

# ***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**

## **REFLECTION**

God cared for his people as a good vinedresser cares for his vineyard, yet they failed to produce the desired fruits. We are the new people of God, the vineyard planted by Christ. But what do we produce? Sadly, we so often fail to produce the fruits Christ desires, yet in spite of this, he doesn't abandon us. Let us pray we will be able to produce the fruits of justice, holiness and peace. Lord it was you who first planted us on this earth, you fenced us around with the love of our families and friends. Their care towered over us. Under the shelter of this tower, we grew in safety and peace. What if, after all this care, we should be found to be without the fruits of love? What if we had nothing to offer but the sour grapes of selfishness and neglect? May you Lord have mercy on us, and with your patient urging help us to return your love.

## **PRAY FOR VOCATIONS**

Loving and generous God, it is you who call us by name and ask us to follow you. Help us to grow in the love and service of your Church. Give us the energy and courage of your Spirit to shape its future. Grant us faith-filled leaders who will embrace Christ's mission of love and justice. Bless your Church by raising up dedicated and generous leaders from our Church, families and friends who will serve your people. Inspire us to know you better and open our hearts to hear your call. Amen.

## **MISSIO - RED BOXES**

It is at this time of the year that we need to collect and count the RED MISSIO BOXES. If you have not heard from us over the coming weeks, could you please call Clare on 524861 or Wendy on 532593. Thank you.

Vinedresser

## **ST MONICA'S SCHOOL, MALAWI**

News has reached us that the school received 100% in the leaving certificates. So, our efforts are really bearing fruit: Thank the Lord. *See website for more information.*

## **Week 27 in Ordinary Time: Cycle 1 (A)**

### **Sunday 8 Oct.**

8.45am Mass (The Farrell Family RIP)  
10.15am Mass (Pat & Mary Mulqueen Intentions)  
2.00pm Mass in Polish  
6.30pm Mass (Michael Rice RIP)

### **Monday 9 Oct.**

8.30am Rosary  
9.00am Mass (Hugh McCormack RIP)

### **St John Henry Newman**

### **Tuesday 10 Oct.**

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

### **Wednesday 11 Oct.**

6.30pm Rosary  
7.00pm Mass (Ted Kelly RIP)

### **Thursday 12 Oct.**

9.00am Rosary  
9.30am Mass (Dora Nash RIP)

### **Friday 13 Oct.**

6.30pm Rosary  
7.00pm Mass (Private Intention)

### **Saturday 14 Oct.**

11am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
11-11.30am Confessions  
12pm Mass (Frank O'Toole RIP)

## **SECOND COLLECTION THIS SUNDAY (8<sup>th</sup> OCT)**

The second collection **for this Sunday (8<sup>th</sup> October)** is for **CAFOD**. Through our donations to **CAFOD**, Dr Nasha's mobile medical clinic gets life-saving help to where it's needed most. Please use the envelope available at the back of the church, or use the electronic device at the back of the church, or give online at [cafod.org.uk](http://cafod.org.uk). Thank you.

## GAMES AFTERNOON FOR YOUTH

This Saturday, there will be a games afternoon for all young people in school year 3 and above – this includes secondary school! This event will take place in the parish centre from 3.30-5pm. Do come along and feel free to bring a friend(s). It is a good opportunity to meet up with old friends and make new ones!

## OCTOBER – MONTH OF THE ROSARY

The Rosary draws its mysteries from the New Testament and is centred on the great events of the Incarnation and Redemption, with each decade referring to an event in the life of Jesus and Mary. Why not join in praying the Rosary with others, 30 minutes before all weekday Masses in our church. By praying the rosary, we can draw closer to Jesus and Mary by meditating on the great mysteries of our salvation.

## PRISONERS' APPEAL

*Pact*, the *Prison Advice and Care Trust*, supports prisoners, people with convictions, and their children and families to live lives that bear good fruit. Your donations enable them to deliver their services in courts, prisons, and in communities across England and Wales. If you would like to donate to their appeal for Prisoners' Sunday which is on the 8th October, you can do so using the link on the *News* page of our parish website, or use one of the few envelopes which are available on the table at the back of the church. Thank you.

## SVP – A BIG THANK YOU

Many thanks to all those who generously donated to our recent parish SVP appeal. Your contributions will help us to make a big difference to many in need. We are still collecting, and contributions can be made through the link on the *News* page of our parish website until the end of this week. We will announce the final sum raised as soon as we have processed the foreign currency.

## NEW TO THE PARISH?

We warmly welcome all new parishioners who have joined our parish in the last year. Please do make yourselves known if you have not already done so, and also let us know if you would like to contribute to parish life in any way. You can use the form, which is available on our website to register, and forms and other information are also available in the porch at our church.

## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION

There will be a meeting in the Parish Centre, on **THURSDAY 16 NOVEMBER AT 8pm**, for parents who wish to enrol their children in the 2024 preparation programme. It is ESSENTIAL that parents attend this meeting to receive enrolment forms and a copy of the programme. If you have any queries, please contact Hilary Webb at [humwebb53@gmail.com](mailto:humwebb53@gmail.com)

## PARISH EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

- **Sunday:** Refreshments in the parish centre after the 10.15am Mass.
- **Monday:** *Open Doors* in the parish centre from 11.30am to 2.30pm.
- **Wednesday:** Parish lunch in the parish centre at 12.30pm.
- **Wednesday:** Mothers' prayers in French in the parish centre at 8pm.
- **Friday:** Baby & Toddler group in the parish centre 9.30am to 11.15am in term time.
- **Saturday:** Youth groups games afternoon – open to all in school year 3 and above, 3.30-5pm in the parish centre.

## FUTURE DATES

- **Wed 8<sup>th</sup> Nov:** Parish lunch in the parish centre at 12.30pm.

## VACANCY AT ST EDMUND'S SCHOOL

Our caring, Catholic school has been described as one which '*inspires pupils with determination to change the world*' (*Ofsted 2020*). Now St Edmund's school is looking to welcome a **part-time Administrative Assistant**, supportive of our school mission and Catholic ethos to join our happy, motivated children. Please contact The School Business Manager (01235 521558 or [clomas2266@st-edmunds-rc.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:clomas2266@st-edmunds-rc.oxon.sch.uk)) to request an application pack. **Closing date: Friday 27th October at 12.00 noon.**

## CHARISMATIC PRAYER MEETING

We meet on-line every second & fourth Wednesday evening at 8 pm for an informal hour of praising Our Lord, reading and meditating on Holy Scripture, plus intercessory prayer. For more details, please contact Mike & Maria Pia Oliver on Ab. 528528 or via the Parish Office. '*Come and see*' (*John 1:39*)

## CATHOLIC YOUTH MINISTRY INTERNSHIPS

Castlerigg Manor (The Lancaster Diocese Retreat Centre) is looking for young Catholics aged 18-25 to join their Internship Programme. The scheme lasts for one or two years and gives participants wide ranging experience, skills, training, and qualifications as well as the opportunity to work with a fantastic team based in the Lake District. For more information contact [director@castleriggmanor.co.uk](mailto:director@castleriggmanor.co.uk)

## MICHAELMAS FAIR SERVICE

The Michaelmas Fair Service will take place on Sunday 8th October at 7pm at the carousel in the Marketplace Abingdon. All welcome!