

***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**

### **EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS' & READERS' ROTA**

This month, we very much want to resume our Eucharistic Ministers' and Readers' rota for the Sunday Masses. If you have been serving in either of these ways for our parish in the past and would like to, and are physically well able to continue, please could you email:

[contact@ourladyandstedmund.org.uk](mailto:contact@ourladyandstedmund.org.uk) as soon as is reasonably possible, to let us know. You may also let us know if you would like to join either of the teams. Please include in your message which Sunday Mass you regularly attend. Thank you if you have already managed to get in touch.

### **HOME MISSION**

Our Second Collection **TODAY** is for Home Mission. Evangelisation is an essential work of the Church. At all levels, and through every avenue we can utilize, we are called to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with our neighbours and within our local communities.

The Home Mission Office helps the local Church to share the joy of the Gospel. If you would like to give a gift to this collection, you can donate here (the link is on the News page of our website):  
<https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/campaign/home-mission-sunday>

### **PRAYER FOR UKRAINE AND RUSSIA**

Loving God, we pray for the people of Ukraine and Russia,  
for all those suffering or afraid,  
that you will be close to them and protect them.

We pray for world leaders, for compassion, strength and wisdom to guide their choices.

We pray for the world, that in this moment of crisis,  
we may reach out in solidarity to our brothers and sisters  
in need.

May we walk in your ways so that peace and justice  
become a reality for the people of Ukraine and Russia  
and for all the world. Amen.

### **Week 25 in Ordinary Time**

#### **Sunday 18 Sept**

8.45am Mass (*Special Intention*)  
10.15am Mass (*Dean Jeacock, RIP*)  
2.00pm Mass in Polish  
6.30m Mass (*Maria Brown In Thanksgiving*)

#### **Monday 19 Sept**

8.30am Rosary  
9.00am Service of the Word & Holy Communion

#### **Tuesday 20 Sept *St Andrew Kim Taegon – St Paul Chong Hassang & Companions***

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 21 Sept *ST MATTHEW***

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

#### **Thursday 22 Sept**

9.00am Rosary  
9.30am Mass (*Alex Wilton, RIP*)

#### **Friday 23 Sept *St Pio of Pietrelcina***

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

#### **Saturday 24 Sept *Our Lady of Walsingham***

11am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
12pm Mass (*Dora Nash, RIP*)

### **TRANSITION RETREATS**

The Carmelite Priory at Boars Hill are offering three retreats on the theme of transition, which may interest you. For more information, please see the poster on the notice board outside the church, or the information on the News page of our website, or email: [ruth.preston@carmelite.org.uk](mailto:ruth.preston@carmelite.org.uk)

## SEASON OF CREATION

"Listen to the voice of creation" is the theme and invitation of this year's Season of Creation. The ecumenical phase begins on 1 September with the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation and concludes on 4 October with the feast of Saint Francis. You can read the full message from Pope Francis on the *News* page of our website.

## ST BERNADETTE'S RELICS TOUR

In September and October, the relics of St Bernadette will be at the Immaculate Conception RC Church in Bicester on the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> October. There are limited places available. To reserve a place, please contact Wendy on Ab. 532593 or Mary on Ab. 534873.

## PRAYER FOR THE SEASON OF CREATION

### CALLED TO YOUR TABLE

*You said: "Let there be",  
And so there was.  
Creation awakened.  
Reaching towards you,  
life sang your praises.  
Each seed, each atom  
replied to your calling;  
each plant, each creature  
- knowing, unasking.*

*You said: "Let them live",  
and so we did.  
Creation: abundant,  
reaping the harvest,  
called to your table.  
Each man, each woman  
joined in the feasting,  
each son, each daughter  
- praising, rejoicing.*

*You said: "Let them share",  
and how we fail.  
Creation: unbalanced.  
wasting, destroying,  
we take from others.  
Keeping, withholding,  
we fail to notice  
each man, each woman  
- hungering, weeping.*

*We say: "Let us learn",  
and so we must.  
Creation: restored.  
Giving and taking:  
to each life sufficient.  
Each to another,  
filled with your bounty  
each prayer, each answer  
- Building, remaking.*

## WE PRAY FOR:

- Dora Nash, RIP. Funeral on Fri. 30<sup>th</sup> Sept, at 10.30am.

## PARISH EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

- **Sunday:** Refreshments in the parish centre after the 10.15am Mass.
- **Friday:** Baby & Toddler group in the parish centre 9.30am to 11.15am in term time.

## FUTURE DATES

- **Sat 1st Oct:** Parish Youth Groups activities in the parish centre 3.30-5pm. All welcome.
- **Wed 12<sup>th</sup> October:** Parish lunch at 12.30pm in the parish centre. All welcome. For info, ring 534873.

## 10<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY AS BISHOP!

The Thanksgiving Mass on the occasion of Bishop Philip's 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary as Bishop of our Diocese will be held on **Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> September at 12:00** followed by a reception in the Cathedral centre.

Please would you email Kirsten McGuire on: [kmcguire@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:kmcguire@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) to say if you can come and join the Bishop for this Mass.

## JTiF – JOURNEYING TOGETHER IN FAITH

This course, which begins **TOMORROW, Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September**, is open to all and runs on Monday evenings from 7.30pm to 9pm in the parish centre. Do feel free to join us – everyone is welcome. A copy of the programme is available at the back of the church and on our website

## GRANDPARENTS, GREAT AUNTS & GREAT UNCLES

You are warmly invited to join us at our next CGA gathering on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> September at 2.30pm in the parish centre. Clare 524861 Mary 534873.

**YOUTH GROUPS** The two groups for primary school children in years 3 to 6 and secondary school pupils meets again on Saturday 1st October in the parish centre from 3.30-5pm. See the dates and information on the flyer available at the back of the church and on our website.

## LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINARS

These will take place via Zoom from Dublin every Tuesday evening for the next few weeks. They are free of charge. For details, please see the *News* section on the Parish Website. *If you have not yet followed this life-changing course don't miss this opportunity!*

## JOB VACANCIES IN THE DIOCESE

There are a couple of job vacancies, of which you can get details from the *News* page of our website.

## SVP AWARENESS MONTH

On the 27th September we celebrate the feast of St. Vincent de Paul, who devoted his life to helping people in need through person to person support. *"We cannot better assure our eternal happiness than by living and dying for the poor"* St. Vincent de Paul, pray for us.