

# ***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**

## **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 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**

46 children are due to make their First Holy Communion on Saturday 11th and Sunday 12th June, and 18 young people from our parish will be confirmed on Friday June 24th at 7pm at English Martyrs Didcot. Please keep the children, young people, their parents and the Catechists in your prayers.

## **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.

## **5<sup>th</sup> WEEK OF EASTER: Cycle 2 (C)**

### **Sunday 15 May**

8.45am Mass  
10.15am Mass  
2.00pm Mass in Polish  
6.30m Mass

### **5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER**

(Mary Kelly intentions)  
(Cameron Paterson intentions)  
(Rupert McDonald intentions)

### **Monday 16 May**

8.30am Rosary  
9.00am Mass

(Special intention)

### **Tuesday 17 May**

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 18 May**

6.30pm Rosary  
7.00pm Mass

(Kathleen O'Mahoney, RIP)

### **Thursday 19 May**

9.00am Rosary  
9.30am Mass

**Dedication of St John Cathedral, Portsmouth**

(Geoff Castle intentions)

### **Friday 20 May**

6.30pm Rosary  
7.00pm Mass

(Special intention)

### **Saturday 21 May**

8.50am FHC preparation (Session 9)  
11am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
11-11.30am Confessions  
12pm Mass

(Brian Winfield, RIP)

## **PENTECOST RETREATS**

The *Centre for Applied Carmelite Spirituality* at Boars Hill are running a Pentecost retreat, which you can join in person or online. To find out more and register, use the link on the News page of our website.

## 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 **15th -19th August**. More information and booking forms can be found via this link <https://www.fanningtheflame.co.uk/summer-camp>

## WHAT IS THE 'SUNDAY OBLIGATION'?

Attending Mass on Sundays and Holy Days is the greatest of all privileges, sometimes referred to as 'the Sunday Obligation.'

At the Bishops' Conference in Cardiff last week, the Bishops voted unanimously to reinstate the 'obligation' on Catholics to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days. This will take effect on Pentecost Sunday (5<sup>th</sup> June).

*'This is the bread come down from heaven' (John 6:58).* A beautiful hallmark of the Catholic faith is the profound **desire** to participate in the Holy Mass and share in the Eucharist. We do so with deep gratitude and joy. The Eucharist gives the Church her identity – *'The Eucharist makes the Church, and the Church makes the Eucharist.'* It enables us to worship Almighty God, to support each other on our journey of faith, and to be a visible sign of faith in the world. This hallmark is supported and strengthened by the precept that our fundamental Christian duty is to worship God by participating in the celebration of Mass. So, attending Mass and receiving the Eucharist sacramentally becomes our **joy** and **desire** and less of just an 'obligation'.

## CHRISTIAN AID WEEK

Christian Aid week is 16 -21 May. There will be a Market Place Sale on Saturday 21 May (9am - 1.30pm) with cake, plant and book stalls. Items for sale can be delivered to the stalls on the day. There will be a limited House-to-House collection and envelopes for donations will be available on the stalls. You can also donate via the link on the *News* page of our website.

## CALLED AND GIFTED

Do you know what spiritual gifts you've been given to help you live out your faith every day? The Called and Gifted discernment process is designed to help you learn what the spiritual gifts are and prayerfully discern which gifts the Holy Spirit has given you for the glory of God and the benefit of others.

For more information please contact the team leader, Gerry Penfold by email: [gpenfold@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:gpenfold@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

For information on how to book as an individual, please see <https://www.calledandgifted.org.uk/how-to-book/>

## WE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF:

- Gertrude (Trudi) Walker, RIP
- Catherine Danfald, RIP. Funeral 7<sup>th</sup> June at 1.30pm

## PARISH EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

- **Sunday:** Refreshments in the parish centre after the 10.15am Mass.
- **Monday:** JTiF (Journeying Together in Faith), 7.30pm to 9pm in the parish centre. All welcome.
- **Friday:** Baby & Toddler group in the parish centre 9.30am to 11.15am in term time.
- **Saturday:** FHC preparation, session 9, in the church from 8.50am to 10am for those registered.

## FUTURE DATES

- **Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> May:** JTiF (Journeying Together in Faith), 7.30pm to 9pm in the parish centre. All welcome.
- **Fri 27<sup>th</sup> May:** Baby & Toddler group in the parish centre 9.30am to 11.15am in term time.
- **Wed 8<sup>th</sup> June:** Parish lunch at 12.30pm in the parish centre. All welcome.
- **Thu 9<sup>th</sup> June:** FHC parents/ meeting at 7.30pm in the Church.

## THE PARADOX OF ABUNDANCE

Over 800 million people go hungry each day. Yet the world produces over 4 billion tonnes of food and we only need 3.7 billion tonnes to feed everyone. From all this food produced, a third is wasted. St John Paul II called this *'the paradox of abundance.'* Clearly the currently global food system is not working. But as Pope Francis said, *"Each of us has a role to play in transforming food systems for the benefit of people and the planet."* Let us respond to his call! CAFOD's new campaign is called **Fix the Food System**. Look on the News page of our website for more information, including an invitation for parish groups to learn about the impact of our food with our *Fix the Food System: a 7-station journey* resource.

## PRAYER

O Jesus, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I offer You my prayers, works, joys, and sufferings of this day in union with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass throughout the world, for all the intentions of Your Sacred Heart, for the salvation of souls, reparation for sin, and the reunion of all Christians.

Lord, I believe in you: increase my faith. I trust in you: strengthen my trust. I love you: let me love you more and more. I am sorry for my sins: deepen my sorrow. Guide me by your wisdom. Correct me with your justice. Comfort me with your mercy. Protect me with your power.

Lord, enlighten my understanding, strengthen my will, purify my heart, and make me holy. Help me to conquer anger with gentleness, greed by generosity, apathy by fervour. Help me to forget myself and reach out toward others. Amen.