

**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**

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS' & READERS' ROTA**

This month, we very much want to resume our Eucharistic Ministers' and Readers' rota for the Sunday Masses. If you have been serving in either of these ways for our parish in the past and would like to, and are physically well able to continue, please could you email:

[contact@ourladyandstedmund.org.uk](mailto:contact@ourladyandstedmund.org.uk) as soon as is reasonably possible, to let us know. You may also let us know if you would like to join either of the teams. Please include in your message which Sunday Mass you regularly attend. Thank you if you have already managed to get in touch.

**DAY OF PRAYER FOR UKRAINE**

The Bishop's Conference has asked that **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September** (the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross) is a day of prayer for Ukraine across the continent and to be a mark of solidarity from the Catholic Church in Europe. Our Holy Hour here will take the form of 30 minutes of Eucharistic Adoration in our church from 6-6.30pm, followed by the Rosary at 6.30pm before the evening service. Do come along and join us in prayer.

**SECOND (OPTIONAL) COLLECTION NEXT SUNDAY**

This optional collection on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> September will be for the *Catholic Education Service*.

**PRAYER FOR UKRAINE AND RUSSIA**

Loving God, we pray for the people of Ukraine and Russia,  
for all those suffering or afraid,  
that you will be close to them and protect them.

We pray for world leaders, for compassion, strength and  
wisdom to guide their choices.

We pray for the world, that in this moment of crisis,  
we may reach out in solidarity to our brothers and sisters  
in need.

May we walk in your ways so that peace and justice  
become a reality for the people of Ukraine and Russia  
and for all the world. Amen.

**Week 23 in Ordinary Time: Cycle 2 (C)**

**Sunday 4 Sept**

8.45am Mass (Special Intention)  
10.15am Mass (Special Intention)  
2.00pm Mass in Polish  
6.30m Mass (Private Intention)

**Monday 5 Sept**

8.30am Rosary  
9.00am Mass (David Webster, RIP)

**Tuesday 6 Sept**

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 7 Sept**

6.30pm Rosary  
7.00pm Mass (Helen Birkbeck, RIP)

**Thursday 8 Sept**

***Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary***

9.00am Rosary  
9.30am Mass (Rosie Dunsmore, RIP)

**Friday 9 Sept**

6.30pm Rosary  
7.00pm Mass (Paddy Rowley, RIP)

**Saturday 10 Sept**

***Our Lady on Saturday***

11am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
11-11.30am Confessions  
12pm Mass (Ros & Michael Gibbons  
50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary)

**TRANSITION RETREATS**

The Carmelite Priory at Boars Hill are offering three retreats on the theme of transition, which may interest you. For more information, please see the poster on the notice board outside the church, or the information on the *News* page of our website, or email: [ruth.preston@carmelite.org.uk](mailto:ruth.preston@carmelite.org.uk)

## SEASON OF CREATION

"Listen to the voice of creation" is the theme and invitation of this year's Season of Creation. The ecumenical phase begins on 1 September with the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation and concludes on 4 October with the feast of Saint Francis. You can read the full message from Pope Francis on the *News* page of our website.

## 10<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY AS BISHOP!

The Cathedral Chapter would like to organise a Thanksgiving Mass on the occasion of Bishop Philip's 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary as Bishop of our Diocese. It will be held on **Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> September at 12:00** followed by a reception in the Cathedral centre.

Please would you email Kirsten McGuire on: [kmcguire@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:kmcguire@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) to say if you can come and join the Bishop for this Mass.

## RCIA/JOURNEY IN FAITH SESSIONS VIA ZOOM

*What is Love? What is Happiness? What is the meaning of my Life? Who is Jesus?*

Who do they say that I am? I am with you always. Peace be with you. Do not be afraid. Come and see. A friend to those in need. A Comforter to those who ask. A healer to the sick. A helper to those in need. Love one another as I have loved you. **The Son of God. "This is My Beloved Son"**

You might wish to find out more about Jesus, would like to receive baptism, become a Catholic, or may be a Catholic but not confirmed? If so, RCIA/Journey in Faith could be for you.

'Come and See' introduction to RCIA Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> September, 7.30pm. Sessions begin on 27<sup>th</sup> September, 7.30pm. Please contact Pauline Hanley email: [pehanley@hotmail.com](mailto:pehanley@hotmail.com) or tel: 07506 753085 for meeting link.

## JTiF – JOURNEYING TOGETHER IN FAITH

This course, which begins on **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September**, is open to all and runs on Monday evenings from 7.30pm to 9pm in the parish centre. Do feel free to join us – everyone is welcome. A copy of the programme is available at the back of the church and on our website.

## PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO PATMOS

A pilgrimage to the beautiful Greek island of Patmos, is planned for **7<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> June next year**. Patmos is the island that St John (Apostle and Evangelist) was exiled to as a result of anti-Christian persecution in Ephesus, and was the setting of a vision of Jesus which led to the writing of the book of Revelation.

***There will be an information evening at 7pm on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September in our parish centre.***

## YOUTH GROUPS

The two groups for primary and secondary school pupils resumes on **Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> September**. See the dates on the flyer at the back of the church and on our website.

## PARISH EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

- **Sunday:** Refreshments in the parish centre after the 10.15am Mass.
- **Friday:** Baby & Toddler group in the parish centre 9.30am to 11.15am in term time.

## FUTURE DATES

- **Mon 12<sup>th</sup> Sept:** Patmos pilgrimage information evening 7pm in the parish centre.
- **Wed 14<sup>th</sup> Sept:** Parish lunch at 12.30pm in the parish centre. All welcome. For info, ring 534873.

## CAFOD – WORLD FOOD CRISIS APPEAL

On Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September there is an online meeting from 10:30am to 12:30pm when Catherine Ogolla, CAFOD's Country Representative for Kenya and Uganda will update on the desperate situation in East Africa. On Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> September there is a CAFOD meeting at St Bede's church hall from 10:30am to 12 noon to hear from Ibrahim Njuguna, CAFOD's Surge Country Representative for Africa about the World Food Crisis and the difficulties facing communities in East Africa. To book your place for either meeting, contact Jo Lewry on [portsmouth@cafod.org.uk](mailto:portsmouth@cafod.org.uk) or call 07710 094447.

## CATENIAN MEETING

Next Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> September, we welcome the Oxford Catenians to the parish. They will be holding their monthly meeting in the parish centre after the 10:15am Mass. All parishioners are invited to come along have a coffee and observe the meeting. If you have previously read the leaflets or poster or listened to a message from the pulpit and wondered, "who are the Catenians?" Come along and experience for yourself what the Catenians are all about.

## MARRIAGE HELP

*Retrouvaille* is a programme to support couples who have difficulties in their marriage. It helps them through difficult times whether they are disillusioned or in deep misery. There is no group therapy or group work. For confidential information about *Retrouvaille* or to register for the next programme commencing with a Virtual weekend on 13 - 16 October 2022 or a Face-to-Face weekend in Welwyn Garden City on 24 - 26 February 2023, call or text 07887 296983 or email [retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com](mailto:retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com) - or visit [www.retrouvaille.org.uk](http://www.retrouvaille.org.uk)

## JOB VACANCIES IN THE DIOCESE

There are a couple of job vacancies, of which you can get details from the *News* page of our website.

## WE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF:

- Kitty Creaghan, RIP
- Dean Jeacock, RIP
- Marilyn Lenaghan. Funeral Thu 8<sup>th</sup> Sep at 11.00am.