

Our Lady & St Edmund of Abingdon
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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.

OFFICE CLOSURE

The parish office will be closed from Thursday 10th February until Tuesday 1st March. During that time, Fr Jamie will respond to messages as and when he can.

NEWSLETTERS

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

PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT

We have not been able to have our parish AGM during the pandemic, but the Finance Committee have published the financial report, which is posted on the notice board at the back of the church.

ST EDMUND'S SCHOOL HEADTEACHER

After eight years as headteacher at St Edmund's, Mrs Delany-White is leaving at the end of the summer term to spend more time with her family. Governors, staff, parents and children are very sad that she is leaving us. Her dedication and leadership have resulted in high standards where children love to learn.

The Governing Body will be seeking to appoint a practising Catholic with the leadership skills and enthusiasm to further develop and embed the high standard of education, and excellent pastoral care that our pupils already enjoy at St Edmund's School. We are looking for an individual with the vision to build upon our special local and Diocesan community to bring the very best outcomes for all our pupils. Information on the post is available on the school's website.

Week 5 of Ordinary Time: Cycle 2 (C)

Sunday 6 February

8.45am Mass (Maureen & Michael Healy RIP)
10.15am Children's Mass (Private Intention)
2.00pm Mass in Polish
6.30pm Mass (*Special Intention*)

Monday 7 February

8.30am Rosary
9.00am Mass (Cameron Paterson Intentions
23rd Birthday)

Tuesday 8 February

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

Wednesday 9 February

6.30pm Rosary
7pm Mass (Lisa Paterson Intentions)

Thursday 10 February *St Scholastica*

9.00am Rosary
9.30am Mass (Doreen Domoney &
Mariana Ekob RIP)

Friday 11 February

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

Saturday 12 February *Our Lady on Saturday*

8.50am FHC (session 3)
11am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
11-11.30am Confessions
12pm Mass (John Arthur Beale RIP)

PARISH LUNCH

The next Parish Lunch will be 9th February at 12.30 in the Parish Centre. For information, please ring Mary on 534873 or Jo on 526177.

SECOND (OPTIONAL) COLLECTION NEXT SUNDAY

The second collection on **Sunday 13th February** will for Racial Justice. *Come, Holy Spirit, show us your beauty, reflected in all the peoples of the earth, so that we may discover anew that all are important, and all are necessary, different faces of the one humanity that God so loves. Amen.*

LENTEN PROJECT

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.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE SICK

The Holy Father has released a message for the 30th World Day of Prayer for the Sick, to be held on **11th February 2022**, the Memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes. You can read this message using the link on the *News* page of our website.

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR FEBRUARY

Pope Francis asks us to join him praying for his monthly prayer intention for Religious Sisters and Consecrated Women. We pray for religious sisters and consecrated women; thanking them for their mission and their courage; may they continue to find new responses to the challenges of our times.

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.

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.
- **Wednesday:** Parish lunch in the parish centre. For information, please ring Mary on 534873 or Jo on 526177
- **Friday:** Baby & Toddler group in the parish centre 9.30am to 11.15am in term time.
- **Saturday:** FHC preparation, session 3, in the church from 8.50am to 10am for those registered

FUTURE DATES

- **Fri 18th Feb:** Baby & Toddler group in the parish centre 9.30am to 11.15am in term time.
- **Mon 28th Feb:** JTiF (Journeying Together in Faith), 7.30pm to 9pm in the parish centre. All welcome.
- **Sat 5th Mar:** FHC preparation, session 4, in the church from 8.50am to 10am for those registered.

AGM OF THE CHURCH IN ABINGDON (CiA)

This will be held on 10 February at 7.30pm in the Salvation Army Centre, 12 West St Helen Street. The meeting is open to all and we look forward to seeing some of our parishioners there.

INVITATION FROM THE CARMELITES

The Centre for Applied Carmelite Spirituality, Oxford in association with the Epiphany Academy of Formative Spirituality, Pittsburgh, USA invite you to join them for a free event as they reflect and discuss the challenges of young adult formation in the third millennium. The session on *Social media and its Implications for Young Adult Formation* runs from 7pm – 8:30pm on Tuesday 22nd February. To find out more and register, use the link on our website *News* page.

EVENTS AT DOUAI ABBEY

Douai Abbey are offering a programme of retreats, workshops, courses and day-schools which give an opportunity for spiritual and personal development. The focus is generally on spirituality, theology, scripture, history and ministry. You can find details on the *News* page of our website.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

This will take place from **18th to 22nd July 2022**. If you would like to know more about joining in either as a pilgrim or as a youth pilgrim, serving our pilgrims and helping to make our pilgrimage a success, please email lourdes@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

WE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF:

- James Bacon RIP