

# ***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**

## **MASSES:**

Thank you for helping to keep each other safe by continuing to wear face masks/coverings, for sanitising your hands as you enter the church, and for maintaining a reasonable distance from others where feasible.

## **ST EDMUND OF ABINGDON**

There will be a **Mass at 7pm on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> Nov.**

## **ADVANCED NOTICE**

There will be **no Mass on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> November**, as the Bishop has called all priests to a meeting.

## **BAMENDA SUNDAY - THANKS**

Thank you to all parishioners for your generous donation to the Bamenda Sunday appeal.

On our road to the 2024 Jubilee celebration of the link between the Portsmouth and Bamenda Dioceses, and following an annual auction, three families from our parish will be the keepers of the sculpture of the Cameroon Map made by a Cameroonian Artist, before it is presented as a gift in 2024 to the Bishop of Portsmouth. Pat Lonergan was the highest bidder for this year and the funds raised from the auction will go to the new Comprehensive School opened by Fr Bonaventure at the Bamenda Cathedral premises in Cameroon.

## **CAFOD WORLD GIFTS**

As we rejoice in once again celebrating Christmas with our loved ones, let us spread our joy around the world by having a CAFOD World Gift under the tree. From energy saving stoves to weatherproof crops to emergency shelters, CAFOD's virtual charity gifts help transform the lives of families living in poverty. Buy online at [cafod.org.uk/worldgifts](http://cafod.org.uk/worldgifts) or pick up a catalogue in church.

## **BLESSING OF GRAVES**

Fr Jamie will be blessing graves on **Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> November** at 10am here at the Church graveyard and 12 noon at the cemetery at Spring Road.

## **33<sup>rd</sup> Week of Ordinary Time (Year B)**

### **Sunday 14 Nov.**

8.45am	Mass	<b>Remembrance Sunday</b> (Kathleen O'Reilly RIP)
10.15am	Mass	(John Smith RIP)
2.00pm	Mass in Polish	
6.30pm	Mass	(Private Intention)

### **Monday 15 Nov.**

8.30am	Rosary	
9am	Mass	(Sir George Bowyer RIP)

### **Tuesday 16 Nov.**

6.30pm	Rosary	<b>ST EDMUND OF ABINGDON</b>
7pm	Mass	(Our Parish)

### **Wednesday 17 Nov.**

6.30pm	Rosary	
7pm	Mass	(Mary Louise Field RIP)

### **Thursday 18 Nov.**

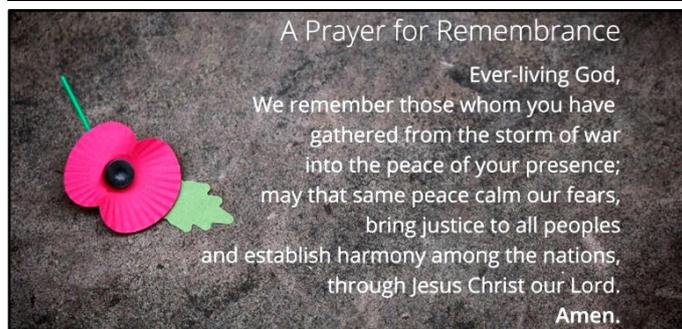
9.00am	Rosary	
9.30am	Mass	(Louise Williams RIP)

### **Friday 19 Nov.**

6.30pm	Rosary	
7pm	Mass	(Special Intention)

### **Saturday 20 Nov.**

11am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
11-11.30am	Confessions	
12pm	Mass	(William Seery RIP)



## CHRISTMAS DAY OUTREACH

Our Lady and St Edmund's will be organising this year's **Abingdon Christmas Day outreach**. It used to be run by Peachcroft Church, but is now a Church in Abingdon supported project, which can be run by different churches. This year we are going to take Christmas Hampers to the doorstep of 100 people who are on their own on Christmas Day and would appreciate some gifts and a short chat on the doorstep. We are looking for some parishioners to help, whether for a few hours or regularly over the next 8 weeks. Firstly, some people who can help Clare Simpson prepare by buying contents for the hamper, contact possible recipients using last year's database and ringing various organisations, and help with some artwork or crocheting a gift or writing the cards. Secondly, we need some volunteers for Christmas Day morning, to deliver about 6 bags each (you are put into pairs and all very organised!) which would take about one hour. Thirdly, if anyone would like to make a financial contribution, to add to the funding we should get from local bodies, we would be most grateful. Contact [clare@claresimpson.com](mailto:clare@claresimpson.com) or tel 847804.

## CLIMATE CORNER

Have you tried measuring your carbon footprint via the link on the news page of our website? Can you cut your diet's carbon footprint? You don't have to go vegetarian or vegan to make a difference. You can gradually cut your meat consumption and become a 'flexitarian'. By reducing our consumption of animal protein by half, we can cut our diet's carbon footprint by more than 40%.

## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2022

There will be a meeting, **in the church on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm**, for parents to enrol their children on the 2022 programme. It is *essential* that parents attend the meeting to receive enrolment forms and a copy of the programme, which may need to be adapted depending on numbers. Any enquiries, please contact Errol Midwinter on 01235 522679.

## YOUTH GROUPS

A decision has been made to put on hold our Youth Group weekend sessions until the new year. Apologies for any disappointment caused.

## MASS FOR THE BEREAVED

The Mass intention for the **10.15am Mass on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> November** will be for all the bereaved. Do come along if you can.

## WE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF:

- John McDonnell, RIP. Funeral on 17 Nov. at 11.30am

## 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.
- **Thursday:** FHC parents' meeting in the church at 7.30pm.
- **Friday:** Baby & Toddler group in the parish centre 9.30am to 11.15am in term time.

## FUTURE DATES

- **Sun 21<sup>st</sup> Nov:** Blessing of graves at 10am here at the Church graveyard and 12 noon at the cemetery at Spring Road
- **Sun 12<sup>th</sup> Dec:** Parish Christmas lunch in the parish centre. Please ring Mary 534873 or Jo 526177 if you would like to attend.

## FRIENDS OF THE HOLY LAND (FHL)

There will be a sale of Christmas cards after Mass for the next few weeks. If you would like to order some please ring Mary Mulqueen 534873 or Anne Green on 520171.

## CHURCH TWINNING CHRISTMAS CARDS

As last year, packs of 10 cards costing £4.50 have been produced by Church Twinning, which encourages friendship between Christians in Abingdon churches with those in our 5 twin towns. The cards are of local Abingdon scenes - 2 designs in each pack - and each card has Christmas greetings in the 5 languages of the twin towns. Images of the cards and greetings can be seen on the parish website. If you would like a pack, please contact Anne Dodd (Tel 525997).

## PAX CHRISTI CHRISTMAS CARDS

New Christmas cards are now available from *Pax Christi*. They can be ordered at £4.50 plus p+p from: [HTTPS://paxchristi.org.uk/product/nativity-trio-cards/](https://paxchristi.org.uk/product/nativity-trio-cards/)

## BUILDING BRIDGES IN THE SHADOW OF AFGHANISTAN

This event will take place in the Quaker Meeting House, St Giles, Oxford on Sat. 20th Nov from 12 noon to 4pm. It will be chaired by Ellen Teague, the prominent Catholic journalist on Peace and Justice issues. There will be 4 speakers: on Christianity, Islam, Hinduism and Buddhism. The purpose of the afternoon event is to learn what each Faith says about peace and non-violence and what we can learn from this about peacebuilding together. There is no charge. Further information from Anne Dodd (Tel. 525997)