

# ***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.**

*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.*

## **HOME MISSIONS**

This weekend there is a collection for *Home Missions*. The collection supports the Bishops' work in the area of evangelisation. You can also make a donation online on the *News* page of our website.

## **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 on **Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> 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."*

## **ADVANCED NOTICE**

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

## **25<sup>th</sup> Week of Ordinary Time (Year B)**

### **Sunday 19 Sept**

8.45am Mass (O'Brien Family RIP)  
10.15am Mass (Hector Garcia RIP)  
2.00pm Mass in Polish  
6.30pm Mass (Gustavo Garcia RIP)

### **Monday 20 Sept**

***St Andrew Kim Taegon, St Paul Chong Hasang & Companions***

8.30am Rosary  
9am Mass (Private Intention)

### **Tuesday 21 Sept**

***St Matthew***

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 22 Sept**

6.30pm Rosary  
7pm Mass (Edna Harrold RIP)

### **Thursday 23 Sept**

***St Pio of Pietrelcina***

9.00am Rosary  
9.30am Mass (Revel Elliott RIP)

### **Friday 24 Sept**

***Our Lady of Walsingham***

6.30pm Rosary  
7pm Mass (Catenian Mass for Vocations)

### **Saturday 25 September**

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

## **ST EDMUND CAMPION**

Relic and Mass in our church on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September.

## **RED MISSION BOXES**

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.

## JOURNEYING TOGETHER IN FAITH (JTIF)

All sessions take place in the Parish Centre on Mondays from **7.30pm to 9pm**. These sessions are suitable for any adult with an enquiring mind who wishes to journey further in their faith. It is also suitable for anyone who has completed the RCIA course. **Everyone is welcome to attend any or all of the sessions.** The full programme can be viewed on our parish website in the *News* section or in the *Groups* section/*Faith Development*. **A copy is also available at the back of the church.**

## PARISH DAY - THANK YOU!

Our Parish Day last Sunday was a great success and well attended. It was so good to see many 'new' faces there! A very big thank you to all those who attended, and those who helped in any way - musicians, choir, stewards, sound system, setting up and moving furniture, etc.

## CONFIRMATION

The preparation for the sacrament of Confirmation will begin this month. This is for young people who are in Year 8+. Parents are invited to a meeting on **Thursday 23rd September** in the parish centre at 7.30pm. Unfortunately, due to Covid this meeting is only for parents. If you have any questions before, please contact: [tammylavers@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:tammylavers@hotmail.co.uk)

## YOUTH GROUPS

Our two youth groups will resume meeting in the parish centre on most alternative Saturdays during school term time, beginning on **Saturday 18th September, from 3.30pm to 5pm**. All children in years 3 to 6 are invited to come along and join in the activities for the **"COOL" Children of Our Lady group**. Young people in Secondary School are invited to come along and join in with the **St Edmund's Knights** activities.

## WE PRAY FOR

The repose of the soul of David Webster. Funeral on 21st September at 2pm.

## PARISH GRANDPARENTS' ASSOCIATION

You are warmly invited to the first meeting of our new *Catholic Grandparents' Association*, on **Wednesday 22nd September at 2.30pm in the parish centre**. This is an opportunity not to be missed; meet up with like-minded grandparents to socialise and share experiences; to pray together; and to support each other in our role as grandparents. Afternoon tea and cakes will be served, and a warm welcome awaits you.

## CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY

This is on **Friday 1st October**. CAFOD's local experts are helping people all over the world adapt to climate change and to protect our common home. 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, online on their website [CAFOD.org.uk/climatecrisis](http://CAFOD.org.uk/climatecrisis) (or on our website) or by texting **CAFOD10** to 70580 to donate £10 or choose any whole amount between £1 and £20 e.g. £5 **CAFOD5** - more information on the CAFOD leaflet. Many thanks for your support.

## 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](mailto:pehanley@hotmail.com)

## 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. ASP has been severely restricted during COVID but is now glad to be back out on the streets on Saturday nights. 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](mailto:abingdon@streetpastors.org.uk)