

# ***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**

One night in the middle of July in 64AD, a fire started in Rome. The fire spread rapidly and burnt for a week. By the time it was stopped it had destroyed half the imperial city. There was little doubt in people's minds that the emperor was responsible, and in response to the public outcry, Nero set up a commission which quickly found that a new religious minority was responsible for the arson: the Christians. There started a series of terrible persecutions. To be a Christian was to be an outlaw, to profess the name of Jesus was to incur the penalty of death. Two leading outlaws were executed under Nero's persecution, two men we celebrate today as St Peter and St Paul. One was called by the sea of Galilee and the other on the road to Damascus, one the blue-collar fisherman and the other a learned scholar. They are our founding apostles, and we celebrate them today. They gave us the original vision and supplied the witness and hard work to make a lasting contribution. We link them together because the two of them single-handedly cemented the foundation of the Church and literally bet their lives on its future.

### **VOCATIONS PRAYER**

Lord my God and my loving Father, you have made me to know you, to serve you, and thereby to find and to fulfil myself. I know that you are in all things, and that every path can lead me to you. Since I will do what you want of me, I pray you send your Holy Spirit into my mind to show me what you want of me; into my heart to give me the determination to do it with all my love, with all my mind and strength right to the end. Amen

### **ST EDMUND'S SCHOOL – A GOOD SCHOOL!**

After a recent Ofsted inspection, we are pleased to announce that St Edmund's Catholic Primary School has come out as 'good' in all areas. This is excellent news indeed. If you or anyone you know are looking for a place for your child, please do contact the school (01235 521558) Email: [office.3856@st-edmunds-rc.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:office.3856@st-edmunds-rc.oxon.sch.uk)

### **Week 13 in Ordinary Time: Cycle 1 (C)**

#### **Sunday 29 June**

8.45am Mass  
10.15am Mass  
6.30pm Mass

#### **SAINTS PETER & PAUL**

(Beck Family RIP)  
(Stanislaw Kochlian RIP)  
(John Lyons RIP)

#### **Monday 30 June**

8.30am Rosary  
9.00am Mass

(Benjamin McDonald  
Special Intentions)

#### **Tuesday 1 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 2 July**

6.30pm Rosary  
7.00pm Mass

(Geoff Castle Intentions)

#### **Thursday 3 July**

9.00am Rosary  
9.30am Mass

#### **St Thomas, Apostle**

(Margaret Gosling RIP)

#### **Friday 4 July**

6.30pm Rosary  
7.00pm Mass

#### **Saturday 5 July**

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

#### **Our Lady on Saturday**

(Tessa Sheaf Intentions)

### **SECOND COLLECTION**

The second/retiring collection today, **Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> June** is for *Peter's Pence* - the financial support offered by the faithful to the Holy Father as a sign of their sharing in the concern of the Successor of St Peter for the many different needs of the Universal Church, and for the relief of those most in need. You can make your donations in the usual way and also online via the *News* page of our parish website.

## JUBILEE REFLECTION – APPEAL FOR PEACE

Pope Leo has issued an urgent appeal for peace, saying that “Today more than ever, humanity cries out and pleads for peace.” The cry for peace, he said, “demands responsibility and reason and must not be drowned out by the roar of weapons or by rhetorical words that incite conflict.” Pope Leo urges every member of the international community to take up their moral responsibility to “stop the tragedy of war before it becomes an irreparable abyss.” When human dignity is at stake, he said, no conflict is distant. “War does not solve problems. On the contrary, it amplifies them and causes deep wounds in the history of peoples - wounds that take generations to heal. No military victory can ever compensate for a mother's pain, a child's fear, or a stolen future.” Pope Leo concluded: “Let diplomacy silence the weapons! Let nations shape their future with works of peace, not through violence and bloody conflicts!”

*As Pilgrims of Hope, let us work and pray for peace.*

## RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

### Explore Your Faith Journey - *Discover the Joy of the Catholic Faith!*

Do you feel called to explore what it means to be Catholic? Are you Catholic and would like to be Confirmed? Are you keen to know more? You are warmly invited to join our **‘Come and See’ Session** on **Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2.30pm – 4.00pm** at Our Lady & St Edmund of Abingdon Parish Centre, Oxford Road, Abingdon. This open session is a wonderful opportunity to learn about the process of becoming Catholic, ask any questions, and meet the team. Absolutely no commitment required - just join us and ‘Come and See’! You are welcome no matter where you are on the journey. Not Sure? - That’s a good place to begin!

For further information please email:  
[pehanley@hotmail.com](mailto:pehanley@hotmail.com) or Tel: 07506 753085

## CHILDREN’S MASS ON SUNDAY 6<sup>th</sup> JULY

The next children's Mass (and the final one for this academic year) will be celebrated at 10.15am next **Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> July**. We will be asking children to help us with welcoming, the offertory procession, the collection and singing, and would also like some children to read the First and Second Readings (taken from the Lectionary for Masses with Children) and the Bidding Prayers. If your child would like to read a reading or prayer at this Mass then please email Fiona Semple at [reception@st-edmunds-rc.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:reception@st-edmunds-rc.oxon.sch.uk) and she will send you the words so that your child can practise. Thank you in advance for your support!

## FILMING THE 40 MARTYRS – TALK & VIDEO

You are all invited to a talk given by Andrew Nash on **Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> July** at 2.30pm in the parish centre, to learn about the writing and making of a truly unique film series on the *Forty Martyrs*, written by Dora and Andrew Nash and presented by their daughter Monica.

## 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**.
- **Saturday:** RCIA ‘Come and see’ session from 2.30-4pm in the parish centre.

## FUTURE DATES

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

## SAVE THE DATE!

Our Parish Day this year will be celebrated on **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.*

## CALLED & GIFTED INFORMATION EVENING

This will take place *online* on **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> July** from 7pm to 8.30pm.

God is calling each and EVERY ONE of us to a unique purpose in life. He has a role for YOU that only you can do. When you were baptised you received gifts from the Holy Spirit (charisms) that are individual to you. Recognising your personal gifts of the Holy Spirit is an empowering experience that helps you to discern what God is calling you to do. On the evening of 7<sup>th</sup> July there will be an opportunity to find out about the process of discerning your charisms. An introduction will be followed by an explanation of charisms, testimonies on the fruit of discerning and using charisms, a description of the Called and Gifted process and a Q&A. If you would like to register to attend this online event please email: [calledandgifted@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:calledandgifted@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

## POPE LEO QUOTE – FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI

“Especially in this Jubilee Year, the Lord’s example should guide our actions and our service: we are called to share our bread, to multiply hope and to proclaim the coming of God’s Kingdom.”

## WE PRAY FOR

- Julia Mary Sheerin RIP. Funeral Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July at 9.45am.