

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

REFLECTION

Today is the Sunday between the Ascension and Pentecost. We are gathered here today to do what Christ asked his apostles to do, namely to wait in prayer for the coming of the Holy Spirit. We can be certain that Mary is with us as she was with the apostles in the upper room.

SECOND COLLECTION THIS SUNDAY 21st MAY

Pope Francis has designated Sunday 21st May as *World Communications Day*. In his message for World Communications Day, the Holy Father stresses the need to listen before speaking truth with a pure heart to “*see beyond appearances and overcome the vague din which, also in the field of information, does not help us discern in the complicated world in which we live.*”

The second collection this Sunday 21st May will be for the *Catholic Communications Network*.

USING YOUR CARD TO GIVE

We have a new machine at the back of church so that you can give to a collection or pay for candles or books using a bank card. It is very simple and quick – just follow the on-screen instructions and select what it is you are giving for. The money you give will be directed as you choose – to the offertory collection, to the second collection or to pay for candles or books. This week the second collection is for the *Catholic Communications Network*. You don't have to wait until after the Mass – it can all be done in a few seconds before Mass starts.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Please pray for the children who are in the final stages of preparing for their First Holy Communion in June. Please also keep their families in your prayers.

PARISH OFFICE

The parish office will be closed from Tues 23rd to Friday 26th May. It will re-open on Tues 30th.

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER: Cycle 1 (A)

Sunday 21 May

8.45am	Mass	7th Sunday of Easter (Ted Kelly RIP)
10.15am	Mass	(Paterson Family Intentions)
2.00pm	Mass in Polish	
6.30pm	Mass	(Private Intention)

Monday 22 May

8.30am	Rosary	
9.00am	Mass	(Private Intention)

Tuesday 23 May

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

Wednesday 24 May

6.30pm	Rosary	
7.00pm	Mass	(Private Intention)

Thursday 25 May

9.00am	Rosary	
9.30am	Mass	(Private Intention)

Friday 26 May

6.30pm	Rosary	
7.00pm	Mass	St Philip Neri (Cameron Paterson Intentions)

Saturday 27 May

11am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
11-11.30am	Confessions	
12pm	Mass	St Augustine of Canterbury (Teresa Forde RIP)

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 SVP members meet every fortnight on a Wednesday evening.

OPEN DOORS

Open Doors is on Mondays from 11.30 – 2.30pm, until July, offering lunch and conversation in the parish centre. We won't meet on Bank Holidays. Why not come and bring a friend who is on their own or would like more company? More details from Clare 847804.

WANTING TO VOLUNTEER?

Caritas Portsmouth supports parishes and schools to become the 'church beyond walls' to help meet the needs in our local communities. Our volunteer team helps make this happen, by running and supporting specific projects, promoting our work within the community and fundraising so we can get new projects off the ground. We would be delighted if you would join us. Visit our website for details at <https://caritas.org.uk/act/> or email us at caritas@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk Thank you.

BIBLE ALIVE

Why not strengthen your faith with daily reflections on the Mass readings? Limited copies of Bible Alive are available on the table at the back of the church.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

We are planning our open-air parish Mass in the garden by the parish centre for **Sunday 2nd July**. There will be a celebration BBQ following the outdoor Mass at 10.30am, weather permitting. On that day there will only be one morning Mass. Any volunteers to set up and clear away would be much appreciated.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

There are still places on the Diocese pilgrimage to Lourdes, leaving from Bournemouth airport on Monday 17th July and returning on Friday 21st July. If you would like to know more about joining in as a pilgrim or as a youth helper, serving our pilgrims and helping to make our pilgrimage a success, please email: lourdes@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

SUPPORTING THE FOODBANK

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

LOCATION OF FOOD DONATION POINT	OPENING HOURS
Waitrose Abingdon, Abbey Close, OX14 3HL	7.30am to 9pm (8pm Sat)
North Foodbank, Christ Church, Northcourt Rd, OX14 1PL	Tues & Fri 10am to 1pm
South Foodbank, Preston Road community Centre, OX14 5NR	Weds 1pm to 2.30pm

ABINGDON COMMUNITY FRIDGE

Abingdon Community Fridge is open to EVERYONE. Help to prevent food waste by coming to Hadland Road Community Centre, Abingdon OX14 3YH: Opening hours: Mondays 4 - 4.30pm, Thursdays 1 - 2 pm and Saturdays 10.30 - 11.30am.

PARISH EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

- **Sunday:** Refreshments in the parish centre after the 10.15am Mass.
- **Monday:** Open Doors in the parish centre from 11.30am to 2.30pm.
- **Monday:** Pilgrimage Meeting in the parish centre 6pm
- **Friday:** Baby & Toddler group in the parish centre 9.30am to 11.15am in term time.

FUTURE DATES

- **Sat 24th June:** Youth groups meet in the parish centre from 3.30 to 5pm. All in year 3 or above are welcome.
- **Sun 2nd July:** Parish Day. Morning Mass at 10.30am in the garden by the parish centre followed by BBQ.

TACKLING THE ROOT CAUSES OF POVERTY

Did you know that Church teaching says that we should not only support those in poverty but also tackle the root causes of poverty? Pope Benedict XVI said that "*Love - caritas - is an extraordinary force which leads people to opt for courageous and generous engagement in the field of justice and peace.*" For decades CAFOD has spoken out against injustice. To find out more about our seeds campaign and get involved in tackling the root causes of poverty, please go to www.cafod.org.uk/latestcampaigns

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT COURSE

Bishop Philip has announced that this year in the diocese is to be the Year of the Holy Spirit. Why not come and join the *Life in the Spirit* course running after Pentecost! This will be held on Zoom from **Thursday 1st June until Thursday 13th July** from 7.30pm until 9pm. Get involved in Praise and Worship of the Lord. Listen to sound teaching on the Holy Spirit. Meet up with other members of the diocese - and beyond - to discuss what you believe. It is in articulating our thoughts that we really come to know what we do believe. You can register for the course using the link on the *News* page of our parish website.

MARY'S MONTH

The month of May is traditionally known as "Mary's Month," a specific month of the year when special devotions are performed in honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This May, then, let's frequently call on the help of Mary's prayers, and, as Pope Francis encourages, '*to rediscover the beauty of praying the Rosary.*'

WE PRAY FOR:

- Ted Kelly, RIP. Funeral Tuesday 23rd May, 11am.