

Our Lady & St Edmund of Abingdon ***1 Radley Rd, Abingdon on Thames, Oxon, OX14 3PL***

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 25th Oct. to Saturday 31st Oct. should be made on Monday 19th 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.

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:
contact@ourladyandstedmund.org.uk
EACH MONDAY, to book a place for the **FOLLOWING** week

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.

PRAYERS:

Keep in your prayers the 23 children who recently received the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist and the 22 young people who were recently Confirmed. Pray too for their families.

29th week of Ordinary Time

In Church for those who have booked, and also live streamed

Sunday 18 October

10.15am Mass (Rosemary Zambellas Intentions, 90th Birthday)
2.00pm Polish Mass
6.30pm Mass (Jim Carey, RIP)

Monday 19 October

9am Mass (Deceased Members of the Greaney Family, RIP)

Tuesday 20 October

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

Wednesday 21 October

7pm Mass (Private intention)

Thursday 22 October

9.30am Mass (Lisa Paterson intentions)

Friday 23 October

7pm Mass (Peter Browne, RIP)

Saturday 24 October

12pm Mass (Antonio Gomes, RIP - anniversary)



SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER:

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.

CHURCH DONATIONS

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.**

Please do not use the online 'Donate' button for clergy stipends (Mass intentions, weddings, Baptisms). These can be put in an envelope marked FAO the parish priest and indicating what the offering is for and who is giving it. The envelope can then be left at the parish office or in the donations basket in the Church.

KEY STAGE 2 TEACHER VACANCY - ST EDMUND'S SCHOOL

We are looking for an enthusiastic, dynamic and committed teacher, who would be supportive of our school mission statement and the Catholic ethos of our school, to teach a Year 5 class from January 2021. The ability to lead a core subject would be desirable in our warm and welcoming school. Calls to discuss this position further with our Headteacher, Mrs Maria Delany-White are encouraged and warmly welcomed. Please contact The School Business Manager (01235 521558 or clomas2266@st-edmunds-rc.oxon.sch.uk) to request an application pack. **Closing date: Monday, 19th October 2020 at 4pm.**

BLESSING OF GRAVES

With November fast approaching, this is an advanced notice to let you know that Fr Jamie will be blessing graves on **Sunday 8th November** at 10am in the Church graveyard and 12.30pm at the Spring Road cemetery. Please do not congregate together, but go directly to the family plots and wait for him to come to you.

For those interested, the Mass intention for the 9.30am Mass on **Thursday 5th November** is for *All the Bereaved*. Bookings can be made in the usual way through our booking system the week before this date.

ONE MILLION CHILDREN PRAYING THE ROSARY

Aid to the Church in Need is inviting all children to join in the annual One Million Children Praying the Rosary for Unity and Peace on Sunday 18th October. Do consider doing this with your children. May this joint worldwide Rosary prayer initiative fill us all with new courage and confidence in God's loving protection, which He wishes to bestow on us through His Holy Mother.



AN ALTERNATIVE APPROACH TO HALLOWE'EN

Rather than reaching for the Hallowe'en costumes later this month (or spending money buying them), why not consider allowing the little ones in your family to dress up as saints in readiness for All Saints' Day? It could also be a great opportunity to teach them something about a favourite saint.

Parish Events for the Week

NO EVENTS IN THE PARISH CENTRE UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Future Diary Dates

No events at the moment.

NHS COVID-19 APP:

The new NHS COVID-19 app is now available to download for free on smartphone, in England and Wales. 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.



Historically, the economic impact of COVID 19 to Christians in the Holy Land has been catastrophic. The FHL office in Bethlehem is being inundated by people seeking help. Unfortunately our presentations and sales of Olive Wood Products and Christmas card sales have had to be cancelled in parishes. However we are going to proceed to sell the Christmas Cards (£3.25 packet of 10). Contact any of the following:

Mary Mulqueen: 01235 534873 or 07857386398
Ann Green: 01235 520171 or ann.green@zen.co.uk
Clare Calnan: 01235 524861 or 07810192267

Thank you most sincerely for supporting our brothers and sisters in The Holy Land, it really does make a difference to their lives.

PRAYER AND FASTING FOR LIFE

Tuesday 27th October is the 53rd anniversary of the Abortion Act being passed in England and Wales and you are invited to join in praying and fasting for the end of abortion in this country.

BACK2BASICS

The *Formation for Mission Team*, led by Sr Hyacinthe, are offering an online course for anyone interested - but especially for those preparing children for the Sacrament of Reconciliation and their first Holy Communion. More details are available on the *News* page of our website.



WE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF

- James Carey
- Graham Clipperton