

# ***Our Lady & St Edmund of Abingdon*** ***1 Radley Rd, Abingdon on Thames, Oxon, OX14 3PL***

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**Confessions: 11.00 - 11.30am or by appointment**

## **Parish Life**

**ORDER OF MASS CARDS FOR CHILDREN** from TODAY our welcoming team will distribute *Order of Mass* cards for children. We hope it will help your child to follow the mass and join in with the responses. Please return them after mass. *LET'S GO TO MASS* booklets, published by *Redemptorist Publications*, are also available for sale in the church porch for £3.00. We hope your children enjoy them.

**NEXT SUNDAY** there will be a second collection for Racial Justice.

**A big thank you from the SVP:** in the 'Cash4Coins' collection in November, you donated foreign currency to the value of £235.52, plus £272.39 in British currency, giving a total of £507.91 which will go towards the SVP's work with those in need both locally and nationally.

**BIBLE ALIVE** – This booklet is an excellent aid to reading and understanding the Holy Scriptures. The February edition is now available at the back of the church (only £2.50).

**Chrism Mass 2020**, St John's Cathedral, Portsmouth – Once again the Pastoral Area have arranged coach transport to the Chrism Mass this year, on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> April. The bus will pick up from Our Lady and St Edmund's, Abingdon at 7.45am and English Martyrs, Didcot at 8.15am, travelling down to Portsmouth for Mass at the Cathedral at 11am. The return trip will be around 3pm. The cost per person is £15. Bookings through Didcot Parish Office on 01235 812338, email [didcot@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:didcot@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) by 1st April please. Payment on booking.

## **Faith Development**

**Bishop Philip Egan** writes: I'd like to invite the whole Diocese to join me at the Cathedral on the First Sunday of Lent, 1st March 2020 for a *Day of Prayer and Reparation*

## **THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD**

### **Sunday 2 February**

8.45am	Mass	Thomas Connor RIP
10.15am	Mass	Family Intentions
4.30pm	Polish Mass	
6.30pm	Mass	Porzio Nicolina & Simonetti Pier Anna RIP

### **Monday 3 February**

8.30am	Rosary	
9am	Mass	Nora Cooney RIP

### **Tuesday 4 February**

NO Mass See: [www.ourladyandstedmund.org.uk/thames-isis-pastoral-area](http://www.ourladyandstedmund.org.uk/thames-isis-pastoral-area) for other masses

### **Wednesday 5 February St Agatha**

6.30pm	Rosary	
7pm	Mass	Gina O'Hanlon RIP

### **Thursday 6 February St Paul Miki & Companions**

9am	Rosary	
9.30am	Mass	Special Intention

### **Friday 7 February**

6.30pm	Rosary	
7pm	Mass	In Thanksgiving Cameron Paterson (21 <sup>st</sup> Birthday)

### **Saturday 8 February**

8.50-10.15am	FHC (3)	
10.15am	Mothers Prayers	
11am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
11-11.30am	Confessions	
12 noon	Mass	Stott Family Private Intention

for the sins of sexual abuse by members of the Church. I will lead the Day together with the Cathedral clergy, and assisted by Fr. Dominic Allain and Antonia Moffat of the organisation

*From Grief to Grace.* The purpose of the Day is to beg God's forgiveness and God's healing as well as to make reparation for the sins and crimes of sexual abuse that have taken place within the Church by and against members of the Church, especially children and vulnerable adults. Reparation means making amends for offences committed by self and by others; we make reparation through prayer, Adoration and works of self-sacrifice united with Jesus's self-offering on the Cross, made present in the Sacrament of Reconciliation and above all in the Mass. As we begin the season of Lent, and especially during this two-year period of intense prayer for the spiritual renewal of our Diocese, it seems very important to me that we all have an opportunity to pray earnestly for the victims of sexual abuse and for the forgiveness of those, clerical and lay, who have perpetrated abuse. We can feel heavily tarnished by the sins of the few and this weight of shame and guilt impairs and even imperils the Church's mission, or at least our ability serenely and joyfully to communicate the Good News of Christ. The Day will comprise prayers, talks, rosary and devotions that will weave around our usual Sunday Mass schedule at the Cathedral. I will be preaching at all the Sunday morning Masses. The Day will culminate in the afternoon in a Communal Act of Repentance and Atonement.

**The Oxford district of the local St Vincent de Paul** parish groups needs a new Treasurer. This isn't a huge job, and you wouldn't have to do any visiting or other SVP work - just look after the finances for us. If you feel you could volunteer for this, it would be a great service to all the SVP groups in our area. Please contact us via the Parish Office.

**Parish Office closed on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February.**

### School News

**Our Lady's Abingdon School (OLA)** Open Morning Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February, 9.30am – 11.30am. This is a perfect opportunity for parents who want to find out more about OLA to come and see our Nursery and Reception, Junior School, Senior School and Sixth Form in action on a regular teaching day. Staff and pupils will also be available to chat with and to help you find out all you need to know. No need to book just come along. Parking available. Find out more [www.olab.org.uk/Open-Morning](http://www.olab.org.uk/Open-Morning). We hope to see you soon.

### We pray for:

- The Repose of the Soul of Linda McCarton RIP.

## Parish Events for the Week

**TODAY** Refreshments at 10.15am Mass

**Tuesday** RCIA 7.30pm

**Wednesday** Cake & Conversation 9.30am

**Friday** Baby & Toddler Group 9.30am  
SVP Meeting 7.30pm

**N.B. All take place in the Parish Centre unless specified**

### Future Diary Dates

**12<sup>th</sup> Feb** Parish Lunch, 12.30pm, Parish Centre  
**26<sup>th</sup> Feb** Soup Supper 7.30pm, Parish Centre  
**8<sup>th</sup> March** Big Breakfast (more details to follow)  
**26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> March** Parish Office closed

### Youth Events

#### **SATURDAY 8<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY**

\* *Children of Our Lady (COOL) group meets from 3.30 to 5.00pm in the Parish Centre (primary school years 3 to 6 are all invited).*

\* *St Edmund's Knights meet from 3.30-5.00pm in the Parish Centre (young people in secondary school are all invited).*

*Reminders of future events are always included in the parish weekly newsletter and the full programme can be viewed in the youth section on our parish website at: [www.ourladyandstedmund.org.uk/events](http://www.ourladyandstedmund.org.uk/events)  
More info: [bhabayeb@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:bhabayeb@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)*

### Antiphons for Year II, Week IV Ordinary Time

EA: Save us, O Lord our God!

And gather us from the nations,  
to give thanks to your holy name,  
and make it our glory to praise you.

CA: Blessed are the poor in spirit,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are the meek, for they shall possess the land.

**Money Matters:** 26<sup>th</sup> January 2020

Envelopes £213.00 Loose Plate £698.88

Average weekly Gift Aid Standing Orders £995

Many thanks

**Counters:** P. & D. Brooks, M. O'Mullane

**Cleaners:** M. Kelly, M. Sheaf