

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

SVP AWARENESS MONTH

On the 27th September we celebrate the feast of St. Vincent de Paul, who devoted his life to helping people in need through person to person support. He famously said: *"We cannot better assure our eternal happiness than by living and dying for the poor."*

Our parish *St Vincent de Paul Society group (SVP)* are here to help wherever possible. If you are lonely or know someone who is and would like a visit, or would just like to know more about the SVP, do get in touch via the parish office. We are also able to offer some practical help where this is feasible. You are also able to help us by making a donation using the slot on the wall at the back of the church. *St. Vincent de Paul, pray for us.*

CALLED AND GIFTED REUNION

If you took part in the Called and Gifted programme, note that Gerry Penfold, leader of our diocesan *Called and Gifted Team*, invites you to a reunion, on Saturday 8th October at St. Bede's Basingstoke, beginning at 9 am. To see the outline for the day and to register, please go to the News page of our website.

GRANDPARENTS, GREAT AUNTS & GREAT UNCLES

You are warmly invited to join us at our next CGA gathering on Thursday 29th September at 2.30pm in the parish centre. Clare 524861 Mary 534873.

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.

Week 26 in Ordinary Time

Sunday 25 Sept

8.45am Mass (*Special Intention*)
10.15am Mass (*Kitty Creaghan RIP*)
2.00pm Mass in Polish
6.30m Mass (*Dora Nash RIP*)

Monday 26 Sept

8.30am Rosary
9.00am Service of the Word & Holy Communion

Tuesday 27 Sept *St Vincent de Paul*

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

Wednesday 28 Sept

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

Thursday 29 Sept *The Holy archangels Michael, Gabriel & Raphael*

9.00am Rosary
9.30am Service of the Word & Holy Communion

Friday 30 Sept *St Jerome*

6.30pm Rosary
7.00pm Mass (*Edna Harrold RIP*)

Saturday 1 Oct *St Teresa of the Child Jesus*

11am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
11-11.30am Confessions
12pm Mass (*Edward & Jean Cooper RIP*)

TRANSITION RETREATS

The Carmelite Priory at Boars Hill are offering three retreats on the theme of transition, which may interest you. For more information, please see the poster on the notice board outside the church, or the information on the *News* page of our website, or email: ruth.preston@carmelite.org.uk

SEASON OF CREATION

"Listen to the voice of creation" is the theme and invitation of this year's Season of Creation. The ecumenical phase begins on 1 September with the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation and concludes on 4 October with the feast of Saint Francis. You can read the full message from Pope Francis on the *News* page of our website.

PRAYER FOR THE SEASON OF CREATION

PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

O Holy Spirit, you hovered over the deep at the dawn of creation.

You fashioned time and space itself in the initial magnificent flaring forth.

You breathed life into all beings and you continue to dwell and work in all creation to sustain that life.

Be with us now at this critical moment of our history.

Open our ears to the cry of the earth, suffering the effects of human exploitation and unbridled consumption.

Open our ears to the cries of our brothers and sisters living in the midst of extreme poverty and hunger.

Give us a deeper awareness that we are part of all that you have made, that we are intimately connected to all that has been, all that is and all that will be.

Grant us a spirit of awe and wonder as we contemplate the marvels of your creation, recognising and giving thanks for your presence within and around us.

Give us a deep respect for all life and help us to renew our commitment to foster life wherever we are.

Give us the courage to denounce all that disfigures your creation and to commit fully to caring for our earthly home and for all the created beings we share it with.

May we live lives characterised by compassion and service and may we embody your love in our relationships with one another and with all Creation.

Amen.

Sr Gemma Corbett/CAFOD



PARISH EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

- **Sunday:** Refreshments in the parish centre after the 10.15am Mass.
- **Monday:** Journeying Together in Faith (JTIF) at 7.30pm in the parish centre. All welcome.
- **Thursday:** grandparents association gather in the parish centre at 2.30pm
- **Friday:** Baby & Toddler group in the parish centre 9.30am to 11.15am in term time.
- **Saturday:** Parish Youth Groups activities in the parish centre 3.30-5pm. All welcome.

FUTURE DATES

- **Wed 12th October:** Parish lunch at 12.30pm in the parish centre. All welcome. For info, ring 534873.
- **Sat 15th Oct:** Parish Youth Groups activities in the parish centre 3.30-5pm. All welcome.

JTiF – JOURNEYING TOGETHER IN FAITH

We are all on a journey of faith. This course is open to everyone and runs on Monday evenings from 7.30pm to 9pm in the parish centre. Do feel free to join us – everyone is welcome. Why not come along and see what it is like! A copy of the programme is available at the back of the church and also on our website.

YOUTH GROUPS The two groups for primary school children in years 3 to 6 and secondary school pupils meets again on Saturday 1st October in the parish centre from 3.30-5pm. See the dates and information on the flyer available at the back of the church and on our website.

ST BERNADETTE'S RELICS TOUR

In September and October, the relics of St Bernadette will be at the Immaculate Conception RC Church in Bicester on the 9th and 10th October. There are limited places available. To reserve a place, please contact Wendy on Ab. 532593 or Mary on Ab. 534873.

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LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINARS

These will take place via Zoom from Dublin every Tuesday evening for the next few weeks. They are free of charge. For details, please see the *News* section on the Parish Website. *If you have not yet followed this life-changing course don't miss this opportunity!*

WE PRAY FOR:

- Dora Nash, RIP. Funeral on Fri. 30th Sept, at 10.30am.