

# ***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 THIS SUNDAY**

The second collection this Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> January is for St John's Cathedral in Portsmouth. The Cathedral faces some big financial challenges in the forthcoming weeks and months is located in one of the highest areas of deprivation in the country.

Please place your donations ***in the boxes as you leave the church***, and ***not*** in the main offertory collection. Do consider gift aiding if you can. Unfortunately, online donations are not possible on this occasion. Thank you.

## **WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY**

Events for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity continue in this final week as follows:

- Midday Prayers at St Nicolas' Church at 12 midday from Monday 23 to Friday 27 January.
- United Service on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2023 at 3pm at Abingdon Baptist Church.

Bishop Philip encourages us to join with the other Christians in our community during this week, to celebrate what we **do** share – our love for Jesus and His love for all of us.

## **GENTLE REMINDERS**

If you would like something to be entered into our newsletter or website, please submit it by 12.30pm on Wednesdays for inclusion for the following week.

To help us to keep our church and parish centre tidy, lost property will be permanently removed from the basket in the porch after 2 weeks. Leaflets and other items left will be sorted frequently, as appropriate. Many thanks.

## **YOUTH GROUPS**

We meet again on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> January from 3.30pm to 5pm in the parish centre. All young people in year 3 or above are very welcome.

## **Week 3 in Ordinary Time: Cycle 1 (A)**

### **Sunday 22 Jan**

8.45am Mass (Patrick & Teresa O'Brien RIP)  
10.15am Mass (May Ridley RIP)  
2.00pm Mass in Polish  
6.30pm Mass (Myrtle Lewis RIP)

### **Monday 23 Jan**

8.30am Rosary  
9.00am Mass (June Heaslewood RIP)

### **Tuesday 24 Jan**

#### **St Francis de Sales**

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 Jan**

#### **The conversion of St Paul**

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

### **Thursday 26 Jan**

#### **St Timothy**

9.00am Rosary  
9.30am Mass (Alexandra Paterson Intentions)

### **Friday 27 Jan**

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

### **Saturday 28 Jan**

#### **St Thomas Aquinas**

11am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
11-11.30am Confessions  
12pm Mass (Elaine McKeown Intentions)

## **THANK YOU**

Dear Congregation, friends and neighbours. Thank you so much for supporting our Parish fundraiser last Saturday evening. It was a terrifically uplifting and entertaining evening for all involved. Together we have raised £2600 for *Mary's Meals*, changing children's lives one meal at a time. I would like to sincerely thank everyone who made it happen with such kindness and enthusiasm. *Sue Richards*

## CREATING WARM SPACES

Warm Space, every Monday 11am – 4pm in Parish Centre. Hot lunch, refreshments, board games, children toys, friendly volunteers! Our second day went well and lovely to see a mixture of people popping in for a drink and chat or staying a few hours and having lunch. Guests ranged from age 80 to age 2! We have room for lots more people! Please do consider coming and think who you can bring, or else who you can tell about this winter initiative for warmth and companionship. Flyers at back of church.

## OUR LADY'S ABINGDON SCHOOL

Casual exam invigilators sought. Applicants should be happy to work as part of a team and be able to follow and adhere to regulatory rules and regulations. No experience is necessary as full training will be provided. Ideally starting in February 2023. For further details please contact Mrs Julie Braley at [headspa@ola.org.uk](mailto:headspa@ola.org.uk) or call 01235 524658

## 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.

## CALLED TO BE MISSIONARY DISCIPLES

Alastair Emblem, Core Group Leader at *Alton Day of Renewal* invites you to join them for this spiritual mini-retreat via Zoom, on **Saturday 28th January** from 10.00am-1.00pm. You can register for this event and view the programme, by visiting the *News* page of our parish website and using the link available there.

## CAFOD

There will be a *CAFOD* meeting on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> January from 10.30am to 12.30pm at St William of York Church, Upper Redlands Road, Reading RG1 5JT. You are invited to come and learn how your donations make a difference to the communities that we work with. There will also be an update on our work tackling climate change in Bangladesh, as that is our focus story for Lent Fast Day. Please contact Jo Lewry for more details and to book your place, by emailing [jlewry@cafod.org.uk](mailto:jlewry@cafod.org.uk) or calling 07710 094447.

## YOUNG ADULT GROUP

The next meeting for the *Young Adult Group* for 18-35s at Holy Rood Church on Abingdon Road is on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> January with Br John Bosco, OCD. He will talk on *'Jesus Christ in the Pauline letters - Who was He?'* Arrive from 19:00 with the talk at 19:30, have a discussion, pray and end at 21:00. Contact Kate on 07933765367 if you have any questions. All are welcome.

## PARISH EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

- **Sunday:** Refreshments in the parish centre after the 10.15am Mass.
- **Monday:** *Warm Space* in the parish centre from 11am to 4pm.
- **Monday:** *Journeying Together in Faith (JTIF)* at 7.30pm in the parish centre. All welcome.
- **Friday:** *Baby & Toddler* group in the parish centre 9.30am to 11.15am in term time.
- **Saturday:** FHC preparation, Session 2, 8.50am to 10am, in the church.
- **Saturday:** Youth groups meet in the parish centre from 3.30 to 5pm. All in year 3 or above are welcome.

## FUTURE DATES

- **Sat 4<sup>th</sup> Feb:** FHC preparation, Session 3, 8.50am to 10am, in the church.
- **Wed 8<sup>th</sup> Feb:** Parish Lunch, 12.30pm in Parish Centre. All welcome.
- **Tue 14<sup>th</sup> Feb:** Mothers' prayers, in French, in the parish centre at 8pm.
- **Sat 25<sup>th</sup> Feb:** Youth groups meet in the parish centre from 3.30 to 5pm. All in year 3 or above are welcome.

## 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, 1pm - 2 pm and Saturdays, 10.30am - 11.30 am. Visit: [www.facebook.com/abingdoncommunityfridge](http://www.facebook.com/abingdoncommunityfridge)

## LIVE SIMPLY

There will be a short informal meeting in the Parish Centre over coffee this Sunday (22<sup>nd</sup>) after 10.15am Mass for any parishioner involved in *LiveSimply* parish initiatives in the past and for anyone wishing to be involved in any way from now on. If you are unable to come to the meeting today, please contact the Parish Office if you would like to be added to the parish *LiveSimply* email list.

## WE PRAY FOR

- Emily Gibbens, RIP. Funeral Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb. 11am.
- Julie Lardner RIP, Funeral Friday 27<sup>th</sup> Jan at 11am.
- Ann Walsh, RIP. Funeral Monday 30<sup>th</sup> Jan at 11am
- Ellen Mary Annette Weait RIP.