

# ***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**

## **SECOND COLLECTION NEXT SUNDAY**

The second collection on **Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> May** is in support of the *Catholic Communications Network*. This year the Church marks the 56<sup>th</sup> *World Communications Day*. You can read Pope Francis' Message on the *News* page of our website and also make an online contribution from there. In his message for the 56<sup>th</sup> *World Day of Social Communications*, Pope Francis has encouraged us to foster the ability to *listen* – to God, to one another, to the cry of those in need and to those from whom we may differ. The collection assists the Church to cultivate an attitude of attentiveness, and to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with people throughout the world.

## **DIOCESAN SYNOD REPORT**

A copy of the final Diocesan Synod Report, which was presented to the Bishop during the recent Chrism Mass, was submitted to the Bishop's Conference of England and Wales for inclusion to the Vatican. You can read this report via the link on the *News* page of our website.

## **DIOCESAN TEN-YEAR STRATEGY**

A ten-year mission Strategy for the Diocese is currently being developed. You can read Bishop Philip's presentation of his own thoughts about where we are currently as a Diocese and where he would hope for us to be by 2032, using the link on the *News* page of our website.

## **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.

## **6<sup>th</sup> WEEK OF EASTER: Cycle 2 (C)**

### **Sunday 22 May**

8.45am Mass  
10.15am Mass  
2.00pm Mass in Polish  
6.30m Mass

### **6<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER**

(Private Intention)  
(Jane Ellwood Intentions)  
(*Special Intention*)

### **Monday 23 May**

8.30am Rosary  
9.00am Mass

(*Special Intention*)

### **Tuesday 24 May**

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 25 May**

6.30pm Rosary  
7.00pm Mass

### **St Bede the Venerable**

(*Special Intention*)

### **Thursday 26 May**

8.30am Rosary  
9.00am Mass  
7pm Mass

### **The Ascension of the Lord**

(Dorothy Carden RIP)  
(*Special Intention*)

### **Friday 27 May**

6.30pm Rosary  
7.00pm Mass

### **St Augustine of Canterbury**

(Rose Langridge Intentions)

### **Saturday 28 May**

11am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
11-11.30am Confessions  
12pm Mass

(*Special Intention*)

## **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION / CONFIRMATION**

46 children are due to make their First Holy Communion on Saturday 11th and Sunday 12th June, and 18 young people from our parish will be confirmed on Friday June 24th at 7pm at English Martyrs Didcot. Please keep the children, young people, their parents and the Catechists in your prayers.

## SUMMER CAMP FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

The annual summer camp is run by The Dominican Sisters of St. Joseph and an experienced team of volunteers who have been running *Fanning the Flame* events for over 20 years. The camp is for young people aged 11 to 21 years, and it will take place again at the Priory this year from **15th -19th August**. More information and booking forms can be found via this link <https://www.fanningtheflame.co.uk/summer-camp>

## GRANDPARENTS' ASSOCIATION

Grandparents, great aunts and great uncles are all warmly welcome to join us at our next meeting on the Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May at 2.30pm in the Parish Centre.

## SIGNIFICANT WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES MASS

Are you celebrating a 25<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary, or anniversary over 60 years? If so Bishop Philip would like to invite you to a Mass of celebration, which will take place at St Bede's church in Basingstoke on **Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2022 at 11am**. It is a wonderful occasion to celebrate and witness to Marriage.

If you would like to come, please email Liz Murphy at [anniversaries@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:anniversaries@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) If you do not have access to the internet, please contact the Parish Office at St Bede's and they will provide you with the form.

To help celebrate the occasion please could you provide a **COPY** of your Wedding photograph, you can upload it when you complete the form online. Alternatively, scan and send via email to the above email address. If you have no access to the internet you can post a **COPY** along with the completed form by post to the following address: St Bede's Parish Office, Popley Way, Basingstoke, RG24 9DX (***Please mark the envelope Significant Wedding Mass***)

## WHAT IS THE 'SUNDAY OBLIGATION?'

Attending Mass on Sundays and Holy Days is the greatest of all privileges, sometimes referred to as 'the Sunday Obligation.'

At the Bishops' Conference in Cardiff last week, the Bishops voted unanimously to reinstate the 'obligation' on Catholics to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days. This will take effect on Pentecost Sunday (5<sup>th</sup> June).

*'This is the bread come down from heaven' (John 6:58)*. A beautiful hallmark of the Catholic faith is the profound **desire** to participate in the Holy Mass and share in the Eucharist. We do so with deep gratitude and joy. The Eucharist gives the Church her identity – *'The Eucharist makes the Church, and the Church makes the Eucharist.'* It enables us to worship Almighty God, to support each other on our journey of faith, and to be a visible sign of faith in the world. This hallmark is supported and strengthened by the precept that our fundamental Christian duty is to worship God by participating in the celebration of Mass. So, attending Mass and receiving the Eucharist sacramentally becomes our **joy** and **desire** and less of just an 'obligation'.

## PARISH EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

- **Sunday:** Refreshments in the parish centre after the 10.15am Mass.
- **Monday:** JTiF (Journeying Together in Faith), 7.30pm to 9pm in the parish centre. All welcome.
- **Thursday:** Grandparents' Association meeting in the parish centre at 2.30pm – all welcome.
- **Friday:** Baby & Toddler group in the parish centre 9.30am to 11.15am in term time.

## FUTURE DATES

- **Mon 30<sup>th</sup> May:** JTiF (Journeying Together in Faith), 7.30pm to 9pm in the parish centre. All welcome.
- **Wed 8<sup>th</sup> June:** Parish lunch at 12.30pm in the parish centre. All welcome.
- **Thu 9<sup>th</sup> June:** FHC parents/ meeting at 7.30pm in the Church.
- **Fri 10<sup>th</sup> June:** Baby & Toddler group in the parish centre 9.30am to 11.15am in term time.

## ST EDMUND CAMPION

From May 29<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> September, the relic of St Edmund Campion will be travelling around the country as part of the annual pilgrimage in his honour, organised by the Knights of St Columba. Our local Mass, with the relic present, will be at 7pm on **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June**.

## PENTECOST RETREAT

The *Centre for Applied Carmelite Spirituality* at Boars Hill are running a Pentecost retreat, which you can join in person or online. To find out more and register, use the link on the News page of our website.

## BLESSED NEWS

Pauline Jaricot, the founder of the *Association of the propagation of the Faith* (APF) is to be beatified in Lyon on 22<sup>nd</sup> May this year. Find out more about this remarkable woman in the spring edition of Missio's *Mission Today* magazine or visit [missio.org.uk/pauline](http://missio.org.uk/pauline)

## BE PREPARED

We may not like to think about it, but it is a fact of life that one day we will leave this world! Does your family know of your wishes? Do they know that you would like a Catholic funeral? Do take a little time to think about it and *be prepared*. Make sure it is easy for your family to find your wishes. You may also like to use the short form called *'Instructions relating to my death and my funeral'*, which is available on the table at the back of the church or can be downloaded from the *News* page or *Bereavement Support* pages of our website (in the *Groups* section). If you would like bereavement support, please do contact us via the parish office.

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

- Gertrude (Trudi) Walker, RIP. Funeral 25<sup>th</sup> May at 11am.
- Catherine Danfald, RIP. Funeral 7<sup>th</sup> June at 1.30pm