

Our Lady & St Edmund of Abingdon
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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 CENSUS – THANK YOU

Thank you to those who have completed and handed in our parish census forms. If you have not yet managed to do so, there are copies at the back of the church, and you can also download a copy from the *News* page of our website. We ask you to please fill in one sheet per household, mark them for the attention of the PPC and drop them off through the presbytery letterbox as soon as possible. Please do not leave them in the church. Thank you for your help.

SECOND COLLECTION THIS SUNDAY

World Mission Sunday is celebrated in every Catholic community in the world. It's a moment of grace to express solidarity with our brothers and sisters in Christ who are living in situations of poverty, violence and oppression. *World Mission Sunday* supports missionaries who work alongside communities that are poor or in need, regardless of their background or belief. By supporting *Missio*, the Pope's charity for world mission, you will help missionaries around the world. You can make your donation using the envelopes provided in the church, or online on the *News* page of our website.

OCTOBER – MONTH OF THE ROSARY

We have much to thank God for – and to pray for. Why not join in the praying of the Rosary in the church before all weekday Masses?

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.

Week 30 in Ordinary Time

Sunday 23 Oct

8.45am Mass (Deceased members of the McKenna & McCarthy families RIP)
10.15am Mass (Private Intention)
2.00pm Mass in Polish
6.30m Mass (Eleanor Mary Wells RIP)

Monday 24 Oct

8.30am Rosary
9.00am Mass (Private Intention)

Tuesday 25 Oct

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

Wednesday 26 Oct

6.30pm Rosary
7.00pm Mass (Eric Dore RIP)

Thursday 27 Oct

9.00am Rosary
9.30am Mass (Richard Tangi Fominyam RIP & Deceased members of family)

Friday 28 Oct

6.30pm Rosary
7.00pm Mass (Kate Trafford RIP)

Saints Simon & Jude

Saturday 29 Oct

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

SCAM EMAILS

I am aware that emails, supposedly from me but with a fictitious Gmail address, are circulating. Please note that I would **not** send emails asking for money or suchlike! I advise you to check the address of emails you receive and delete such emails - and definitely do not respond to them. *Fr Jamie*

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION 2023

There will be a meeting, in the Church on **THURSDAY 10 NOVEMBER AT 7.30pm**, for parents to enrol their children on the 2023 programme. It is ESSENTIAL that parents attend the meeting to receive enrolment forms and a copy of the programme and lesson dates. If you have any enquiries, please contact Hilary Webb by email at humwebb53@gmail.com.

GIFT AIDING YOUR MONETARY DONATIONS

If you aren't doing so already, please consider gift aiding your offertory donations – it makes them all the more worthwhile, because if you tell us that you pay tax in the UK, then we can claim back 25% from the Government - that's 25p for every £1 you give! You can do so by filling in the yellow form available at the back of the church or online on our website in the *Giving* section. Thank you.

FRIENDS OF THE HOLY LAND

There will be a sale of Christmas cards and other items in aid of Friends of the Holy Land on 30th October.

LIVING IN A TIME OF CRISIS

An online lecture on *Living in a time of crisis: Christianity and ecological catastrophe*, will be given by Dr Carmody Grey, Assistant Professor of Catholic Theology at Durham University, on **Tuesday, 25th October at 7.30pm**. Her topic is at the heart of *Laudato Si*, Pope Francis' encyclical on the *Care of Creation*. It is organised by *Catholic Peoples Week (CPW)*. You can register for this event via the link on the *News* page of our website.

CARE OF CREATION SERVICE

NEXT SUNDAY after the 6.30pm Mass there will be a short reflective Service on the Care of Creation. This will be the conclusion of the Weekend on Christian Stewardship of the Environment, organised by Abingdon Church Twinning. The Service will be Our Lady and St Edmund's main contribution to the weekend and all parishioners are warmly invited to join Christians from the other churches in Abingdon and visitors from churches in our twin towns for this Service. Further details from Anne Dodd 525997 or Pat Warren 07526033715

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 members meet every fortnight on a Wednesday evening.

GRANDPARENTS ASSOCIATION - CRIB COLLECTION

Our *Grandparents Association* are organising an outdoor crib for Christmas. If you would like to contribute to the cost, there will be a second collection on **Sunday 30th October**. Thank you for your generosity.

ALL SAINTS DAY ON TUESDAY 1st NOVEMBER

Masses on that day will be at 9am and 7pm

PARISH EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

- **Sunday:** Refreshments in the parish centre after the 10.15am Mass.

FUTURE DATES

- **Mon 31st Oct:** Journeying Together in Faith (JTIF) at 7.30pm in the parish centre. All welcome.
- **Sat 5th Nov:** Parish Youth Groups activities in the parish centre 3.30-5pm. School years 3 upwards welcome.
- **Wed 9th Nov:** Parish Lunch, 12.30pm in Parish Centre

YOUTH GROUPS

The two groups for primary school children in years 3 to 6 and secondary school pupils meets again on Saturday 5th November in the parish centre from 3.30-5pm. See the dates and information on the flyer available at the back of the church, on the outside notice board, and on our website.

BABY & TODDLER GROUP

There will be no Baby and Toddler Group on Friday 28th October. The group resumes on Friday 4th November.

CAFOD HARVEST FAST DAY

Thank you for your generous gifts. A total of £1,394 was raised for the food crisis.

FLAME 23 YOUTH GATHERING

This will take place on **Saturday 4th March** and is open to young people in Year 9 or above, at College, or Uni, or a young adult. Tickets to attend *Flame 23* are now on sale at the early bird price of £24 and should be purchased through the Diocese by emailing youth@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk Clothing bearing the Diocesan logo and transport from Portsmouth Cathedral are also available for purchase. Please book without delay as the tickets will be snapped up very quickly!

VACANCY AT ST EDMUND'S SCHOOL

We are looking for a **Part-time Higher Level Teaching Assistant** to join our friendly and efficient team and who would be supportive of our school mission statement and the Catholic ethos of our school. Calls to discuss this position further with our Headteacher, Mrs Erika Kirwan are encouraged and warmly welcomed.

Please contact The School Business Manager (01235 521558 or clomas2266@st-edmunds-rc.oxon.sch.uk) to request an application pack.

WE PRAY FOR:

- Mike Mallet RIP
- Kate Trafford, RIP, Funeral Mon 24th Oct at 1pm
- Michael Boyd, RIP
- Julia Brind RIP