

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: For now, this is by appointment only.
Please contact the parish office to make a booking.

PRIVATE PRAYER

The church will be open for **private prayer only**,
between **12.00pm and 1.00pm on Tuesdays and Fridays**.

MASS BOOKINGS

Please remember that **bookings for the whole week beginning Sunday 11th Oct. to Saturday 17th Oct. should be made on Monday 5th October**. Do please try and give us several options for days/times when you could come and let us know **how many people you are booking for**. We will do our best to accommodate your request. If you would like to attend more than one Mass in the week, please make this clear when you book.

- Those people **without** Internet access can phone **07395 946827** between **10am and 11am each Monday** to give the day of the week when they are able to attend Mass. **There is no recorded answering message system**. Please do not use the office phone number or phone outside of this time period.
- Those **with** Internet access are asked **not** to use the phone booking system, but instead to email us at: **contact@ourladyandstedmund.org.uk** giving us 2 to 3 possible days of the week when you can attend Mass. Please do this **each Monday**. You will then receive a reply with the day allocated to you.
- In all cases, you are asked to state the number in your family who will be attending Mass. This is essential for our planning and to maintain safety distances.
- Be aware that singing is not yet permitted under the guidelines. Also, there will be no collection basket passed around, but you may leave donations as you leave the Church.
- Please note that there are currently only **two** Sunday Masses – one at **10.15am and the other at 6.30pm**.

Thank you all very much for your patience and help.

27th week of Ordinary Time

In Church for those who booked, and also live streamed

Sunday 4 October

10.15am Mass (Paul Gibbons, RIP)
2.00pm Polish Mass
6.30pm Mass (Mary Kelly, intentions)

Monday 5 October

9am Mass (Mary Angela Evans, RIP)

Tuesday 6 October

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

Wednesday 7 October (Our Lady of the Rosary)

7pm Mass (Marie Tierney, RIP)

Thursday 8 October

9.30am Mass (Mary Rogers, RIP)

Friday 9 October

7pm Mass (Geoff & Florence Young, intentions – wedding anniversary)

Saturday 10 October

12pm Mass (Special intention)

HOW TO BOOK FOR MASS

No Internet Access?

Phone **07395 946827** **EACH MONDAY** between **10am and 11am ONLY**
to book a place for the **FOLLOWING** week

Have Internet Access?

DON'T phone. Instead, email:
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NEWSLETTER:

For now, please print your own copy from the *News* page of our website, or for those without Internet access, bring the copy delivered to you on Saturdays. We are also unable to accept any books, pamphlets, etc. at this point in time.

YOUR PARISH STILL NEEDS YOU!

The parish still *really* needs your donations. You can make these on our website. This will enable those who normally use the weekly gift aid white envelope system or loose plate donations to continue to support the Parish. *You can also place donations in the basket as you leave church.* **Your continued support for the Parish is greatly appreciated.**

INSEPARABLE BONDS

The Season of Creation ends this Sunday (feast of St Francis of Assisi) with the reminder from Pope Francis that *St Francis shows us just*

how inseparable the bond is between concern for nature, justice for the poor, commitment to society and interior peace (LS 10).



SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER DURING MASS:

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot today receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You.

FAMILY FAST DAY:

The CAFOD Family Fast Day to help people facing the worst of the coronavirus crisis has been moved to **Friday 9th October**. We've all felt the impact of this terrible disease – let's come together to help the poorest and most vulnerable people in the world *survive, rebuild and heal*. Please pray for all those affected and donate online (**no envelope donations in church please**) at cafod.org.uk/give. You can also give easily via **text**. Text: **CAFOD** to **70085** to donate £10. *Texts cost £10 plus one standard rate message and you'll be opting in to hear more about our work and fundraising via telephone and SMS. If you'd like to give £10 but do not wish to receive marketing communications, text **CAFODNOINFO** to **70085**.*

SECOND COLLECTION

The next Second Collection is on the 3rd - 4th of October for *Peter's Pence*. The online giving page can be found here: <https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/fundraising/second-collection-for-peters-pence-1>

Keep in your prayers the children preparing to receive the Sacrament of the Eucharist on 10th October.

Also please continue to pray for the 22 young people who were recently Confirmed.

Parish Events for the Week

NO EVENTS IN THE PARISH CENTRE UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Future Diary Dates

No events at the moment.

Youth Events

YOUTH GROUPS

The Saturday youth groups will stop meeting for now.

NHS COVID-19 APP:

The new NHS COVID-19 app is now available to download for free on smartphone, in England and Wales. It is the fastest way to see if you're at risk from coronavirus. The faster you know, the quicker you can alert and protect your loved ones and community. The app has a number of tools to protect you, including contact tracing, local area alerts and venue check-in. It uses proven technology from Apple and Google, designed to protect every user's privacy. If you have downloaded it, you are now able to scan the code allocated to us, as you enter our church. It is on the inside door and on the notice board *inside* the church.

JOURNEYING TOGETHER IN FAITH

This course takes place on **Mondays** from **6.30pm to 7.30pm** online using Zoom. It is open to anybody interested in growing their faith and is suitable for those who have completed the RCIA course as well. The format is one of discussion, sometimes watching a short video, and generally spending a little contemplative time together. For information and details, email: contact@ourladyandstedmund.org.uk

MARY'S MEALS

Sue Richards has undertaken a fund raising effort to run 250 miles, in little chunks, in an effort to raise £1600 for this charity. If she achieves her goal, the money raised will feed 100 children for 1 year. You can find a link to make donations online on the *News* page of our website.

PARISH WILDFLOWER MEADOW

Thanks to the four volunteers from the parish, the hay has been cut and gathered from the small meadow between the Church and the Parish Centre. The hay has been piled by the big yew tree between the meadow and the presbytery wall. If you need any hay for a pet rabbit or similar, please feel free to help yourself to some. 25 species of flower and plant have been identified in the small area which, together with the three bee hotels and two bird boxes next to it, are part of our on-going commitment to being a *Live Simply* parish.