

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

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.

COP26

Please continue to pray for an outpouring of God's Holy Spirit on those meeting at COP26 this week, that God will provide them with the courage necessary to take action on behalf of the environment and the world's poorest.

PAX CHRISTI

Copies of the *Justpeace* newsletter are available on the table at the back of church. It features articles on the Holy Land.

BAMENDA SUNDAY

This Sunday is *Bamenda Sunday*, when we celebrate our Diocesan link with the Archdiocese of Bamenda, Cameroon. Please pray for peace in Bamenda and for the six priests we have on loan here from the Archdiocese. Our second collection is the main source of annual income for the various projects our Bamenda Committee will support. Please read the Bamenda Newsletter (available on our website) for an update on the situation and some examples of this year's project applications. Please be as generous as you can to support our sisters and brothers in Bamenda in these very challenging times. ANY contribution of ANY size is most welcome, as together we can make a big difference! Donations can also be made securely online via the link on the *News* page of our website.

BLESSING OF GRAVES

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

32nd Week of Ordinary Time (Year B)

Sunday 7 Nov.

8.45am Mass (Dave Dries RIP)
10.15am Mass (Janet Cox RIP)
2.00pm Mass in Polish
6.30pm Mass (Private Intention)

Monday 8 Nov.

8.30am Rosary
9am Mass (Bridget Dyjak RIP)

Tuesday 9 Nov.

Dedication of Lateran Basilica

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

Wednesday 10 Nov. *St Leo the Great*

6.30pm Rosary
7pm Mass (Special Intention)

Thursday 11 Nov. *St Martin of Tours*

9.00am Rosary
9.30am Mass (Special Intention)

Friday 12 Nov. *St Josaphat*

6.30pm Rosary
7pm Mass (Patrick McCarthy RIP)

Saturday 13 Nov.

11am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
11-11.30am Confessions
12pm Mass (Special Intention)

GRANDPARENTS ASSOCIATION

The next meeting of the Grandparents Association is on the **11 November at 2.30pm** in the Parish Centre. Our inaugural meeting was successful with an interesting exchange of experiences of being grandparents and new social contacts made. New members are welcome.

CHRISTMAS DAY OUT-REACH

Our Lady and St Edmund's will be organising this year's **Abingdon Christmas Day out-reach**. 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 or tel 847804.

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.

CLIMATE CORNER

There will be information available on the *News* page of our website periodically, giving us ideas to help us to lessen the impact of climate change. This week, the first of these invites us to try measuring our carbon footprint.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2022

There will be a meeting, **in the church on Thursday 18th 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.

BEREAVEMENT SERVICE

The Annual CiA Town Bereavement service will take place at Trinity Church this **Sunday 7th Nov. at 3pm**. This will offer an opportunity to light a candle for loved ones who have died and to give thanks for our key workers who provided such sterling support throughout lockdown. All are very welcome.

WE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF:

- Nicola Kerry, RIP.
- Margaret Armstrong, RIP. Funeral on 12 Nov. at 1pm.

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, 12.30pm in the parish centre. Please ring Mary 534873 or Jo 526177 if you would like to attend.
- **Thursday:** Online course on *Let Us Dream* by Pope Francis, 7pm to 8pm.
- **Thursday:** Grandparents' Association meeting at 2.30pm in the parish centre.
- **Friday:** Baby & Toddler group in the parish centre 9.30am to 11.15am in term time.

FUTURE DATES

- **Thurs 18th Nov:** FHC parents' meeting in the church at 7.30pm.
- **Sun 12th Dec:** Parish Christmas lunch in the parish centre.

UPCOMING DIOCESAN MISSION TEAM COURSES

• **Passing on love for the Eucharist to our Children**

Four online sessions for parents, grandparents, catechists, teachers and everyone passionate about passing on love for the Eucharist to our children. The sessions will run on **Mondays, from the 22nd November to the 13th December at 7.00pm**.

• **Workshops for Parish Readers**

Two workshops to equip parish readers will be offered on **Saturdays 4th and 11th of December, from 10am to 1pm**. The first workshop covers an introduction to the Liturgy of the Church, with a specific focus on the Liturgy of the Word, as well as the Reading Skills necessary for parish readers. The second workshop offers a general introduction to the Bible as well as a set of keys to understand any biblical texts. To complete the training, awarded with a diocesan *Recognitio*, a reading practice with a diocesan listener is required.

• **Wednesday Communion**

The Dominican Sisters are launching a new initiative this Advent, to mark the Year of the Eucharist, called Wednesday Communion. They hope that you'll take this opportunity to join us whenever you can on Wednesday and hope this will be a precious time of fellowship and prayer, in communion with Jesus present in his Word and Sacrament.

Further information and how to register on any of these courses is available on the News page of our website.

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/)