

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

MASSES:

In consideration for others, the government strongly recommends that face masks/coverings continue to be worn in indoor public spaces. Thank you for helping to keep each other safe by doing this, for sanitising your hands as you enter the church, and for maintaining a reasonable distance from others where feasible.

SUNDAY MESSAGE

For now, the online version of the *Sunday Message*. will be available on The **News** page of our website.

NEWSLETTERS

Items for the newsletter should be sent to the parish office by the Wednesday of each week please. ***Please keep contributions brief, otherwise they will be edited.***

Please do not return newsletters to the basket or table in the church, or leave them on the benches – kindly take them home with you. Thank you.

LIGHT FOR THE BLIND

With thanks to Fr Jamie, the Abingdon trustees of Light for the Blind, Peter Dodd, Peter Hendricks and Paul Tierney, will hold an appeal for funds **this Sunday (26th September)** in support of Fr Thomas's wonderful work in giving succour and comfort to the abandoned dying destitute street people of Southern India. Your continued generosity is greatly appreciated, without which Fr. Thomas could not continue to fulfil God's word - *"Whatsoever you do to one of the least of my brothers and sisters, you do for me."*

NOTICE

There will be no Mass on Wednesday 29th September, as Fr Jamie will be on retreat.

OFFICE OPENING HOURS CHANGING

Furlough will end on 30th September, so from Friday 1st October the office opening hours will be from 9am to 12.30pm Tuesday to Friday.

26th Week of Ordinary Time (Year B)

Sunday 26 Sept

8.45am Mass (Private Intention)
10.15am Mass (Paul Gibbons RIP)
2.00pm Mass in Polish
6.30pm Mass (*Special Intention*)

Monday 27 Sept

8.30am Rosary
9am Mass (*Special Intention*)

St Vincent de Paul

Tuesday 28 Sept

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

Wednesday 29 Sept *The Holy Archangels*

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Thursday 30 Sept *St Jerome*

9.00am Rosary
9.30am Mass (Private Intention)

Friday 1 October *St Teresa of the Child Jesus*

6.30pm Rosary
7pm Mass (*Special Intention*)

Saturday 2 October *The Holy Guardian Angels*

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

MISSIO - RED MISSION BOXES

Pope Francis calls us to renew our missionary commitment to share the Good News with all peoples.

We will be collecting the red mission boxes this month. If you have a box and we haven't contacted you, please call either Clare Ab. 524861 or Wendy Ab. 532593. Thank you.

SEASON OF CREATION

A Prayer for the Earth (from Laudato Si')

All- powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures.

You embrace with your tenderness all that exists.

Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty.

Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one.

O God of the poor, help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth, so precious in your eyes.

Bring healing to our lives,

that we may protect the world and not prey on it, that we may sow beauty not pollution and destruction.

Amen.

LET US DREAM

Pope Francis – The Path To A Better Future – in conversation with Austen Ivereigh. **Thursday 7th October to Thursday 4th November inclusive: 7.00-8.00pm.** - an online course offering the opportunity to explore the richness of *LET US DREAM*, the first book written by a Pope in response to a major crisis, and the first ever to be drafted in English – by his collaborator and biographer, Austen Ivereigh. The book offers not just the Pope's reflections on the Covid 19 crises, but spiritual guidance on how to make use of the pandemic to make a better world, drawing on powerful episodes from his own life and a lifetime of leadership.

We are very grateful to Austen Ivereigh who has kindly offered to give an introductory talk with Q/A on the first evening, and to join us on the last evening for feedback from the sessions. On the first and last evening therefore, meetings will finish at 8.30pm and not 8.00pm. Over the following weeks we will read the book in five parts. If joining, please ensure you have access to a copy of the book. For course details and Zoom link email: pehanley@hotmail.com

INVITATION TO A TALK

"Living at the Lord's hand": The Life and Message of Edith Stein. A talk by Joanne Mosley in the Parish Centre on **Wednesday 20th October 7.45pm.**

This talk aims to introduce the life of St Edith Stein (1891-1942) a Jewish woman and philosopher, later a Catholic lecturer and Carmelite nun, who died in Auschwitz. It will also look at some of the aspects of her spirituality which may be helpful for us as we seek to walk with God amid the demands and challenges of our lives. All welcome.

GET INVOLVED!

Your parish needs you! Find out more about what we do by visiting our parish website. Let us know if you can get involved in any way or if you have any other ideas.

WE PRAY FOR:

The repose of the soul of little Thomas Ward and for his grieving family.

PARISH EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

- **Monday:** JTiF (Journeying Together in Faith), 7.30pm to 9pm in the parish centre. All welcome.

FUTURE DATES

- **Sat 2nd Oct:** Youth groups 3.30pm to 5pm, in the parish centre.
- **Thurs 7th Oct:** Online course on *Let Us Dream* by Pope Francis, 7pm to 8pm.
- **Weds 13th Oct:** Parish lunch, 12.30pm in the parish centre.
- **Weds 20th Oct:** A talk on the life and message of Edith Stein, 7.45pm in the parish centre.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY

This is on **Friday 1st October**. By donating to CAFOD this family fast day you can help communities affected by the worst impact of the climate crisis. Please donate by using the envelopes provided in the church this Sunday, or online on the CAFOD website (see the *News* page of our website) or by texting *CAFOD10* to 70580 to donate £10 or choose any whole amount between £1 and £20 e.g. £5 *CAFOD5*. CAFOD envelopes with your donation can be returned to the church on Sunday 3rd October. Many thanks for your support.

ABINGDON STREET PASTORS

ASP is a UK wide network of Christian volunteers from local churches who have a concern for the community. They work in close collaboration with the police, the local council, and other local groups to make communities safer. We would love to have more volunteers working with us out in the community. If you feel it is something close to your heart and would like to give it a try, please contact us at abingdon@streetpastors.org.uk

COURSE ON CLIMATE CHANGE

A new course called *Christian Course on Climate Change* is being organised online using Zoom on Friday evenings for 7 weeks from 7:30pm to 9pm **starting on CAFOD Family fast day Friday 1st October** and it is for everyone in the diocese. You can view more information and register for the course via the *News* page of our parish website.

LUNCHTIME SUPERVISOR VACANCY

St Edmund's School are looking for a midday supervisor to be part of a team that is responsible for supervising pupils and the School's premises during the midday break and who would be supportive of our school mission statement and the Catholic ethos of our school. Calls to discuss this position further with our Headteacher, Mrs Maria Delany-White are encouraged and warmly welcomed.

Contact The School Business Manager (01235 521558 or clomas2266@st-edmunds-rc.oxon.sch.uk) to request an application pack. Closing date: 8th Oct. at 4pm.