

**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**

### PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE

Please note that the parish office will be closed on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June.

### NO MASS ON FRIDAY 17<sup>th</sup> JUNE

There will be no Mass on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June, but there will be a Service of the Word and Holy Communion, so do come along to pray together and to receive the Holy Eucharist.

### DOMINICAN SISTERS OFFER COURSES

The **Workshops for Readers** is taking place on **Saturdays 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> June, from 10 am to 1 pm**. All details and registration links are here:  
<https://www.pffm.org.uk/readers>

The sisters are also inviting all catechists, seasoned and new, and all children's Liturgy leaders and helpers to attend their **Diocesan Day for Catechists**, which will be taking place on the **8<sup>th</sup> of October in Winchester**. All details and registration here:  
<https://www.pffm.org.uk/catechists>

### NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS

If you have anything brief to contribute, please send it to the parish office not later than the Wednesday morning of each week. Thank you.

### PRAYER FOR UKRAINE AND RUSSIA

Loving God, we pray for the people of Ukraine and Russia,  
for all those suffering or afraid,  
that you will be close to them and protect them.

We pray for world leaders, for compassion, strength and  
wisdom to guide their choices.

We pray for the world, that in this moment of crisis,  
we may reach out in solidarity to our brothers and sisters  
in need.

May we walk in your ways so that peace and justice  
become a reality for the people of Ukraine and Russia  
and for all the world. Amen.

### THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

#### Sunday 12 June

8.45am	Mass	<b>THE MOST HOLY TRINITY</b> (Private intention)
10.15am	Mass	(Wallace Ellwood, RIP)
2.00pm	Mass in Polish	
6.30m	Mass	(Doreen & Jack Domoney, RIP)

#### Monday 13 June

8.30am	Rosary	
9.00am	Mass	<b>St Anthony of Padua</b> (Mary Slade, RIP)

#### Tuesday 14 June

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 15 June

6.30pm	Rosary	
7.00pm	Mass	(Gwen Quadling, RIP)

#### Thursday 16 June

9.00am	Rosary	
9.30am	Mass	(Helen Birkbeck, RIP)

#### Friday 17 June

6.30pm	Rosary	
7.00pm	Service of the Word and Holy Communion	

#### Saturday 18 June

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

### BIBLE ALIVE

Limited copies of the June and July editions are available on the table at the back of the church. These booklets are very helpful for growing our faith when reflecting daily on the scriptures.

## THE MOST HOLY TRINITY – A REFLECTION

The Holy Trinity, the life of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, will never get old, never be fully understood, and will be the cause of our everlasting adoration and joy. Though we can point to some general truths about God, we will never be able to fully depict the inner essence, depth, beauty and omnipotence of the Trinity. We do not primarily come to know God through intellectual deduction, but we come to know God through prayerful union with Him. We are called to a relationship of love with the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, and though our feeble minds may not be able to fully comprehend the essence of God, He will draw us deeper and deeper into a knowledge of Him if we let Him. *Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, please draw us into a relationship of love with You Who are one God and three divine Persons. May the mystery and beauty of Your life become more known and loved by us each day. Amen.*

## DATE FOR YOUR DIARY – PARISH DAY

Our **Parish Day** is planned for **Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> July**. This will be a wonderful opportunity to welcome and meet new parishioners and to re-establish contact with existing ones. Please note that there will be only one morning Mass on that day – at 10.30am in the outdoor area behind the parish centre. Evening Mass at 6.30pm will take place as usual. This year there will be no catering, so we invite you to bring your own picnic lunch and enjoy your time in the company of other parishioners after Mass.

## SIGNIFICANT WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES MASS

Are you celebrating a 25<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary, or anniversary over 60 years? If so Bishop Philip would like to invite you to a Mass of celebration, which will take place at St Bede's church in Basingstoke on **Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2022 at 11am**. It is a wonderful occasion to celebrate and witness to Marriage.

If you would like to come, please email Liz Murphy at [anniversaries@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:anniversaries@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) If you do not have access to the internet, please contact the Parish Office at St Bede's (01256 465214) and they will provide you with the form.

To help celebrate the occasion please could you provide a **COPY** of your Wedding photograph, you can upload it when you complete the form online. Alternatively, scan and send via email to the above email address. If you have no access to the internet, you can post a **COPY** along with the completed form by post to the following address: St Bede's Parish Office, Popley Way, Basingstoke, RG24 9DX (**Please mark the envelope Significant Wedding Mass**)

## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION / CONFIRMATION

Please continue to pray for the 46 children who received their First Holy Communion at the weekend, and also for the 18 young people from our parish will be confirmed on Friday June 24<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at English Martyrs Didcot.

## PARISH EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

- **Sunday:** Refreshments in the parish centre after the 10.15am Mass.
- **Friday:** Baby & Toddler group in the parish centre 9.30am to 11.15am in term time.

## FUTURE DATES

- **Fri 17<sup>th</sup> June:** Baby & Toddler group in the parish centre 9.30am to 11.15am in term time.
- **Sun 3<sup>rd</sup> July:** Parish Day Mass at 10.30am in the field behind the parish centre.

## ST EDMUND CAMPION

From May 29<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> September, the relic of St Edmund Campion will be travelling around the country as part of the annual pilgrimage in his honour, organised by the Knights of St Columba. Our local Mass, with the relic present, will be at 7pm on **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June**.

## SUMMER CAMP FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

The annual summer camp is run by The Dominican Sisters of St. Joseph and an experienced team of volunteers who have been running *Fanning the Flame* events for over 20 years. The camp is for young people aged 11 to 21 years, and it will take place again at the Priory this year from **15<sup>th</sup> -19<sup>th</sup> August**. More information and booking forms can be found via this link <https://www.fanningtheflame.co.uk/summer-camp>

## BE PREPARED

We may not like to think about it, but it is a fact of life that one day we will leave this world! Does your family know of your wishes? Do they know that you would like a Catholic funeral? Do take a little time to think about it and *be prepared*. Make sure it is easy for your family to find your wishes. You may also like to use the short form called '*Instructions relating to my death and my funeral*', which is available on the table at the back of the church or can be downloaded from the *News* page or *Bereavement Support* pages of our website (in the *Groups* section). If you would like bereavement support, please do contact us via the parish office.

## ENCOUNTER FESTIVAL

The Carmelite Priory at Boars Hill are running a Young Adult event from **Friday 29<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> July** for people aged 25 to 35. The event will be held both at the Oxford Priory and online. There are some fliers on the table at the back of the church, a poster on our outside notice board, and a link to more information and booking on the *News* page of our website.