





# ***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**

## **PARISH OFFICE**

Please see the current opening hours above, and note that the parish office will be closed from Friday 30<sup>th</sup> July and reopens on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> August.

## **MASSES:**

Please note that, in consideration for others, the government strongly recommends that face masks/coverings continue to be worn in indoor public spaces. Thank you for helping to keep each other safe by doing this, for sanitising your hands as you enter the church, and for maintaining a reasonable distance from others where feasible.

## **NEWSLETTERS**

Items for the newsletter should be sent to the parish office by the Wednesday of each week please.

**Please do not return newsletters to the basket or table in the church, or leave them on the benches – kindly take them home with you. Thank you.**



## **BABY & TODDLER GROUP**

We are hoping to restart our St Edmund's *Baby and Toddler Group* on Friday mornings in the parish centre in September and we are in desperate need of volunteers. We especially need help setting up before the sessions start at 9.30am. It would not be every Friday as it is in term time only. Please contact Karen on 01235 555167 or email [kazy@sky.com](mailto:kazy@sky.com) if you can help or would like to know more.

## **19<sup>th</sup> Week of Ordinary Time (Year B)**

### **Sunday 8 August**

8.45am Mass (Daniel & Mary Quigley intentions)  
10.15am Mass (Wells family intentions)  
2.00pm Mass in Polish  
6.30pm Mass (Frank Conway, RIP)

### **Monday 9 August *St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross***

8.30am Rosary  
9am Mass (Anthony O'Riordan, RIP)

### **Tuesday 10 August *St Laurence***

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 11 August *St Clare***

6.30pm Rosary  
7pm Mass (Roisin Prasad intentions)

### **Thursday 12 August**

9.00am Rosary  
9.30am Mass (Winifred Parry, RIP)

### **Friday 13 August**

6.30pm Rosary  
7pm Mass (All priests)

### **Saturday 14 August *St Maximilian Maria Kolbe***

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

## **NEW TO THE PARISH?**

We warmly welcome all new parishioners who have joined our parish in the last year. Please do make yourselves known if you have not already done so, and also let us know if you would like to contribute to parish life in any way. You can use the form on our website to register:  
[www.ourladyandstedmund.org.uk/register](http://www.ourladyandstedmund.org.uk/register)

## GRANDPARENTS ASSOCIATION

There has been some interest in the formation of a Parish branch of the *Catholic Grandparents Association*. **Regular meetings provide an opportunity for members to socialise and share experiences.** To register an interest **please** send your contact details to [delanypeter@btinternet.com](mailto:delanypeter@btinternet.com) or by leaving them at the Parish Office.



## RCIA / JOURNEY IN FAITH SESSIONS

*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 you may be a Catholic but not confirmed? If so, RCIA/Journey in Faith could be for you.

**"Come and See"** introduction to RCIA Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm

**Sessions begin on 21<sup>st</sup> September.**

Please contact Pauline Hanley email: [pehanley@hotmail.com](mailto:pehanley@hotmail.com) or tel: 07506 753085 for further details.

## DONATIONS TO THE FOODBANK

**Still urgently needed are:**

- Long life cow's milk - semi skimmed or whole
- Sugar
- Tinned meat for hot meals (mince, stews, meatballs)
- Dried chick peas and couscous
- Instant coffee
- Bottles of squash
- Small (500g) bags of sugar
- Cleaning spray
- J cloths (other brands are available)
- Bleach

*Donations can be dropped off at the Foodbank on Northcourt Road*

## CAFOD THANKS YOU

Thanks to your donations, CAFOD has been helping people in Syria since the crisis began 10 years ago. Over 12 million people have left their homes, 5.6 million are refugees in neighbouring countries and within Syria, 13 million people need help. At the beginning, our focus was on delivering food and blankets through our local church partners. Then we started providing education, health and legal services, and helping people earn a living. Our latest projects are supporting children, lonely elderly people, helping women learn to read, and helping people restart their small businesses. We've always planned for the long term, standing alongside people who lost everything. None of this work would have been possible without your support of CAFOD. Thank you.

## CHURCH GROUPS

Our parish website is currently being updated. **Please** could you have a look at all the entries in the *Groups* section, especially if you are a representative for any of the groups, and let us know of any necessary changes **as soon as possible**. If you are part of a group which is missing, or you would like to start a group, please could you also get in touch and let us know. Please use the email: [contact@ourladyandstedmund.org.uk](mailto:contact@ourladyandstedmund.org.uk). Thank you.

# SAVE THE DATE

## DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Our **Parish Day**, which had to be postponed, is now planned for **Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> September**, all being well. This will be a wonderful opportunity to welcome and meet new parishioners and to re-establish contact with existing ones after this long pandemic period. We pray that plans for this day will be fruitful. More information will be given nearer the time.



## JOURNEYING TOGETHER IN FAITH (JTIF)

We will be starting a new programme on **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September**. All sessions take place in the Parish Centre on Mondays from 7.30pm to 9pm. These sessions are suitable for any adult with an enquiring mind who wishes to journey further in their faith. It is also suitable for anyone who has completed the RCIA course. **Everyone is welcome to attend any or all of the sessions.** The sessions will comprise of a video, reflection, discussion, prayer, and a chance to socialise, with refreshments. Please feel free to invite others to these sessions. The full programme can be viewed on our parish website in the *News* section or in the *Groups* section/*Faith Development*.