

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

YOUR PARISH NEEDS YOU!

Post pandemic, we need to update our records and the contact details of all parishioners – new and existing. We would also like to consolidate what parishioners are already involved in and *really* need to know what you would be willing to be involved with, because our parish is only as good as we make it!

We have census sheets available for you to take and fill in, and you will also be able to download a copy from the *News* page of our website. We ask you to please fill in one sheet per household.

Please do take a sheet and take some time to carefully fill it in. All sheets need to be returned by **Wednesday 19th October**, and you can mark them for the attention of the PPC and drop them off through the presbytery letterbox at any time, or return them at the Sunday Mass when a member of the PPC will be outside the church to collect them. Thank you for your help.

SECOND COLLECTION

Next Sunday (23rd October) is for World Missions. Envelopes are available this Sunday.

OCTOBER – MONTH OF THE ROSARY

We have much to thank God for – and to pray for. Why not join in the praying of the Rosary in the church before all weekday Masses?

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 29 in Ordinary Time

Sunday 16 Oct

8.45am Mass (Mike Mallet RIP)
10.15am Mass (Private Intention)
2.00pm Mass in Polish
6.30m Mass (Giuseppina Magnaghi RIP)

Monday 17 Oct

St Ignatius of Antioch

8.30am Rosary
9.00am Mass (*Special Intention*)

Tuesday 18 Oct

St Luke

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

Wednesday 19 Oct

6.30pm Rosary
7.00pm Mass (Frank O'Toole RIP)

Thursday 20 Oct

9.00am Rosary
9.30am Mass (Jo Sanderson RIP)

Friday 21 Oct

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

Saturday 22 Oct

11am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
11-11.30am Confessions
12pm Mass (Maria Lorett Harvey RIP)

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. Our SVP members meet every fortnight on a Wednesday evening.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION 2023

There will be a meeting, in the Church on **THURSDAY 10 NOVEMBER AT 7.30pm**, for parents to enrol their children on the 2023 programme. It is **ESSENTIAL** that parents attend the meeting to receive enrolment forms and a copy of the programme and lesson dates. If you have any enquiries, please contact Hilary Webb by email at humwebb53@gmail.com.

ABINGDON CHURCHES TWINNING VISIT

Christians from Abingdon's twin towns have been invited for the long weekend Thurs 27th to Mon 31st October to share in and discuss the ecological theme '**Christian Stewardship of the Environment**'. Our 15 visitors are hosted in family homes where possible. **Offers of accommodation** would be most welcome. Another way to spend time with the visitors is to invite them on Saturday 29th to **an evening meal at your home**.

For further information, hosting offers and event attendance, please contact: Anne Dodd 01235 525997 or Pat Warren 07526033715

GIFT AIDING YOUR MONETARY DONATIONS

If you aren't doing so already, please consider gift aiding your offertory donations – it makes them all the more worthwhile, because if you tell us that you pay tax in the UK, then we can claim back 25% from the Government - that's 25p for every £1 you give! You can do so by filling in the yellow form available at the back of the church or online on our website in the *Giving* section. Thank you.

FRIENDS OF THE HOLY LAND

There will be a sale of Christmas cards and other items in aid of Friends of the Holy Land on 30th October.

LIVING IN A TIME OF CRISIS

An online lecture on *Living in a time of crisis: Christianity and ecological catastrophe*, will be given by Dr Carmody Grey, Assistant Professor of Catholic Theology at Durham University, on **Tuesday, 25th October at 7.30pm**. Her topic is at the heart of *Laudato Si*, Pope Francis' encyclical on the *Care of Creation*. It is organised by *Catholic Peoples Week (CPW)*. You can register for this event via the link on the *News* page of our website.

CARE OF CREATION SERVICE

On Sunday 30th October after the 6.30pm Mass there will be a short reflective Service on the Care of Creation. This will be the conclusion of the Weekend on Christian Stewardship of the Environment, organised by Abingdon Church Twinning. The Service will be St Edmund's main contribution to the Weekend and all parishioners are warmly invited to join Christians from the other churches in Abingdon and visitors from churches in our twin towns for this Service. Further details from Anne Dodd 525997 or Pat Warren 07526033715

PARISH EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

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

FUTURE DATES

- **Sat 5th Nov:** Parish Youth Groups activities in the parish centre 3.30-5pm. School years 3 upwards welcome.
- **Wed 9th Nov:** Parish Lunch, 12.30pm in Parish Centre

YOUTH GROUPS

The two groups for primary school children in years 3 to 6 and secondary school pupils meets again on Saturday 5th November in the parish centre from 3.30-5pm. See the dates and information on the flyer available at the back of the church, on the outside notice board, and on our website.

NEW MOTHERS' PRAYERS GROUP IN FRENCH

A new mothers prayers group in French will be meeting on the 2nd Tuesday of each month from 8pm till 8.30pm in the Parish Centre. The next meeting will be on Tuesday 8th November. Please come along or contact Eliane on 07932 350951.

FLAME 23 YOUTH GATHERING

This will take place on **Saturday 4th March** and is open to young people in Year 9 or above, at College, or Uni, or a young adult. Tickets to attend *Flame 23* are now on sale at the early bird price of £24 and should be purchased through the Diocese by emailing youth@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk Clothing bearing the Diocesan logo and transport from Portsmouth Cathedral are also available for purchase. Please book without delay as the tickets will be snapped up very quickly!

VACANCY AT ST EDMUND'S SCHOOL

We are looking for a **Part-time Higher Level Teaching Assistant** to join our friendly and efficient team and who would be supportive of our school mission statement and the Catholic ethos of our school. Calls to discuss this position further with our Headteacher, Mrs Erika Kirwan 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.

WE PRAY FOR:

- Mike Mallet RIP
- Kate Trafford, RIP, Funeral Mon 24th Oct at 1pm
- Michael Boyd, RIP
- Julia Brind RIP