

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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OFFICE CLOSURE DATES

Please note that the parish office will be closed on from Friday 30th July until Friday 13th August.

PRIVATE PRAYER

We are blessed that the church can be open, but for **private prayer only**, on the following days and times:

✠ **Tuesdays: 12pm to 1pm**
✠ **Fridays: 12pm to 1pm**

MASS BOOKINGS:

On Monday 24th May you can book for Masses from Sunday 30th May to Saturday 5th June.

PLEASE remember to give as many dates and times when you could attend, and book **on** the Monday – otherwise you may be disappointed. Also be clear on the number of people you are booking for and let us know if you would like to attend more than one Mass during the week.

HOW TO BOOK FOR MASS

No Internet Access?

Phone **07395 946827** EACH MONDAY between 10am and 11am ONLY to book a place for the FOLLOWING week

Have Internet Access?

DON'T phone. Instead, email: contact@ourladyandstedmund.org.uk EACH MONDAY, to book a place for the FOLLOWING week

CONFESSIONS

By appointment only for now. Please contact the **parish office** to book an appointment.

NEWSLETTERS

We are currently still not able to offer any printed material in church. Please bring your own newsletter with you if you would like to (you can download it from our website).

8th Week of Ordinary Time (Year B)

Attendance through booking system only, but also available on our live stream

Sunday 23 May

10.15am Mass

2.00pm Mass in Polish

6.30pm Mass

PENTECOST SUNDAY

(Derek & Beverley Stacey - Ruby Wedding Anniversary)

(Private intention)

Monday 24 May

9am Mass

Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church

(Special intention)

Tuesday 25 May

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

St Bede the Venerable

Wednesday 26 May

7pm Mass

St Philip Neri

(Special intention)

Thursday 27 May

9.30am Mass

Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Eternal High Priest

(Sylvia Browne, RIP)

Friday 28 May

7pm Mass

(Margaret & John Foster, RIP)

Saturday 29 May

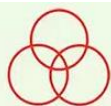
12pm Mass

(Special intention)



SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER:

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot today receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.



VACANCY

One Full Time and One Part Time Teacher Vacancies - St Edmund's School

The School is looking for enthusiastic, dynamic and committed teachers, who would be supportive of their school mission statement and the Catholic ethos of the school, from September 2021. The ability to lead a core subject would be desirable in our warm and welcoming school. Calls to discuss this position further with the Headteacher, Mrs Maria Delany-White 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.

Closing date: Monday, 24th May at 4pm.



YEAR OF THE EUCHARIST

In our Diocese of Portsmouth, we will begin a Year of the Eucharist starting on the Feast of Corpus Christi, 6th June 2021. In these years 2020 to 2022, Bishop Philip is inviting everyone in the Diocese to undertake by God's grace a period of intense, spiritual renewal. The purpose ultimately is to help us realise our diocesan ambition of *Bringing People Closer to Jesus Christ through His Church*. The Year of the Eucharist, which will follow on from the Year of the Word, will be a unique opportunity for the Diocese as a whole to rekindle our love for Jesus Christ really and truly present and active in the Holy Eucharist.



LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINARS

At the first Pentecost the disciples changed from being fearful and looking inward to being full of joy and looking outward. The Holy Spirit gave them courage, words and great joy. Pope Francis has asked that we bring the *Life in the Spirit* Seminars to all, to enable us all to have a greater capacity to speak about our joy in the risen Lord. The seminars are online using Zoom, and they start after Pentecost on **Thursday 27th May** and run for seven weeks. Timing is to join from 7pm for a start at 7.15pm with an end each time at 8.45.

For more information and to register see www.pffm.org.uk/lifeinthespirit



PRAYER FOR THE 7 GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

O Lord Jesus Christ, Who, before ascending into heaven, did promise to send the Holy Spirit to finish Your work in the souls of Your Apostles and Disciples, deign to grant the same Holy Spirit to me that He may perfect in my soul, the work of Your grace and Your love.

- ✚ Grant me the Spirit of **Wisdom** that I may despise the perishable things of this world and aspire only after the things that are eternal,
- ✚ the Spirit of **Understanding** to enlighten my mind with the light of Your divine truth,
- ✚ the Spirit of **Counsel** that I may ever choose the surest way of pleasing God and gaining heaven,
- ✚ the Spirit of **Fortitude** that I may bear my cross with You and that I may overcome with courage all the obstacles that oppose my salvation,
- ✚ the Spirit of **Knowledge** that I may know God and know myself and grow perfect in the science of the Saints,
- ✚ the Spirit of **Piety** that I may find the service of God sweet and amiable,
- ✚ and the Spirit of **Fear** that I may be filled with a loving reverence towards God and may dread in any way to displease Him.

Mark me, dear Lord, with the sign of Your true disciples and animate me in all things with Your Spirit. Amen.

Please pray for Patrick (Paddy) Maloney, who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this Sunday.

MONTH OF MAY

Pope Francis has asked for a marathon of prayer around the world throughout May for an end to the pandemic. The Rosary will be broadcast on *Vatican News* daily at 6pm Rome time (5pm UK time). A link to this online site is available on the News page of our website.

The intention is to also pray for the following:

1. Protecting our families and the family of nations, especially in this Year of St Joseph.
2. A deepening of faith, hope and love and the protection of life.
3. Peace in the world.
4. Deliverance from Coronavirus; for those working for a cure; for those who have died; for those who are suffering and those who care for them.