

# ***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**

### **REFLECTION**

Every Christian is sent by Christ into the world as a messenger of hope and love. The 'world' here means the area in which we live, any places of work, the people I meet every day, and so on. An active concern for the world and for other people is an essential mark of a good Christian. We are all responsible for some small corner of the Lord's vineyard, where it is up to us to reap the harvest. Christ said "the harvest is great, but the labourers are few". Hence, what we need is: More to approve, fewer to disapprove. More doers, fewer takers. More to say 'It can be done', fewer to say 'It can't be done'. More to point out what is right, fewer to keep harping on what is wrong. More to light a candle, fewer to curse the darkness. The labourers are indeed few – those who are willing to put themselves out to bring Christ's healing, love and hope to others. Why can't I become one of those labourers?

### **VOCATIONS PRAYER**

Loving God, in Baptism you called me to act justly, love tenderly and walk humbly with you. Help me to know how to bring justice and love to a world that is desperately in need of you and your values. Strengthen me as well as my brothers and sisters with the courage and generosity to respond to your calling. You have chosen some to serve you by a particular call to the priesthood and religious life. Send your Holy Spirit to stir the hearts of those called to follow the path of spiritual leadership. Each member of our family is a special gift from you. You have given each of us gifts and talents so that we may enjoy life but also so that we can share with others. Generous and loving people are needed for service in our community. Help us to support and encourage each other to respond.

### **Week 14 in Ordinary Time: Cycle 1 (C)**

#### **Sunday 6 July**

8.45am	Mass	(O'Brien Family RIP)
10.15am	Mass	(O'Riordan Family RIP)
6.30pm	Mass	(Andrew Harvey Intentions)

#### **Monday 7 July**

8.30am	Rosary	
9.00am	Mass	(Helena De Franceschi RIP)

#### **Tuesday 8 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 9 July**

6.30pm	Rosary	
7.00pm	Mass	(Florence Young RIP)

#### **Thursday 10 July**

9.00am	Rosary	
9.30am	Mass	

#### **Friday 11 July**

**St Benedict**

6.30pm	Rosary	
7.00pm	Mass	

#### **Saturday 12 July**

11am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
11-11.30am	Confessions	
12pm	Mass	(Michael Ellwood RIP)

### **SECOND COLLECTION**

The second/retiring collection next **Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> July** is for *Stella Maris - Apostleship of the Sea*. Please read the *Jubilee Reflection* on the next page to find out more. You can make your donations in the usual way and also online via the *News* page of our parish website.

## CONFIRMATION PREPARATION 2025-26

This year's course for the sacrament of confirmation will commence in October. If your child is of the age of 12+ (school Yr 8 in September) and would like to attend this year, there will be a meeting for children and parents on **Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30pm in the parish centre**. If you have any questions prior to the meeting, please contact Tammy Lavers at: [tammylavers@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:tammylavers@hotmail.co.uk)

## JUBILEE REFLECTION – SEA SUNDAY

In this Jubilee Year, we are invited to be *Pilgrims of Hope* - people who bring light into dark places and show mercy in action. That is exactly what our support of *Stella Maris* (Apostleship of the Sea) does. It brings hope to those who feel forgotten. It reminds them they are not alone. Over the past year, *Stella Maris* supported more than 100,000 seafarers in UK ports, and many more worldwide. But the need is growing because more crews are being abandoned, and many seafarers still aren't allowed shore leave. Mental health is worsening. In next Sunday's Gospel we hear about the love and care that the Good Samaritan showed to the stranger that he found upon the road. For seafarers and fishers, *Stella Maris* is that Good Samaritan. Its chaplains and volunteers in ports all over the world offer friendship and support to seafarers and fishers, in good times and in bad. As *Pilgrims of Hope*, let us do our bit to support them in the second collection next Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> July.

## PARISH DAY

Our Parish Day this year will be celebrated next **Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> July**, with the morning Mass at 10.30am in the 'garden' behind the parish centre. This will be followed by a barbecue. Cheques will also be presented to representatives from our Lenten projects – *ROSY charity* and *African Adventures*. Please note that there will be no 8.45am Mass on that day, but the 6.30pm Mass will be celebrated as usual. *Please note that seating is limited, so please do bring your own chairs or rugs if you can.*

## OPEN DOORS SUMMER SESSIONS

*Open Doors* sessions will be fortnightly instead of weekly during the forthcoming school summer holidays. There will therefore be **NO Open Doors** sessions on the following dates:

- Monday 28<sup>th</sup> July
- Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> August
- Monday 25<sup>th</sup> August (Bank Holiday)

## SUPPORT FOR THE FOODBANK

As a parish, we encourage you to please continue to support the *Abingdon Food Bank*, as the need for this facility has increased a lot recently! Nearly all supermarkets now have collection points as you leave their premises (making it easier for you to place your donations), so please do not leave your contributions in our church. Thank you.

## PARISH EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

- **Sunday:** Refreshments in the parish centre after the 10.15am Mass.
- **Monday:** *Open Doors* in the parish centre from 11am to 2pm.
- **Friday:** Baby & Toddler group in the parish centre 9.30am to 11.15am **in term time**.

## FUTURE DATES

- **Sun 13<sup>th</sup> July:** *Parish Day*, with outdoor morning Mass at 10.30am.

## CELEBRATE FESTIVAL

CELEBRATE run Catholic charismatic events serving the Church. If you are looking for a fun, faith time away as a family this summer, why not join in the very popular **CELEBRATE festival** in the beautiful West Sussex countryside at Worth School, West Sussex, from **Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> - Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> August**. There are an amazing number of things to do - for all ages. *This event gets booked up very quickly, so to find out more and make a booking please visit: [www.celebratetrust.org/festival](http://www.celebratetrust.org/festival)*. It's going to be a fun, family and faith-filled event with a Festival Big Top! There will be eight children's and youth groups for all ages from babies in the creche to the Joel's Bar youth (16-22 years). There's on-site full board accommodation OR camping on the festival field. Come and CELEBRATE this Jubilee year individually or as a family!

## YOU WILL BE MY WITNESSES PRAYER

O Lord, graciously look down upon us your servants and upon our work to build Your Holy Church here in this place.

Enlighten our minds and lead us into all truth as we seek to do Your will.

Abundantly bless our labours, that Your Holy Church may serve You ever more faithfully to the glory of Your Holy name.

Through Christ our Lord, Amen.

## DID YOU KNOW?

Our parish website: [www.ourladyandstedmund.org.uk](http://www.ourladyandstedmund.org.uk) contains a lot of information and resources, and there is also a calendar of events in the *What's On* section. Copies of this newsletter are also available and the *News* page gives regular information. Do visit.

## POPE LEO GENERAL AUDIENCE

'Let us go to Jesus: he can heal us, he can revive us. Jesus is our hope'.

## WE PRAY FOR

- Michael Giles RIP, Funeral Wed 23<sup>rd</sup> July at 11am.