

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:

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.

CLIMATE SUNDAY LITURGY

Our parish *Climate Sunday* will be on the 24th October. To plan the liturgy for this, and support our LIVE SIMPLY team, there will be a short meeting, chaired by Fr Jamie, on **Thursday 14th October at 7.30pm** in the **parish centre**. Please do come if you would like to be involved in this.

NEWSLETTERS

Items for the newsletter should be sent to the parish office by the Wednesday of each week please. Please keep contributions as brief as possible. Please take them home with you. Many thanks.

REFRESHMENTS RESUME!

Refreshments after the 10.15am Mass on Sunday will be available again in the Parish Centre. Do come along!

MONTH OF THE ROSARY

October is the month of the Rosary! *"For wherever two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."* (Matthew 18:20) Why not join in praying the Rosary 30 minutes before all weekday Masses – or online at 8pm using Zoom on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. For the online link, please email: contact@ourladyandstedmund.org.uk

PARISH OFFICE

Please note that the parish office will be closed on Tuesday 19th October.

28th Week of Ordinary Time (Year B)

Sunday 10 October

8.45am Mass (Emilia Soares & Antonio Gomes RIP)
10.15am Mass (*Special Intention*)
2.00pm Mass in Polish
6.30pm Mass (Giuseppina Magnaghi RIP)

Monday 11 October

8.30am Rosary
9am Mass (Patricia O'Mara Intentions)

Tuesday 12 October

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

Wednesday 13 October

6.30pm Rosary
7pm Mass (Therese Vine RIP)

Thursday 14 October

9.00am Rosary
9.30am Mass (Private Intention)

Friday 15 October *St Teresa of Avila*

6.30pm Rosary
7pm Mass (Frank O'Toole RIP)

Saturday 16 October *Our Lady on Saturday*

11am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
11-11.30am Confessions
12pm Mass (Private Intention)

MISSIO - RED MISSION BOXES

Pope Francis calls us to renew our missionary commitment to share the Good News with all peoples.

We will be collecting the red mission boxes this month. If you have a box and we haven't contacted you, please call either Clare Ab. 524861 or Wendy Ab. 532593. Thank you.

ONE MILLION CHILDREN PRAYING THE ROSARY

This year's *One Million Children Praying the Rosary* for Peace and Unity in the World initiative takes place on **Monday 18th October**. This prayer initiative by Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) aims to rekindle faith in the power of prayer. You can find out more and watch a short video with your children by visiting the *News* page of our website.

DAY OF REFLECTION

On **Saturday 16th October**, you are invited to a Day of Reflection at Douai Abbey led by Abbot Christopher Jamison OSB on "*Jesus and the Samaritan Woman at the Well*." Abbot Christopher is well known for his books and frequent broadcasts. He is the President of the English Benedictine Congregation and a patron of the Retreat Association. The day runs from 10:30 am to 4 pm and costs £25 with coffee, lunch and tea included. To book a place, contact guestmaster@douaiabbey.org.uk or telephone 0118 971 5399.

INVITATION TO A TALK

"Living at the Lord's hand": The Life and Message of Edith Stein. A talk by Joanne Mosley in the Parish Centre on **Wednesday 20th October 7.45pm**.

This talk aims to introduce the life of St Edith Stein (1891-1942) a Jewish woman and philosopher, later a Catholic lecturer and Carmelite nun, who died in Auschwitz. It will also look at some of the aspects of her spirituality which may be helpful for us as we seek to walk with God amid the demands and challenges of our lives. All welcome.

GET INVOLVED!

Your parish needs you! Find out more about what we do by visiting our parish website. Let us know if you can get involved in any way or if you have any other ideas.

CELEBRATE DOES PARENTING FOR FAITH

CELEBRATE are running the fantastic *Parenting for Faith* eight week course online on Zoom on Tuesday evenings from 20:00 - 21:15, starting on 2nd November, 2021. The goal of the course is to help parents discover that they are perfectly positioned to show their children the reality of a life with God and to empower them to have their own vibrant two-way relationship with Him.

Dates:

Block one: 2nd, 9th, 16th, & 23rd November 2021

Optional evening: 30th November 2021 with Rachel Turner, Parenting for Faith Pioneer

Block two: 11th, 18th, 25th January & 1st February 2022

Everyone is welcome - parents, grandparents, godparents, aunts, uncles, friends, catechists - all who have a heart for the next generation.

For more info and to sign up:

www.celebratetrust.org/parentingforfaith

WE PRAY FOR:

- The repose of the soul of little Thomas Ward RIP.

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.
- **Wednesday:** Parish lunch, 12.30pm in the parish centre.
- **Thursday:** Online course on *Let Us Dream* by Pope Francis, 7pm to 8pm.
- **Thursday:** Meeting to plan Climate Sunday liturgy, in the parish centre at 7.30pm.
- **Friday:** Baby & Toddler group in the parish centre 9.30am to 11.15am in term time.
- **Saturday:** Youth groups 3.30pm to 5pm, in the parish centre.

FUTURE DATES

- **Weds 20th Oct:** A talk on the life and message of Edith Stein, 7.45pm in the parish centre.
- **Thurs 18th Nov:** FHC parents' meeting in the church at 7.30pm.

THE CATHOLIC FAITH EXPLAINED

Fr Stephen Wang, recently appointed Rector of the Venerable English College, Rome and formerly chaplain to London University, has just published a new book: *Sycamore: The Catholic Faith Explained* (London, CTS: 2021 [ISBN 978 1 78469 616 0]). It has 20 short chapters that explain the central beliefs and practices of Catholic Christianity for those who are exploring the faith for the first time and for those who want to deepen the faith they already have. Recommended reading!

SCIENCE TEACHER VACANCY

Our Lady's Abingdon Senior School is looking for a KS3 Science teacher to deliver three lessons on Thursdays during term-time to the Y8 and Y9 pupils. This role would be particularly suited to someone who has recently retired from teaching, or someone looking to return to the profession on a gradual basis. For further details of the role please visit the school website www.ola.org.uk/job-vacancies

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

The next mandatory second collection is on **Sunday, 17th October**, World Mission Sunday, for the Holy See to support *Missio*.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2022

There will be a meeting, **in the church on Thursday 18th November at 7.30pm**, for parents to enrol their children on the 2022 programme. It is **essential** that parents attend the meeting to receive enrolment forms and a copy of the programme, which may need to be adapted depending on numbers. If you have any enquiries, please contact Errol Midwinter on 01235 522679.