **This Sunday** the second collection is for *Day for Life* and **next Sunday**, the second collection will be for *Peter's Pence*.

WANTING TO VOLUNTEER?

Caritas Portsmouth volunteer teams support parishes and schools to become the 'church beyond walls' to help meet the needs in our local communities. *Caritas* would be delighted if you would join them. Visit their website for details at <https://caritas.org.uk/act/> or email them at caritas@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk Thank you.

THINKING BOOKS - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

TrinityLearning is a small church funded charity working with volunteers to improve the wellbeing and mental health of school communities in Abingdon. They're currently looking for new *Thinking Books* volunteers to start in September 2023 to go into schools regularly to meet children one-to-one or in small groups and share reading of carefully selected books which start conversations about feelings and relationships. They're committed to Safeguarding and provide full training and ongoing support to volunteers. Email nic.trinitylearning@gmail.com to find out more.

CAFOD: UPDATE ON CONFLICT IN SUDAN

Violent conflict continues in Sudan and thousands of people are running out of food, water and medicine. Working as part of the Caritas network, your previous donations to CAFOD are enabling our teams to provide practical help to families who have escaped to neighbouring countries, including South Sudan. Please join Pope Francis in praying for peace in Sudan. Find out more on the CAFOD website: <https://cafod.org.uk/news/emergencies-news/sudan-conflict>

LIGHT FOR THE BLIND

This is to give advance notice that Father Thomas from India - who is well known to most parishioners - will be visiting Abingdon next month. He will be at all the Masses on Sunday July 9th and there will be an opportunity to meet him in the Parish Centre for coffee and refreshments after the 10.15 am Mass. Abingdon Trustees of Light for the Blind

ST EDMUND'S SCHOOL FAYRE

St Edmund's School will be holding their summer fayre on **Saturday 24th June** from 12pm to 3pm. Parishioners are warmly welcomed to come along.

PARISH EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

- **Sunday:** Refreshments in the parish centre after the 10.15am Mass.
- **Monday:** *Open Doors* in the parish centre from 11.30am to 2.30pm.
- **Friday:** *Baby & Toddler* group in the parish centre 9.30am to 11.15am in term time.
- **Saturday:** Youth groups meet in the parish centre from 3.30 to 5pm.

FUTURE DATES

- **Sun 2nd July:** Parish Day. Morning Mass at 10.30am in the garden by the parish centre followed by BBQ.
- **Sat 8th July:** Youth groups meet in the parish centre from 3.30 to 5pm.

ST EDMUND'S SCHOOL

St Edmund's school is looking to welcome a Nursery Leader and also a Teaching Assistant, supportive of our school mission and Catholic ethos to join our happy, motivated children. Please contact The School Business Manager (01235 521558 or clomas2266@st-edmunds-rc.oxon.sch.uk) to request an application pack. Closing date: **Friday 30th June at 12.00 noon**

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

We are planning our open-air parish Mass in the garden by the parish centre for **Sunday 2nd July**. There will be a celebration BBQ following the outdoor Mass at 10.30am, weather permitting. On that day there will only be one morning Mass. Any volunteers to set up and clear away would be much appreciated.

TACKLING THE ROOT CAUSES OF POVERTY

Did you know that Church teaching says that we should not only support those in poverty but also tackle the root causes of poverty? Pope Benedict XVI said that "*Love - caritas - is an extraordinary force which leads people to opt for courageous and generous engagement in the field of justice and peace.*" For decades CAFOD has spoken out against injustice. To find out more about our seeds campaign and get involved in tackling the root causes of poverty, please go to www.cafod.org.uk/latestcampaigns

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT COURSE

Why not come and join the *Life in the Spirit* course running after Pentecost! This will be held on Zoom **each Thursday until Thursday 13th July** from 7.30pm until 9pm. Get involved in Praise and Worship of the Lord. Listen to sound teaching on the Holy Spirit. Meet up with other members of the diocese - and beyond - to discuss what you believe. It is in articulating our thoughts that we really come to know what we do believe. You can register for the course using the link on the *News* page of our parish website.