

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 on Tuesday 1st February.

NEWSLETTERS

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

MASS 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 (OPTIONAL) COLLECTION THIS SUNDAY

The *White Flower Appeal*. 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.

THANK YOU

Very warm thanks from *Pax Christi* for the generous donations amounting to £600 from those in church on Peace Sunday. Donations can be made at any time by going to the website www.paxchristi.org.uk

Week 4 of Ordinary Time: Cycle 2 (C)

Sunday 30 January

8.45am Mass (Porzio Nicolino & Piera Anna Simonetti RIP)
10.15am Children's Mass (Carmel Falzon & Freda Diedo RIP)
2.00pm Mass in Polish
6.30pm Mass (Judy Jeffs RIP)

Monday 31 January *St John Bosco*

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

Tuesday 1 February

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

Wednesday 2 February *Presentation of the Lord*

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

Thursday 3 February

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

Friday 4 February

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

Saturday 5 February *St Agatha*

11am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
11-11.30am Confessions
12pm Mass (*Special Intention*)

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.

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

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.

FUTURE DATES

- **Mon 7th Feb:** JTiF (Journeying Together in Faith), 7.30pm to 9pm in the parish centre. All welcome.
- **Fri 11th 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 now. The situation will be reviewed again shortly.

REQUIEM THANKS

The family of Ewart Hemmings RIP would like to thank everyone for their kind words and all the mass cards that people have sent. They would also like to thank all the congregation who attended his funeral and to the organist and members of the different choirs who came as well. A special thank you also to Fr Jamie for conducting the funeral in a beautiful and respectful way. This all contributed to his send-off being a very special occasion which he would have been proud of. God bless you all.

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.

WE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF:

- Gloria House RIP. Funeral Fri. 4th Feb at 11.30am.
- Philomena Antrobus, RIP. Funeral 2nd Feb 1pm at the crematorium.