

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

PEACE SUNDAY

Next Sunday (15th) is the date designated by the Bishops to pray and reflect on Pope Francis' Message for the World *Day of Peace*. There will also be an opportunity after all Masses to donate to *Pax Christi*, the International Catholic Movement for Peace – or you can make your donation online using the link on the *News* page of our parish website, where you can also access further information and the full message from Pope Francis.

CREATING WARM SPACES

We have now started A WARM SPACE in our parish centre every MONDAY until the end of March (11am – 4pm).

Who do you know who would appreciate coming for a hot lunch, heated rooms, conversation, games? Please think about your neighbours, friends and contacts, and mention it to them. We have lots of volunteers but concerned we won't have guests! There are also flyers at the back of church, with details of all the Churches' warm spaces. Do ring Clare 847804

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS RETREAT DAY

The Dominican sisters will be running a retreat day for all existing and prospective Eucharistic Ministers on **Saturday 21st January from 10am to 3pm in our parish centre.**

Please save this date in your diary as, importantly, it will also be an opportunity to renew or gain your faculty.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION

The first session begins on Saturday 14th January at 8.50am in the Church **for those who have already signed up for the course.** Please ensure that you bring your child on time, and there will be sessions for parents in the parish centre whilst the children are being taught.

Please pray for the children and their families as they prepare for their First Holy Communion.

The Baptism of the Lord (Year A)

Sunday 8 Jan

8.45am	Mass	The Baptism of the Lord (<i>Special Intention</i>)
10.15am	Mass	(The Boyd Family Intentions)
2.00pm	Mass in Polish	
6.30pm	Mass	(Private Intention)

Monday 9 Jan

8.30am	Rosary	
9.00am	Mass	(Private Intention)

Tuesday 10 Jan

NO Mass See: www.ourladyandstedmund.org.uk/english-martyrs-vale-of-white-horse for other Masses

Wednesday 11 Jan

6.30pm	Rosary	
7.00pm	Mass	(<i>Special Intention</i>)

Thursday 12 Jan

9.00am	Rosary	
9.30am	Mass	(Mary & Daniel Quigley Intentions)

Friday 13 Jan

6.30pm	Rosary	
7.00pm	Mass	(Julie Lardner RIP)

Saturday 14 Jan

11am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	Our Lady on Saturday
11-11.30am	Confessions	
12pm	Mass	(<i>Special Intention</i>)

LENT CHARITY FUND RAISING 2023

During the season of Advent, the PPC ask you to think about charities which we could sponsor during Lent 2023. We would ideally like to fundraise for 2 charities, one local/UK based and one world- wide. Please give this some consideration and send suggestions to the parish office **by Tuesday 10th January 2023.**

PARISH FUNDRAISER FOR MARY'S MEALS

You are invited to join us for an evening with the fabulous *Oxford Gospel Events Choir* (BBC Gospel Choir of the year finalists!) and with guest appearance by **Dr Patti Boulaye** OBE, to raise money for the charity *Mary's Meals*. *Mary's Meals* serve nutritious school meals to children living in some of the world's poorest countries. The promise of a good meal attracts these hungry children into the classroom, giving them the energy to learn and hope for a better future. More information on their website at: www.marysmeals.org.uk

This event will take place on **Saturday 14th January 2023 at 7.30pm in our church** (parking is available at OLA School OX14 3PS). Tickets £10 (children under 12 years £5) and will be available on the door (cash please). For more information contact Sue on 07598315375.

ABINGDON FOOD BANK

Please continue to support the Abingdon Food Bank. However, please do not leave your contributions in our church. The collection points are at:

- Waitrose Abingdon, Abbey Close
- North Foodbank, Christ Church, Northcourt Rd
- South Foodbank, Preston Road Community Centre

Thank you.

BIBLE ALIVE

Limited copies of the January edition are now available on the table at the back of the church. This publication is a useful aid for anyone who would like to reflect daily on the readings used in the Masses. Why not start the new year the way you hope to continue!

ARE YOU IN NEED?

If you are in need or know someone who is, do contact our parish SVP group (St Vincent de Paul Society) via the parish office and we will see what we can do to help. We always maintain confidentiality. Our members meet every fortnight on a Wednesday evening.

YOUTH GROUPS

We meet again on Saturday 14th January from 3.30pm to 5pm in the parish centre. All young people in year 3 or above are very welcome.

BABY & TODDLER GROUP

The group re-starts on Friday 13th January.

YOUNG ADULT GROUP FOR 18-35's

Our next meeting is Monday the 9th January at Holy Rood Church on Abingdon Road with Fr Yamai, OCD. Arrive from 7pm and we will begin the talk at 7:30pm, have a discussion and end with prayer by 9pm. Please contact Kate on 07933765367 if you have any questions. All are welcome.

JOURNEYING TOGETHER IN FAITH (JTIF)

The meetings resume this Monday 9th January at 7.30pm in the parish centre. All welcome.

PARISH EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

- **Sunday:** Refreshments in the parish centre after the 10.15am Mass.
- **Monday:** Journeying Together in Faith (JTIF) at 7.30pm in the parish centre. All welcome.
- **Friday:** Baby & Toddler group in the parish centre 9.30am to 11.15am in term time.
- **Saturday:** Youth groups meet in the parish centre from 3.30 to 5pm. All in year 3 or above are welcome.
- **FHC Prep Session 1.** 8.50am in Church
- **Saturday:** Oxford Gospel Events Choir in the church at 7.30pm. See main section of newsletter for further information and ticket prices

FUTURE DATES

- **Sat 21st Jan:** Eucharistic Ministers Retreat. See main section of newsletter for further information.
- **Sat 28th Jan:** Youth groups meet in the parish centre from 3.30 to 5pm. All in year 3 or above are welcome.

CAFOD

Many thanks for your support for CAFOD's work last year especially for our emergency appeals- Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal and Pakistan Flood Appeal. Your donations make a huge difference to the communities that we work with around the world. Have you considered using your time and skills to volunteer for CAFOD? Please contact Jo for information on our volunteering opportunities jlewry@Cafod.org.uk or call 07710 094447

LIGHT FOR THE BLIND

Supporters of Light for the Blind should have received a copy of the annual newsletter. If you did not receive one there are some extra copies at the back of Church so, please take one and if you think you have been missed off the list please let Peter Dodd know on 01235 525997 peteranne@aol.com Anybody else who is interested in the wonderful work that Fr Thomas is doing in India please pick up a newsletter.

OUR LADY'S ABINGDON

Casual exam invigilators sought. Applicants should be happy to work as part of a team and be able to follow and adhere to regulatory rules and regulations. No experience is necessary as full training will be provided. Ideally starting in February 2023. For further details please contact Mrs Julie Braley at headsqa@ola.org.uk or call 01235 524658

WE PRAY FOR

- Julie Lardner, RIP
- Michael O'Sullivan, RIP
- Vera Smith, RIP
- Sarah Duggan, RIP