

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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We live stream all services

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CONFESSIONS: For now, this is by appointment only.
Please contact the parish office to make a booking.

PRIVATE PRAYER

The church will be open for **private prayer only**,
between **12.00pm and 1.00pm on Tuesdays and Fridays**.

MASS BOOKINGS

Please remember that **bookings for the whole week beginning Sunday 18th Oct. to Saturday 24th Oct. should be made on Monday 12th October**. Do please try and give us several options for days/times when you could come and let us know **how many people you are booking for**. We will do our best to accommodate your request. If you would like to attend more than one Mass in the week, please make this clear when you book.

- Those people **without** Internet access can phone **07395 946827** between **10am and 11am each Monday** to give the day of the week when they are able to attend Mass. **There is no recorded answering message system**. Please do not use the office phone number or phone outside of this time period.
- Those **with** Internet access are asked **not** to use the phone booking system, but instead to email us at: **contact@ourladyandstedmund.org.uk** giving us 2 to 3 possible days of the week when you can attend Mass. Please do this **each Monday**. You will then receive a reply with the day allocated to you.
- In all cases, you are asked to state the number in your family who will be attending Mass. This is essential for our planning and to maintain safety distances.
- Be aware that singing is not yet permitted under the guidelines. Also, there will be no collection basket passed around, but you may leave donations as you leave the Church.
- Please note that there are currently only **two** Sunday Masses – one at **10.15am and the other at 6.30pm**.

Thank you all very much for your patience and help.

28th week of Ordinary Time

In Church for those who have booked, and also live streamed

Sunday 11 October

10.15am Mass (Sr Elizabeth Burgess intentions)
2.00pm Polish Mass
6.30pm Mass (In Thanksgiving: Anniversary of Roy Arends & Alex Contreras)

Monday 12 October (Parishes in Pastoral Areas of Portsmouth, Solent, Havant & Isle of Wight)

9am Mass (Paul Cahill, RIP)

Tuesday 13 October

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

Wednesday 14 October

7pm Mass (Margaret Mythen, RIP)

Thursday 15 October (St Teresa of Avila)

9.30am Mass (Special intentions)

Friday 16 October

7pm Mass (Teresa Lorenzo intentions)

Saturday 17 October (St Ignatius of Antioch)

12pm Mass (Frank O'Toole, RIP)

HOW TO BOOK FOR MASS

No Internet Access?

Phone **07395 946827** **EACH MONDAY** between 10am and 11am **ONLY**
to book a place for the **FOLLOWING** week

Have Internet Access?

DON'T phone. Instead, email:
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NEWSLETTER:

For now, please print your own copy from the *News* page of our website, or for those without Internet access, bring the copy delivered to you on Saturdays. We are also unable to accept any books, pamphlets, etc. at this point in time.

YOUR PARISH STILL NEEDS YOU!

The parish still *really* needs your donations. You can make these on our website. This will enable those who normally use the weekly gift aid white envelope system or loose plate donations to continue to support the Parish. *You can also place donations in the basket as you leave church.* **Your continued support for the Parish is greatly appreciated.**

KEY STAGE 2 TEACHER VACANCY - ST EDMUND'S SCHOOL

We are looking for an enthusiastic, dynamic and committed teacher, who would be supportive of our school mission statement and the Catholic ethos of our school, to teach a Year 5 class from January 2021. The ability to lead a core subject would be desirable in our warm and welcoming school. Calls to discuss this position further with our Headteacher, Mrs Maria Delany-White are encouraged and warmly welcomed. Please contact The School Business Manager (01235 521558 or clomas2266@st-edmunds-rc.oxon.sch.uk) to request an application pack. **Closing date: Monday, 19th October 2020 at 4pm.**

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER DURING MASS:

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot today receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You.

FRATELLI TUTTI –NEW ENCYCLICAL FROM POPE FRANCIS

Fratelli Tutti (Brothers and Sisters All) is the Encyclical Letter of Pope Francis on fraternity and social friendship. It was with these words that St Francis of Assisi addressed his brothers and sisters and proposed to them a way of life marked by the flavour of the Gospel. Of the counsels St Francis offered, the Holy Father says that he would like to select the one in which St Francis calls for a love that transcends the barriers of geography and distance, and declares blessed all those who love their brother. In his simple and direct way, Saint Francis expressed the essence of a fraternal openness that allows us to acknowledge, appreciate and love each person, regardless of physical proximity, regardless of where he or she was born or lives. The documents and short video can be viewed on the News page of our website.

Keep in your prayers the children who received the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist on 10th October.

Also please continue to pray for the 22 young people who were recently Confirmed.

Parish Events for the Week

NO EVENTS IN THE PARISH CENTRE UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Future Diary Dates

No events at the moment.

NHS COVID-19 APP:

The new NHS COVID-19 app is now available to download for free on smartphone, in England and Wales. If you have downloaded it, you are now able to scan the code allocated to us, as you enter our church. It is on the inside door and on the notice board *inside* the church.

FRIENDS OF THE HOLY LAND:

Historically the economic impact of COVID 19 to Christians in the Holy Land has been catastrophic. The FHL office in Bethlehem is being inundated by people seeking help. Unfortunately our presentations and sales of Olive Wood Products and Christmas card sales have had to be cancelled in parishes. However we are going to proceed to sell the Christmas Cards (£3.25 packet of 10). Contact any of the following:

Mary Mulqueen: 01235 534873 or 07857386398

Ann Green: 01235 520171 or ann.green@zen.co.uk

Clare Calnan: 01235 524861 or 07810192267

Thank you most sincerely for supporting our brothers and sisters in The Holy Land, it really does make a difference to their lives.

JOURNEYING TOGETHER IN FAITH

This course takes place on **Mondays** from **6.30pm to 7.30pm** online using Zoom. It is open to anybody interested in growing their faith and is suitable for those who have completed the RCIA course as well. The format is one of discussion, sometimes watching a short video, and generally spending a little contemplative time together. For information and details, email:

contact@ourladyandstedmund.org.uk

INSPIRATION FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

Venerable Carlo Acutis (1991-2006), will be beatified in the Basilica of San Francesco, in Assisi, on October 10th, at 4pm. At the age of 11, deeply moved by the Eucharistic miracle of Lanciano, Carlo, a daily communicant from his First Holy Communion and a computer genius, decided to collate all Eucharistic miracles and create an online and downloadable Exhibition. Shortly after completing the project Carlo was diagnosed with fulminant leukaemia, and he died a week later, aged 15. His exhibition can be viewed at www.miracolieucaristici.org

WE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF

- James Carey
- Graham Clipperton