

**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**

**SECOND COLLECTION THIS SUNDAY (29<sup>th</sup> MAY)**

The second collection is in support of the *Catholic Communications Network*. This year the Church marks the 56<sup>th</sup> *World Communications Day*. You can read Pope Francis' Message on the *News* page of our website and also make an online contribution from there. In his message for the 56<sup>th</sup> *World Day of Social Communications*, Pope Francis has encouraged us to foster the ability *to listen* – to God, to one another, to the cry of those in need and to those from whom we may differ. The collection assists the Church to cultivate an attitude of attentiveness, and to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with people throughout the world.

**DATE FOR YOUR DIARY – PARISH DAY**

Our **Parish Day** is planned for **Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> July**. This will be a wonderful opportunity to welcome and meet new parishioners and to re-establish contact with existing ones. Please note that there will be only one morning Mass on that day – at 10.30am in the outdoor area behind the parish centre. Evening Mass at 6.30pm will take place as usual. This year there will be no catering, so we invite you to bring your own picnic lunch and enjoy your time in the company of other parishioners after Mass.

**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.

**7<sup>th</sup> WEEK OF EASTER: Cycle 2 (C)**

**Sunday 29 May**

8.45am Mass  
10.15am Mass  
2.00pm Mass in Polish  
6.30m Mass

**7<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER**

(Sylvia Brown, RIP)  
(Eleanor Yates, RIP)  
(Ivor O'Connor, RIP)

**Monday 30 May**

8.30am Rosary  
9.00am Mass

(Magdalen Kelly, RIP)

**Tuesday 31 May**

**Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

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 1 June**

6.30pm Rosary  
7.00pm Mass

(*Special intention*)

**Thursday 2 June**

9.00am Rosary  
9.30am Mass

(*Special intention*)

**Friday 3 June**

6.30pm Rosary  
7.00pm Mass

**St Charles Lwanga & Companions**

(Vincent Collins, RIP)

**Saturday 4 June**

11am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
11-11.30am Confessions  
12pm Mass

(*Special intention*)

**PLATINUM JUBILEE PRAYER**

Almighty God, we pray for Elizabeth, our Queen; may she continue to know the steadfast love of God and serve her people faithfully. We ask this through Christ who is the way, the truth and the life and who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen

## SUMMER CAMP FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

The annual summer camp is run by The Dominican Sisters of St. Joseph and an experienced team of volunteers who have been running *Fanning the Flame* events for over 20 years. The camp is for young people aged 11 to 21 years, and it will take place again at the Priory this year from **15th -19th August**. More information and booking forms can be found via this link <https://www.fanningtheflame.co.uk/summer-camp>

## SIGNIFICANT WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES MASS

Are you celebrating a 25<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary, or anniversary over 60 years? If so Bishop Philip would like to invite you to a Mass of celebration, which will take place at St Bede's church in Basingstoke on **Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2022 at 11am**. It is a wonderful occasion to celebrate and witness to Marriage.

If you would like to come, please email Liz Murphy at [anniversaries@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:anniversaries@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) If you do not have access to the internet, please contact the Parish Office at St Bede's (01256 465214) and they will provide you with the form.

To help celebrate the occasion please could you provide a **COPY** of your Wedding photograph, you can upload it when you complete the form online. Alternatively, scan and send via email to the above email address. If you have no access to the internet, you can post a **COPY** along with the completed form by post to the following address: St Bede's Parish Office, Popley Way, Basingstoke, RG24 9DX (**Please mark the envelope Significant Wedding Mass**)

## LIFE IN THE SPIRIT

This series will be starting on Thursday 9th June at 7:15pm and will run for 7 weeks across the Portsmouth Diocese via Zoom. To register please visit [www.tinyurl.com/2022-LIS](http://www.tinyurl.com/2022-LIS)

## USED WIRES / CABLES

Please note that we are *no longer* collecting old and used wires/cables in the church since our Lenten project appeal is over for this year.

## ENCOUNTER FESTIVAL

The Carmelite Priory at Boars Hill are running a Young Adult event from **Friday 29<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> July** for people aged 25 to 35. The event will be held both at the Oxford Priory and online. There are some fliers on the table at the back of the church, a poster on our outside notice board, and a link to more information and booking on the News page of our website.

## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION / CONFIRMATION

46 children are due to make their First Holy Communion on Saturday 11th and Sunday 12th June, and 18 young people from our parish will be confirmed on Friday June 24th at 7pm at English Martyrs Didcot. 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.
- **Friday:** Baby & Toddler group in the parish centre 9.30am to 11.15am in term time.

## FUTURE DATES

- **Wed 8<sup>th</sup> June:** Parish lunch at 12.30pm in the parish centre. All welcome.
- **Thu 9<sup>th</sup> June:** FHC parents/ meeting at 7.30pm in the Church.
- **Fri 10<sup>th</sup> June:** Baby & Toddler group in the parish centre 9.30am to 11.15am in term time.

## ST EDMUND CAMPION

From May 29<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> September, the relic of St Edmund Campion will be travelling around the country as part of the annual pilgrimage in his honour, organised by the Knights of St Columba. Our local Mass, with the relic present, will be at 7pm on **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June**.

## BE PREPARED

We may not like to think about it, but it is a fact of life that one day we will leave this world! Does your family know of your wishes? Do they know that you would like a Catholic funeral? Do take a little time to think about it and *be prepared*. Make sure it is easy for your family to find your wishes. You may also like to use the short form called '*Instructions relating to my death and my funeral*', which is available on the table at the back of the church or can be downloaded from the *News* page or *Bereavement Support* pages of our website (in the *Groups* section). If you would like bereavement support, please do contact us via the parish office.

# £16,116.42



## LENT CHARITY FUNDRAISING

**Together we have raised a final total of £16,116.42 for St Monica's School in Malawi. This includes the gift aid. Thank you to everyone who so generously gave of their time, energy and donations.**

## WE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF:

- Catherine Danfald, RIP. Funeral 7<sup>th</sup> June at 1.30pm