

Prayer made on the feast of the Immaculate Conception when we re-affirmed the consecration our parish to Our Lady

O most Loving Father you loved the world so much that you sent your Beloved Son to be our Saviour. He is the living fountain of salvation conversion. From his wounded side flow all the graces you have given to your Church. The blood and water from his side is the ever flowing torrent of grace from which you give life and bless the journey of our holy Mother the Church.

Today at the foot of your cross we receive the gift of your Holy Mother as the Mother of the Church and we make a home in our hearts for your grace and love to come to us through her.

Since you chose Mary to be the instrument of your grace, through whom we receive the fullness of your presence in her Divine Son your incarnate and eternal wisdom, then the perfect route for all our prayers and devotions is again offered to God today on this Feast, through his own chosen vessel, Mary.

And so we the clergy and faithful here gathered consecrate our parish of Our Lady and St Edmund in Abingdon to Jesus through Mary. We acknowledge by this act of consecration our desire to live in communion and love with your Eucharistic heart, the source of all life in the Church. We dispose ourselves to the sanctifying work of the Holy Spirit who seeks to transform us and give us a heart like your own. Living in your truth and love may this parish be a channel of grace, light, truth, peace, mercy and justice for a world so much in need.

As our Blessed Mother was full of your grace and showed forth your love to the world we ask her powerful intercession and prayer today.

O Mary our Mother, today we place this parish at the foot of the cross with you. With hope we ask the blessing of your maternal mission upon us. Bless the life of this parish and the life of each of the Faithful. We consecrate ourselves to your heart, you our model and example, to teach us to love the heart of your Son without division. Guard us and defend us O Immaculate Heart, sure refuge of sinners. Protect us and all that separate us from the love of Christ and his Divine Will. Defend us with your maternal care from all the dangers against our eternal and present life.

Today this parish consecrates itself completely to the love of Jesus through the hands of your Mother. We renew with greater love, zeal and commitment to our call towards the New Evangelization in our world. We renew our commitment towards holiness and truth. May our act of consecration result in the fruits of conversion for our world.

I belong wholly to you and all that I have I offer to you O most loving Jesus, through Mary your Holy Mother.