

**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**

### PARISH OFFICE

Please note that the parish office will be closed from Friday 30<sup>th</sup> July to Friday 13<sup>th</sup> August.

### MASS BOOKINGS:

**The Mass booking system will cease to operate from, and including, Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July, when you will be able to attend Masses as and when you wish.**

Please note that the government recommends that face masks/coverings continue to be worn in indoor public spaces.

**From Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> July, the 8.45am Mass on Sundays will resume.**

### NEWSLETTERS

Items for the newsletter should be sent to the parish office by the Wednesday of each week please. Due to the office closure dates (see above), if you have anything which you would like to be included in the newsletters for that period, please ensure that you send it to the parish office (email address above) **by Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> July.**

### CONFESSIONS

This is still by appointment for now. Please contact the parish office to make an appointment. Contact details are in the header of this newsletter. **From Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> July**, Confessions will resume on Saturdays between 11am and 11.30am in the Church or by appointment.

### 16<sup>th</sup> Week of Ordinary Time (Year B)

**Attendance on Sunday through booking system only, but also available on our live stream**

#### Sunday 18 July

10.15am Mass (Stanislaw Dyjak, RIP)  
2.00pm Mass in Polish  
6.30pm Mass (Sandra Austric, RIP)

#### Monday 19 July

8.30am Rosary  
9am Mass (George Keoghan, RIP)

#### Tuesday 20 July

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 July

6.30pm Rosary  
7pm Mass (Pat & Geoff Castle Special Intentions – wedding anniversary)

#### Thursday 22 July

9.00am Rosary  
9.30am Mass (Michael Carden, RIP 1<sup>st</sup> anniversary)

#### St Mary Magdalene

#### Friday 23 July

6.30pm Rosary  
7pm Mass (Rose Langridge intentions)

#### St Bridget of Sweden

#### Saturday 24 July

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



## PRAYING FOR VOCATIONS

This week we pray for a greater appreciation of the richness of every vocation to love Christ and that more men and women will respond to His invitation to follow Him as priests, deacons and consecrated religious.

The Lord says, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness." God does not call the qualified, he qualifies the called. If you think he may be calling you, contact Cn. John Cooke at [vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) or call 01329 318 869.



## FIRST WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS

Pope Francis has established a **World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly** on **Sunday 25th July**.

The *Catholic Grandparents Association* has been at the forefront in campaigning for a greater recognition of Grandparents for their role and vocation in passing on their faith to the next generation. Grandparents and the elderly are often overlooked, but this new day in the Universal Church calendar is a momentous achievement for Grandparents and the elderly and will hopefully reassure them that they are loved and that they are needed. You can read the papal message via the link on the *News* page of our website.

## THRIVE TEAM IN SOUTH ABINGDON

If you are a regular donor to *Thrive*, which works with young people in South Abingdon, please note that they would now like to move your monthly donation to support *Innovista GB* where Matt Warmington will continue to invest his time and his talent. **This transfer will happen automatically on the 1 September 2021 unless they hear from you at [hello@innovista.org](mailto:hello@innovista.org) before then.**

## CAKE AND CONVERSATION GROUP

Sadly, this group, which has been based from the parish for many years, will come to an end as we know it. However, those involved would love to see some sort of regular, inclusive social opportunities for those whose first language is not English, **and/or** also for welcoming new parishioners. If a group of you would like to explore this further, would you please come forward and let us know via the parish office - and feel encouraged and supported by the whole parish.

On Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July the group are having a brunch bring-and-share picnic between 9.30 and 11am on the grassy area next to the Parish Centre. Please feel free to join them. Soft drinks provided. If you would like further information, please contact Anne Dodd (525997)

## CHURCH CLEANERS

As we resume normal functioning, we would like to restart a rota for cleaning the church. If you would like to volunteer, please could you give your name and contact details to the **parish office** as soon as possible ([abingdon@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:abingdon@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)). You will most likely only be needed on a fortnightly basis and it would be helpful if you could let us know your preferred day(s) when you would be able to clean.

## CHURCH GROUPS

Our parish website is currently being updated. Please could you have a look at all the entries in the *Groups* section, especially if you are a representative for any of the groups, and let us know of any necessary changes **as soon as possible**. If you are part of a group which is missing, or you would like to start a group, please could you also get in touch and let us know. Please use the email: [contact@ourladyandstedmund.org.uk](mailto:contact@ourladyandstedmund.org.uk). Thank you.

## NEW TO THE PARISH?

We warmly welcome all new parishioners who have joined our parish in the last year. Please do make yourselves known if you have not already done so, and also let us know if you would like to contribute to parish life in any way. You can use the form on our website to register: [www.ourladyandstedmund.org.uk/register](http://www.ourladyandstedmund.org.uk/register)

## DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Our **Parish Day**, which had to be postponed, is now planned for **Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> September**. This will be a wonderful opportunity to welcome and meet new parishioners and to re-establish contact with existing ones after this long pandemic period. We pray that plans for this day will be fruitful. More information will be given nearer the time.

## VACANCIES

- **Our Lady's Abingdon School** seeks a permanent, part-time (approx. 0.5) **Teacher of Religious Studies** for September 2021. The successful candidate will have experience teaching the subject to GCSE level, and ideally beyond. There may also be the opportunity of increased hours with chaplaincy work. For further details and application pack please visit the School website: [www.olab.org.uk/about-us/job-vacancies/](http://www.olab.org.uk/about-us/job-vacancies/) **Closing date for applications: Monday 26 July.**
- Our Lady's Abingdon has two part-time vacancies for **Minibus Drivers/Site Managers**. We are looking for reliable, enthusiastic and proactive individuals to work either 6.30am to 12.30pm, or 12.00 noon to 6.00pm in this job-share role. For further details and application pack please visit the School website: [www.olab.org.uk/about-us/job-vacancies/](http://www.olab.org.uk/about-us/job-vacancies/) **Closing date for applications: Monday 26 July.**