

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.

NEWSLETTERS

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

PEACE SUNDAY

This Sunday (16th) is the Sunday designated by the bishops to hear the Pope's Message for World Peace Day. This year, Pope Francis asks us to think about *'Education, work and dialogue between generations: tools for building lasting peace'* There will also be an opportunity to donate to Pax Christi, the International Catholic Movement for Peace. Further information on the website www.paxchristi.org.uk or from Anne Dodd.

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT SUNDAY

The second collection on **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. 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 begins on **Tuesday, 18th January 2022**. 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.

Week 2 of Ordinary Time: Cycle 2 (C)

Sunday 16 January *Peace Sunday*

8.45am Mass (Philip E. Dunn RIP)
10.15am Mass (Patricia Connor RIP)
2.00pm Mass in Polish
6.30pm Mass (Private Intention)

Monday 17 January *St Anthony of Egypt*

8.30am Rosary
9.00am Mass (Edward Joseph Ryan RIP)

Tuesday 18 January

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

Wednesday 19 January

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

Thursday 20 January

9.00am Rosary
9.30am Mass (*Special Intention*)

Friday 21 January *St Agnes*

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

Saturday 22 January

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

PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

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.

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

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

46 children have begun their preparation for their First Holy Communion. Please keep them and the Catechists in your prayers. There are also young people preparing for their Confirmation, so please pray for them too.

REMEMBER THE FOOD BANK

Please keep the foodbank in mind.... Urgent items needed are:

- Long life cow's milk (semi-skimmed or whole)
- Sugar
- Bottles of squash
- Tinned meat for hot meals - mince, stews, meatballs
- Instant coffee
- Cleaning spray
- J cloths (other brands are available!)
- Bleach
- Dried chickpeas and couscous.

Donations can be dropped off at the Foodbank on Northcourt Road on Tuesdays and Fridays between 11am and 1pm.

ADVANCE NOTICE

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.

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 in the church for those registered.

FUTURE DATES

- **Mon 24th Jan:** JTiF (Journeying Together in Faith), 7.30pm to 9pm in the parish centre. All welcome.
- **Fri 28th Jan:** Baby & Toddler group in the parish centre 9.30am to 11.15am in term time.
- **Sat 29th Jan:** FHC preparation, session 2, 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

The rota for preparing the Sunday bidding prayers 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.

UPCOMING DIOCESAN COURSES

The *Formation for Mission* team will be running online courses in January and February 2022, which may be of interest to parishioners and catechists. The courses will be for Catechists, for those who care of children with Additional/special needs and for adults who wish to know their faith better. More information and how to enrol can be seen on the *News* page of our website.

LENTEN PROJECTS

Thank you to all those who submitted proposals for our Lenten projects for this year. The decision as to which ones we will support will be announced next week.

WE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF:

- Margaret Birks RIP. Funeral Fri 28th Jan at 11am.