

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

Our Second Collection this **Sunday 8th May** is for the **Clergy Training Fund**, in support of ten seminarians in our diocese who are currently in formation for the priesthood, for the duration of their six or seven-year journey to ordination. Please be generous. You can also make your donation online through the *News* page of our website. Please also pray for the seminarians and for much needed vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

THE MONTH OF MAY

The month of May is the month which is especially dedicated to honour the Blessed Virgin Mary. She is the Mother of the Church and therefore the example, as well as the guide and inspiration, of everyone who, in and through the Church, seeks to be the servant of God and man and the obedient agent of the promptings of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is the Paraclete, Advocate, and Comforter which Christ Himself sent to be our consolation in the sorrowful mysteries of life, our source of moderation in the joyful mysteries of life, and our added principle of exaltation in the glorious mysteries of life. Wherever there is faith there is the example of Mary, because, as the Scriptures remind us, she lived by faith. Mary is a bridge not a barrier to Her Divine Son our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ and so we ask her to pray and intercede for us.

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.

4th WEEK OF EASTER: Cycle 2 (C)

Sunday 8 May

8.45am Mass
10.15am Mass
2.00pm Mass in Polish
6.30am Mass

4th SUNDAY OF EASTER

(John Cavanagh RIP)
(Grace Molloy Intentions)
(Doris Kulikowska RIP)

Monday 9 May

8.30am Rosary
9.00am Mass

(*Special Intention*)

Tuesday 10 May

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

Wednesday 11 May

6.30pm Rosary
7.00pm Mass

(*Special Intention*)

Thursday 12 May

9.00am Rosary
9.30am Mass

(*Special Intention*)

Friday 13 May

6.30pm Rosary
7.00pm Mass

(Theresa Harrold RIP)

Saturday 14 May

St Matthias

11am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
11-11.30am Confessions
12pm Mass

(*Special Intention*)

PRAYER

We pray for young men and women; that God may give them the gift of understanding to discern their service in the Church, the priesthood, diaconate, or consecrated life; and for the gift of courage to follow His call. We pray that young people may know the personal love of the Lord for them, and respond with open and generous hearts.

SIGNIFICANT WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES MASS

Are you celebrating a 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, 60th anniversary, or anniversary over 60 years? If so Bishop Philip would like to invite you to a Mass of celebration, which will take place at St Bede's church in Basingstoke on **Saturday 2nd July 2022 at 11am**. It is a wonderful occasion to celebrate and witness to Marriage.

If you would like to come, please email Liz Murphy at anniversaries@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk If you do not have access to the internet, please contact the Parish Office at St Bede's and they will provide you with the form.

To help celebrate the occasion please could you provide a **COPY** of your Wedding photograph, you can upload it when you complete the form online. Alternatively, scan and send via email to the above email address. If you have no access to the internet you can post a **COPY** along with the completed form by post to the following address: St Bede's Parish Office, Popley Way, Basingstoke, RG24 9DX (**Please mark the envelope Significant Wedding Mass**)

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK

Christian Aid week is 16 -21 May. There will be a Market Place Sale on Saturday 21 May (9am - 1.30pm) with cake, plant and book stalls. Items for sale can be delivered to the stalls on the day. There will be a limited House-to-House collection and envelopes for donations will be available on the stalls.

CALLED AND GIFTED

Do you know what spiritual gifts you've been given to help you live out your faith every day? If not, you're missing out on a source of spiritual strength that helps you be the person God intended you to be! The Called and Gifted discernment process is designed to help you learn what the spiritual gifts are and prayerfully discern which gifts the Holy Spirit has given you for the glory of God and the benefit of others.

For more information on the online process for group learning and discernment, please contact the team leader, Gerry Penfold by email: gpenfold@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

For information on how to book as an individual, please see <https://www.calledandgifted.org.uk/how-to-book/>

MARY'S MEALS – PRAY IN MAY

Mary's Meals has been built on a foundation of prayer and the many little acts of love from those who support them. They are inviting churches across the UK to join them in prayer to celebrate the wonderful work of Mary's Meals and give thanks that together we are now reaching more than 2 million children with a nutritious meal in 20 countries every school day. This year they have also created prayers for children and will be inviting church schools to join in with the campaign. More information is available on the *News* page of our website.

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 at 12.30pm in the parish centre. All welcome.
- **Friday:** Baby & Toddler group in the parish centre 9.30am to 11.15am in term time.

FUTURE DATES

- **Mon 16th May:** JTiF (Journeying Together in Faith), 7.30pm to 9pm in the parish centre. All welcome.
- **Fri 20th May:** Baby & Toddler group in the parish centre 9.30am to 11.15am in term time.
- **Sat 21st May:** FHC preparation, session 9, in the church from 8.50am to 10am for those registered.
- **Wed 8th June:** Parish lunch at 12.30pm in the parish centre. All welcome.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION / CONFIRMATION

46 children are due to make their First Holy Communion on Saturday 11th and Sunday 12th June, and 18 young people from our parish will be confirmed on Friday June 24th at 7pm at English Martyrs Didcot. Please keep the children, young people, their parents and the Catechists in your prayers.

A DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF WELCOME

The diocesan *Ananias and Intercession (Pre-Discipleship) Team* invites you to **A Deeper Understanding of Welcome** which will rerun on **Thursday 12th May** from 7-9 pm. The topic is how we welcome people into Christ's Church.

The event is free to join and includes thought-provoking ideas and inspiration on how to reach out to and welcome everyone to life in Jesus Christ and the community of His Church. It is open to everyone but will be especially appropriate to those involved in the Ministry of Welcome, church greeters, those supporting adults and parents of children in sacramental programmes, small group leaders and parish leadership teams.

You can join them on Zoom on Thursday 12th May - you need to register (free):

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/booking/t-xmvmlop>
For more details, contact Liza Nahajski on lnahajski@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

WE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF:

- Josephine Munday, RIP