

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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PARISH OFFICE OPENING HOURS:

Please note that during this second period of lockdown, and until further notice, the Parish Office opening hours will be from **Tuesdays to Fridays from 10.30am to 12.30pm**. Outside of these times, Fr Jamie will respond to urgent phone messages as soon as he can.

MASSES:

Sadly, until further notice, physical attendance at Mass is not possible. You can follow all Masses on our live stream. See our website for the link.

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**
- ✠ **Thursdays: 7.30am to 8.30am**
- ✠ **Fridays: 12pm to 1pm.**

ST EDMUND OF ABINGDON:

The solemnity of St Edmund of Abingdon is on Monday 16th November. Join us for Mass at 9am on our live stream to pray for his intercession for our parish and diocese.

DAY OF PRAYER TO END THE COVID CRISIS

Bishop Philip invites us to keep with him a special Day of Prayer and Fasting for an End to the Coronavirus Pandemic. The Day is called "*Twenty-Four Hours with the Lord*" and will take place on **Friday 27th November** This is the last Friday of the Church's Liturgical Year before we enter the new Year with the First Sunday of Advent on 29th November – please save the date. There will be a twenty-four hour long programme of Mass, prayer, Rosary and Eucharistic Adoration at Portsmouth Cathedral, including an all-night vigil, of which you are invited to join in as much as you can by live stream. You can see the proposed programme on our website news page. ***In our parish, you are invited to join in praying the Rosary at 8pm on Zoom. Email, well in advance, contact@ourladyandstedmund.org.uk to get the joining in details.***

33rd week of Ordinary Time

Live streamed ONLY

Sunday 15 November

10.15am Mass (Mary Louise Field, RIP)
2.00pm Polish Mass

Monday 16 November *St Edmund of Abingdon*

9am Mass (Sir George Bowyer, RIP)

Tuesday 17 November

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

Wednesday 18 November

7pm Mass (Joan Turner & Elizabeth Silvester
93rd Birthday Intentions)

Thursday 19 November

9.30am Mass (Joe, Gertie & other deceased
members of Price Family, RIP)

Friday 20 November

7pm Mass (William Seery, RIP)

Saturday 21 November *The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

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

CHURCH DONATIONS

The parish still **really** needs your donations. You can make these on our website. This will enable those who normally use the weekly gift aid white envelope system or loose plate donations to continue to support the Parish. *You can also place donations in the basket as you leave church.* **Your continued support for the Parish is greatly appreciated.**

Please do not use the online 'Donate' button for clergy stipends (Mass intentions, weddings, Baptisms). These can be put in an envelope marked FAO the parish priest and indicating what the offering is for and who is giving it. The envelope can then be left at the parish office or in the donations basket in the Church.



MARY'S MEALS - DOUBLE THE LOVE!

As a parish we had to cancel our **Mary's Meals** "Rags to Riches" fundraiser in May due to Covid 19. However, Sue Richards is now trying to run 250 miles, in small chunks, in a challenge called "Run for their Lives". She has nearly made it! Now she needs your help to continue the sponsorship to feed children, one meal a day, in their place of education, in some of the poorest places on earth. Just think, **£15.90 feeds one child for 1 year!** **DOUBLE THE LOVE** will enable every donation you make between now and the end of November to be doubled! Sue hopes to finish the challenge by the middle of November.

Please consider contributing to this worthy cause. You can donate via the link on our website news page, or by a cheque made out to *Mary's Meals*, (or by cash), in an envelope through Sue's door at 25 Picklers Hill; Abingdon; Oxfordshire OX14 2BB. Sue is also happy to come and collect a donation if you are housebound. Just call her on 07598 315375 or 01235 530623. **Together we can make a difference!** Thank you all in advance and God Bless.



NATIONAL YOUTH SUNDAY

National Youth Sunday 2020 (NYS) takes place on **Sunday 22nd November**, the feast of Christ the King. It represents an opportunity to explicitly recognise young people - their gifts, talents and uniqueness. It also provides the Church with an opportunity to thank them for and affirm their contribution to the life of the local and universal Church.

The Catholic Youth Ministry Federation (CYMFed) has produced a host of resources to help facilitate the celebration of National Youth Sunday in school, parish and at home. Please visit www.nationalyouthsunday.com to have a look.

Parish Events for the Week

NO EVENTS IN THE PARISH CENTRE UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Future Diary Dates

No events at the moment.



CAROL ON YOUR DOORSTEP

The Churches in Abingdon, supported by Abingdon Town Council, are calling on us to celebrate Christmas together – socially distanced – by joining in with our community and singing the carol *Silent Night* from our own doorstep on **Thursday 17 December at 8 pm**. Please consider putting this date and time in your diaries and we will provide you with the words for the carol nearer the time.



2020 ADVENT RETREAT BY ZOOM

The Gospel for Advent calls us to be vigilant, to stay awake, to prepare! To help you prepare your own personal journey for Advent this year we invite you to join the 2020 Advent Retreat by Zoom, which will take place on **Saturday 28th November from 10.30am to 2.30pm**, with Holy Mass at 12pm.

The retreat will include reflections and discussions, scripture, sacred art video, guided prayer and an opportunity to share in the journey of the magi to the birth of Christ. The retreat is open to all and everyone is welcome. People can choose whether to join in various discussions and sharing or can simply listen and reflect.

The day will be hosted by the parish RCIA team and anyone interested should contact Pauline on pehanley@hotmail.com or call 07506 753085 to register for the zoom link.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Sadly, we cannot host a lunch this year. However, Peachcroft Christian Centre are offering to deliver festive hampers (edible and non-edible items) on Christmas day to those who would otherwise be alone or are in need of help. If you would like this help – or know anyone that would – please can you let them know **as soon as possible** by either emailing: events@peachcroftcc.org or phoning 07379 469311.

WE PRAY FOR

During November we pray for all the deceased members of our parish, our family and our friends.