

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: Saturdays 11.00 – 11.30am or by appointment

MASSES

Thank you for helping to keep each other safe by continuing to wear face masks/coverings, for sanitising your hands as you enter the church, and for maintaining a reasonable distance from others where feasible.

OFFICE CLOSURE

The parish office will be closed until Tuesday 1st March. During that time, Fr Jamie will respond to messages as and when he can. Items for the newsletter can continue to be sent to the office by the Wednesday of each week.

NEWSLETTERS

Please do take your newsletter home with you. Contributions for the newsletter should be sent by the Wednesday of each week. Thank you.

PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT

We have not been able to have our parish AGM during the pandemic, but the Finance Committee have published the financial report, which is posted on the notice board at the back of the church.

ST EDMUND'S SCHOOL HEADTEACHER

After eight years as headteacher at St Edmund's, Mrs Delany-White is leaving at the end of the summer term to spend more time with her family. Governors, staff, parents and children are very sad that she is leaving us. Her dedication and leadership have resulted in high standards where children love to learn.

The Governing Body will be seeking to appoint a practising Catholic with the leadership skills and enthusiasm to further develop and embed the high standard of education, and excellent pastoral care that our pupils already enjoy at St Edmund's School. We are looking for an individual with the vision to build upon our special local and Diocesan community to bring the very best outcomes for all our pupils. Information on the post is available on the school's website.

Week 6 of Ordinary Time: Cycle 2 (C)

Sunday 13 February

8.45am Mass (Eamon O'Neill, RIP)
10.15am Children's Mass (Magdalen & Thomas Kelly, RIP)
2.00pm Mass in Polish
6.30pm Mass (Special intention)

Monday 14 February *St Cyril & St Methodius*

8.30am Rosary
9.00am Mass (Special intention)

Tuesday 15 February

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

Wednesday 16 February

6.30pm Rosary
7pm Mass (Mary Ryan, RIP)

Thursday 17 February

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

Friday 18 February

6.30pm Rosary
7.00pm Mass (Robert William Butt Pole, RIP)

Saturday 19 February

11am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
11-11.30am Confessions
12pm Mass (Special intention)

SECOND (OPTIONAL) COLLECTION THIS SUNDAY

The second collection on **Sunday 13th February** is for *Racial Justice*.

Come, Holy Spirit, show us your beauty, reflected in all the peoples of the earth, so that we may discover anew that all are important, and all are necessary, different faces of the one humanity that God so loves. Amen.

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

Whilst we cannot yet pass around the offertory collection bags during Mass on Sundays, our church is still very much in need of our contributions. Please place your offering in one of the two red boxes (clearly marked) which are at the back of the church. You can do this either as you enter, or you leave the church.

Offerings can also be made using the online facility on the *Home* page of our website.

When there is a second collection, you can place your offering *outside* the church in the bags made available as you leave.

Thank you for your understanding and generosity.

DIOCESAN DIRECTORY 2022

Limited copies of the *Diocesan Directory for 2022* are now available on the table at the back of the church, for purchase at £5 each. If you would like a copy, please put your contribution in the slot on the wall at the back of the church, which is marked 'Books'. Thank you.

OXFORD CATENIANS DIGITAL MARKETING

Are you interested in Digital Marketing? Do you want to build your experience in using social media to further your future career? Perhaps you are studying English, Graphic Communications or Business at GCSE or A Level and want to gain experience for your next step in life. The *Oxford Catenians* are looking for a volunteer to help them develop their '*Digital Presence*'. If this is of interest to you and you want to find out more. Please contact us at enquiries@oxfordshire-catenians.uk. We would love to hear from you.

INVITATION FROM THE CARMELITES

The Centre for Applied Carmelite Spirituality, Oxford in association with the Epiphany Academy of Formative Spirituality, Pittsburgh, USA invite you to join them for a free event as they reflect and discuss the challenges of young adult formation in the third millennium. The session on *Social media and its Implications for Young Adult Formation* runs from 7pm – 8:30pm on Tuesday 22nd February. To find out more and register, use the link on our website *News* page.

EVENTS AT DOUAI ABBEY

Douai Abbey are offering a programme of retreats, workshops, courses and day-schools which give an opportunity for spiritual and personal development. The focus is generally on spirituality, theology, scripture, history and ministry. You can find details on the *News* page of our website.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

This will take place from **18th to 22nd July 2022**. If you would like to know more about joining in either as a pilgrim or as a youth pilgrim, serving our pilgrims and helping to make our pilgrimage a success, please email lourdes@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

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

- **Fri 18th Feb:** Baby & Toddler group in the parish centre 9.30am to 11.15am in term time.
- **Mon 28th Feb:** JTiF (Journeying Together in Faith), 7.30pm to 9pm in the parish centre. All welcome.
- **Sat 5th Mar:** FHC preparation, session 4, in the church from 8.50am to 10am for those registered.

LENTEN PROJECT

This year we will concentrate our effort on supporting only one charity. The charity chosen is ***St Monica's (Mauni) Primary School in the Koche Parish in Malawi, Africa***. Fr Charlie Beirne has informed us that the needs of the school are many: With over 842 children, there are only 9 small classrooms, 15 school desks, no tables or chairs for the teachers, only 1 changing room, limited textbooks and sports equipment, and only 6 pit latrines. Whatever support we can give will go a long way to helping the staff and pupils of the school.

Ash Wednesday is on **2nd March** and Lent begins on Sunday 6th March. This gives time for individuals and small groups to formulate ideas and plans for fundraising. Information on the school and current dates for your diary, are available in the leaflet in the church from this Sunday – and on our website *What's On* section. **If you are willing and able to organise and do something, please submit your proposal via the parish office as soon as possible, giving dates and times where possible.** *"Truly, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."* (Matthew 25:40) Thank you.

GOLF DAY – LENTEN PROJECT FUNDRAISING EVENT

We will be holding our golf day again this year on **Monday 4th April** at Drayton Park. Once again a big thank you to Mary McKenna for letting us hold the event at Drayton free of charge. We will be meeting up from 8.30am for tea/coffee and bacon rolls. First t-time is 9.40am. There will be the usual format of teams of four, with prizes for the best two teams to score on each hole, plus the three nearest the pin. The cost will be £25 for the day.

We usually get terrific support from our golfers for this very worthy project! Please contact Terry Murphy on either 01235 527597, 07584 248169, or by email terry.murphy62@yahoo.co.uk

WE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF:

- James Bacon, RIP. Funeral 18 February at 12 noon.