

# ***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**

## **REFLECTION**

With regard to gifts, we have a saying that goes "It's the thought that counts". Yet in practice we often forget this and use a different criterion. We judge a gift by its size, that is, by its cost. But this can be so unfair. Christ did not fall for it. He said that the poor widow who gave exactly one penny gave more than anyone else. We often judge our own contribution and that of others by standards other than those of the gospel. God is generous with his forgiveness, so we ask pardon for all the unfair and false judgements we make. We give little when we give of our goods. It is only when we give of ourselves that we truly give. There are people who have a lot but who give little. And the little that they give is given to win praise from others. This makes their gift worthless. But there are people who have little and who give it all. These are really great. Through the hands of such people God cares for his people and through their eyes he smiles on the world. We may feel that we have not much to give. Let this not deter us. We can give little things and give them with great love. Then we will be imitating the poor widow, who was able to look beyond her own need, because she placed all her trust in God.

## **VOCATIONS**

Dear Lord humble in spirit, I come before you, acknowledging your sovereignty over all things. Guide our youth with your gentle hand. May your voice be the one they hear amidst the clamour of this world calling them to a life of service and devotion in your Holy name. Grant them courage O Lord to embrace the vocation you have destined for them. May their hearts be open, their minds receptive to your Divine Will. In moments of doubt or confusion, provide them with the clarity of your wisdom. Lead them Father to walk in the right paths. Equip them with strength and perseverance to follow their calling and instil in them a spirit of humility to serve you faithfully. May they find joy in the journey of their vocation, knowing that with each step they fulfil your purpose for their life. Amen.

## **Week 32 in Ordinary Time: Cycle 2 (B)**

### **Sunday 10 November Remembrance Sunday**

8.45am	Mass	(Marcella Marciante RIP)
10.15am	Mass	(Anthony O'Koko RIP)
6.30pm	Mass	(Efraid Escobar RIP)

### **Monday 11 November St Martin of Tours**

8.30am	Rosary	
9.00am	Mass	(Christopher Barrie RIP)

### **Tuesday 12 November St Josaphat**

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 13 November**

6.30pm	Rosary	
7.00pm	Mass	(Sydney Molloy RIP)

### **Thursday 14 November**

9.00am	Rosary	
9.30am	Mass	(John Smith RIP)

### **Friday 15 November**

6.30pm	Rosary	
7.00pm	Mass	(Mary Louise Field RIP)

### **Saturday 16 November St Edmund of Abingdon**

11am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
11-11.30am	Confessions	
12pm	Mass	(Sir George Bowyer RIP)

## **MASS INFORMATION FOR NEXT WEEK**

Please note that there will be no Masses on Monday 18<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> and Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November. There will also be no Confessions on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November.

## MONTH OF 'HOLY SOULS'

During the month of November, we traditionally 'remember' and pray for our dear departed brothers and sisters, those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith. It is a wonderful opportunity to call to mind all the deceased members of our families and friends and to continue to offer them into the heart of God. May they rest in peace. Also, during this month the whole nation "remembers" all those who have lost their lives in wars and conflict. THIS SUNDAY is Remembrance Sunday when we pray for them and renew our prayers for peace throughout the world.

## THE NEW LECTIONARY

The Liturgy Team is offering two online sessions about the new lectionary which will be introduced in Advent (next month). Each session is led by Fr. Anthony Fyk and will be identical (so you will only need to attend one), and will cover what the lectionary is, its revisions and what they mean for us. If you wish to pose a question please do so in advance to [liturgy@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:liturgy@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk). The next session is on 19<sup>th</sup> November from 7-8pm. The link for registering for this is on the Diocesan website and the *News* page of our parish website.

The Archdiocese of St Andrew's and Edinburgh have published three *YouTube* videos on the Lectionary, which are useful for formation as to why the text has changed. The three videos are:

- Bishop Hugh Gilbert (Aberdeen) on "Introducing the English Standard Version"
- Fr Paul Denney on "The New Lectionary"
- Fr Adrian Porter SJ on "Proclaim the Word in the Liturgy"

You can access these videos using the link on the *News* page of our parish website.

## MIDDLE EAST HUMANITARIAN APPEAL

The conflict in the Middle East is getting worse and the families affected need our help. Please donate today to the *CAFOD-DEC Middle East Humanitarian Appeal* and support our local Caritas partners in Gaza and Lebanon as they continue to provide essential food, water and shelter: [cafod.org.uk/give](http://cafod.org.uk/give)

## ST EDMUND'S FEAST DAY – SAT. 16<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER

The midday Mass on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November will be in remembrance of St Edmund. To celebrate this day, we will have tea and cake in the parish centre after Mass. Please do come along.

## PRAYER AND FASTING FOR LIFE

On Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November, the Good Counsel Network have asked us to please pray and fast for the end of abortion and euthanasia. Your prayer and fasting is urgently needed. More information can be viewed on the poster on our notice board and on our parish website.

## PARISH EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

- **Sunday:** Refreshments in the parish centre after the 10.15am Mass.
- **Monday:** *Open Doors* in the parish centre from 11am to 2pm.
- **Tuesday:** *Alpha* course in the parish centre from 7pm to 9.30pm.
- **Wednesday:** Parish lunch in the parish centre at 12.30pm.
- **Friday:** Baby & Toddler group in the parish centre 9.30am to 11.15am **in term time**.

## FUTURE DATES

- **Sun 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec:** Parish Carol Service at 4pm in the church.

## NEWMAN LECTURE

Parishioner Andrew Nash will be giving a lecture on 'The Poetry of St John Henry Newman' at The College, Littlemore, this Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November at 4pm. All are welcome.

## CHURCH TWINNING QUIZ

Come for a fun evening on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November at 7pm at the Conduit Centre, Trinity Church Abingdon. For more information and tickets please contact John Clare on 01235 525898 or email [johnclare.blunsdon@gmail.com](mailto:johnclare.blunsdon@gmail.com)

## ST EDMUND'S SCHOOL OPEN MORNING

Are you looking for a Reception Place for your child for 2024-2025? Come to our Open Morning on 16<sup>th</sup> November from 10.30am - 12.30pm. There will be activities for the children, tours of the school, plus an opportunity for you to meet key staff, governors and current parents. We look forward to seeing you there!

## OPEN DOORS

Open Doors runs on Mondays (except Bank Holidays) between 11 am to 2pm in the Parish Centre. We offer a warm welcome, friendly conversation, tea/coffee and lunch (served at 12.15) to anyone in the Parish or local community who would like to join us.

## WE PRAY FOR:

- Tapuwa Mutambara, RIP. Funeral 12<sup>th</sup> November at 10am.
- Sydney Molloy, RIP. Funeral 13<sup>th</sup> November 12.30pm