

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

HOLY COMMUNION UNDER BOTH KINDS

The Bishops of England & Wales have decided to make the receiving of the Precious Blood from the Chalice permitted, at the discretion of the Parish Priest. Therefore, the Chalice is available to you once more, if there is a Eucharistic Minister at Mass. This of course is not obligatory, but allowed once more. For obvious reasons, people must feel free to receive Holy Communion via the host only, as this contains the full presence of the Lord, body, blood, soul and divinity. Many will prefer to continue in this way due to increased risk of cross contamination, so please be cautious. Finally, the Bishops repeat their view that the practice of "intinction" (dipping the host into the precious blood) by yourself is not a recommended method of **RECEIVING** Holy Communion. Though quite common abroad, the Bishops here do not offer the option, and request visitors to respect this. In our parish we will resume the practice of receiving the Chalice on the sanctuary. More immobile parishioners can let us know in advance and arrangements can be made.

WEDNESDAY 10th MAY

Please note that there will be no Mass or Service of the Word on Wednesday 10th May.

INTERNATIONAL EVENING – THANK YOU!

We would like to say a big thank you to everyone who donated prizes for the *International Evening* and those who came along to support this fundraising event for our Lenten project. It was a success and we counted 13 different nationalities present! We raised £264.52 for our Lenten Project supporting the school in Lebanon.

KNEELERS IN THE CHURCH PEWS

We are looking for volunteers to help recover the pew kneelers. If you feel you could help, please let the parish office know when you are available and then a working party will be organised. Thank you.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER: Cycle 1 (A)

Sunday 7 May

8.45am	Mass	5th Sunday of Easter (Pat & Richard Taylor Golden Wedding Anniversary) (Mike Paterson Intentions)
10.15am	Mass	
2.00pm	Mass in Polish	
6.30pm	Mass	(Yvonne Maingot RIP)

Monday 8 May

8.30am	Rosary	
9.00am	Mass	(Joe Neville RIP)

Tuesday 9 May

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

Wednesday 10 May

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Thursday 11 May

9.00am	Rosary	
9.30am	Mass	(<i>Special Intention</i>)

Friday 12 May

6.30pm	Rosary	
7.00pm	Mass	(Theresa Harrold RIP)

Saturday 13 May

11am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
11-11.30am	Confessions	
12pm	Mass	(<i>Special Intention</i>)

PARISH OFFICE

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

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.

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.'

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.

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.

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.

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

You are invited to join with the Diocese on 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

PARISH EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

- **Sunday:** Refreshments in the parish centre after the 10.15am Mass.
- **Wednesday:** Parish lunch in the parish centre at 12.30pm.
- **Friday:** *Baby & Toddler* group in the parish centre 9.30am to 11.15am in term time.

FUTURE DATES

- **Mon 15th May:** *Open Doors* in the parish centre from 11.30am to 2.30pm.
- **Sat 20th May:** FHC preparation, Session 9, 8.50am to 10am, in the church.
- **Sat 20th May:** Youth groups meet in the parish centre from 3.30 to 5pm. All in year 3 or above are welcome.

ABINGDON PEACE GROUP

Fr Gerry McFlynn will be the speaker at the next online Zoom meeting of *Abingdon Peace Group* at 8pm on **Tuesday 16th May**. He is a Vice-President of *Pax Christi*, the International Catholic Peace Movement, and is Project Manager of the Irish Council for Prisoners Overseas. Marking the 25th Anniversary of the Belfast/Good Friday Agreement, his topic will be *Peace in Northern Ireland - Where are we now?* Further details are on the poster on the board outside church. For the Zoom link email: abingdonpeace@gmail.com

PRAYER FOR VICTIMS AND SURVIVORS OF ABUSE

The Bishops of England and Wales have chosen Tuesday 9th May as a day of prayer for those who have been abused, in a season of hope and new life. We pray for all survivors of abuse that they may they come to know, once again, the compassionate love of God and find healing and hope in the risen Lord. We also pray for all who work in safeguarding; may they place the voice of the survivor at the heart of their service and through their care for others help to build up the Body of Christ.

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

Sunday 14th May has been designated as the International Day of Prayer for Eastern Christians. On this day we pray for all countries at war and particularly Ukraine, Armenia, Syria, Ethiopia, Sudan. We ask the Lord to raise up among our brothers and sisters of the Middle-East, peacemakers and artisans of hope.

WE PRAY FOR:

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