

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

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

As September approaches, we want to resume our Eucharistic ministers rota for Sunday Masses. If you have been given this faculty for our parish in the past and would like to, and are physically well able to continue, please could you email: contact@ourladyandstedmund.org.uk as soon as possible (by the end of the month if possible) to let us know. Please include in your message which Sunday Mass you regularly attend. Thank you.

READERS' ROTA

We would very much like to resume having a Readers' Rota for the Sunday Masses as from September. If you have been a reader, and are willing and physically able to continue, please could you let us know by emailing contact@ourladyandstedmund.org.uk as soon as possible (by the end of the month if possible). If you have not been a reader, but would like to join the team, please let us know and someone will be in touch with you. In all cases, we also need to know which Sunday Mass you regularly attend. Thank you.

DAY OF PRAYER FOR UKRAINE

The Bishop's Conference has asked that Wednesday 14th September is a day of prayer for Ukraine across the continent.

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 21 in Ordinary Time: Cycle 2 (C)

Sunday 21 August

8.45am Mass (*Special Intention*)
10.15am Mass (*Special Intention*)
2.00pm Mass in Polish
6.30m Mass (Doreen Domoney & Max Bregazzi RIP)

Monday 22 August

The Queenship of Mary

8.30am Rosary
9.00am Mass (Deceased members of O'Riordan Family RIP)

Tuesday 23 August

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

Wednesday 24 August St Bartholomew

6.30pm Rosary
7.00pm Mass (*Special Intention*)

Thursday 25 August

9.00am Rosary
9.30am Mass (*Special Intention*)

Friday 26 August

6.30pm Rosary
7.00pm Mass (Edward Hargreaves RIP)

Saturday 27 August St Monica

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

MARCH FOR LIFE UK

Once a new human life has started, our response should be to love and care for it, particularly at its most vulnerable stages. Consider joining the March for Life in London on Saturday 3rd September. Details are on the fliers at the back of the church and on the outside notice board.

10th ANNIVERSARY AS BISHOP!

The Cathedral Chapter would like to organise a Thanksgiving Mass on the occasion of Bishop Philip's 10th anniversary as Bishop of our Diocese. It will be held on **Thursday 29th September at 12:00** followed by a reception in the Cathedral centre.

Please would you email Kirsten McGuire on: kmcguire@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk to say if you can come and join the Bishop for this Mass.

WE'RE HERE TO HELP!

Our parish **St Vincent de Paul Society group (SVP)** are here to help wherever possible. If you are lonely or know someone who is and would like a visit, do get in touch via the parish office. We are also able to offer some practical help where this is feasible – just get in touch with us via the parish office and we will see what we can do to help. Or get in touch with us if you would like to know more about the SVP.

RCIA/JOURNEY IN FAITH SESSIONS VIA ZOOM

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

'Come and See' introduction to RCIA Tuesday 13th September, 7.30pm. Sessions begin on 27th September, 7.30pm. Please contact Pauline Hanley email: pehanley@hotmail.com or tel: 07506 753085 for meeting link.

CARETAKER – ST EDMUND'S SCHOOL

St Edmund's School wish to appoint a self-motivated, organised and adaptable person to take on the role of part-time Caretaker. The successful candidate will be responsible for maintenance, security, carrying out compliance checks, general caretaking duties and for the unlocking and locking of the school premises.

Calls to discuss this position further with our Headteacher, Mrs Maria Delany-White 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. **Closing date:** Wednesday 31st August 2022 at 4.00pm.

RELICS OF ST BERNADETTE

Bishop Philip invites you to the Vespers and a Torchlight Procession at the Cathedral on the occasion of the visit of the relics of St Bernadette of Lourdes. A reply is needed and the timetable and invitation can be seen on our website News page or on the notice board outside the church.

PARISH EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

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

FUTURE DATES

- **Fri 9th Sept:** Baby & Toddler group resumes.
- **Mon 12th Sept:** Patmos pilgrimage information evening 7pm in the parish centre.

CHURCH ON THE WAY

In his prayer intention for the month of August, the Holy Father invites everyone to work for a transformation of the Church - a work that begins with "a reform of ourselves" through an experience of prayer, charity and service, inspired by the Holy Spirit. In his video message, Pope Francis reminds the faithful that "the vocation of the Church is evangelization," and even more, "the Church's identity is evangelization." He reflects on the situation of the Church, its vocation and its identity, and calls us to renew it "by discerning God's will in our daily life," and "embarking on a transformation guided by the Holy Spirit." Concluding the video message, the Holy Father invites us all to pray for the Church, "that she may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the Gospel." The video message can be viewed on the News page of our website.

DONIE

On August 28th Donie will retire from his altar duties for personal reasons. Our thanks and prayers go with him for his faithful service.

CATENIAN MEETING

The Oxford Catenians will be holding their monthly meeting in the Parish Centre after 10:15am Mass on Sunday 11th September, after coffee. All parishioners are invited to observe the meeting. If you have previously read the leaflets or poster or listened to a message from the pulpit and wondered, "who are the Catenians?" Come along, experience the meeting, and find out.

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO PATMOS

A pilgrimage to the beautiful Greek island of Patmos, is planned for **7th to 14th June next year**. Keep this date in your diary! Patmos is the island that St John (Apostle and Evangelist) was exiled to as a result of anti-Christian persecution in Ephesus, and was the setting of a vision of Jesus which led to the writing the book of Revelation.

There will be an information evening at 7pm on Monday 12th September in our parish centre.

WE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF:

- Dean Jeacock, RIP
- Frances Williams, RIP. Funeral 30th Aug at 12pm at South Oxfordshire Crematorium
- Marilyn Lenaghan. Funeral Thu 8th Sep at 11.00am.