

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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PARISH DAY THIS SUNDAY

We celebrate our Parish Day with one morning Mass at 10.30am in the field behind the parish centre. This Mass is not live streamed. Evening Mass is at 6.30pm as usual.

SECOND COLLECTION – SUNDAY 10th JULY

The collection *next* Sunday (**collection boxes outside as you leave the church**) will be for the **Apostleship of the Sea (Stella Maris)** – the Catholic Church's maritime charity. Seafarers lead hard and dangerous lives. Your gifts and prayers will help seafarers and fishers get the support they need. Stella Maris chaplains and volunteers are working in ports up and down this country, and across the world: but they cannot do it without your support. You can also make your contribution online using the link on the *News* page of our website.

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2023

If you are going to be aged 16 or above by July 2023, you are invited to join with like-minded young people from across the diocese to journey on pilgrimage to Lisbon for World Youth Day in the Summer of 2023. This is a life changing experience for all those who accept the invitation and this pilgrimage, led by Bishop Philip, is set to be the best one yet! Spaces are limited! Please find out more and register your interest **ASAP** using the links on the *News* page of our website.

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 14 of Ordinary Time: Cycle 2 (C)

Sunday 3 July

10.30am Mass - outdoors (Teddy Conway, RIP)
2.00pm Mass in Polish
6.30m Mass (Bob Keyes, intentions)

Monday 4 July

8.30am Rosary
9.00am Mass (McDonagh family, intentions)

Tuesday 5 July

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

Wednesday 6 July

6.30pm Rosary
7.00pm Mass (Philomena McCotter, RIP)

Thursday 7 July

9.00am Rosary
9.30am Mass (Michael Couling, RIP)

Friday 8 July

6.30pm Rosary
7.00pm Mass (Elizabeth McWatt, RIP)

Saturday 9 July

11am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
11-11.30am Confessions
12pm Mass (Susan Burns, intentions)

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR GRANDPARENTS

The Holy Father has written a message for the Second World Day of Prayer for Grandparents and the Elderly, that is to be held on 24th July. Its theme is *"In old age they will still bear fruit"* (Psalm 92: 15). You can read the message 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>

LOURDES PRAYER PETITIONS

If you would like Bishop Philip to carry a prayer for your intentions or you have a special intention you'd like him to bring to the Grotto in Lourdes this July, please email your petitions **in confidence** and as soon as possible, to: lourdespetition@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk At this email address you will also be able to donate to the Lourdes fund and make a donation that will enable a candle to be lit at Lourdes for your intentions.

RELICS OF ST BERNADETTE

The relics of St. Bernadette are coming to visit our Diocese! You may well have seen reports in the Catholic press that the relics of St Bernadette are to tour Britain from 3rd to 30th September. The dates and venues of the tour have now been confirmed and Bishop Philip is delighted to announce that the relics of St Bernadette will be with us here in Portsmouth, in the Cathedral, on 8th September and on the morning of 9th September 2022. More details will be available in the coming weeks.

PARISH YOUTH GROUPS

Our two parish youth groups – *Children of Our Lady (COOL)* for children in Years 3 and above in primary school, and *St Edmund's Knights* for young people in secondary school, will be reconvening again from September. The events take place on alternate Saturdays from 3.30pm to 5pm during school term time and are a great way to meet with friends, make new friends and grow your faith while doing fun and useful activities.

We need of adult volunteers to help. If you would like to join us on this lively and worthwhile enterprise, please speak to Barbara or contact her via the presbytery office before the end of July. Thank you.

ENCOUNTER FESTIVAL

The Carmelite Priory at Boars Hill are running a Young Adult event from **Friday 29th to Sunday 31st July** for people aged 25 to 35. The event will be held both at the Oxford Priory and online. There are some fliers on the table at the back of the church, a poster on our outside notice board, and a link to more information and booking on the News page of our website.

WE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF:

Maureen Cash one of our old parishioners who moved to Scotland and who passed away last week. Her funeral will take place here on 12th July at 11am, and she will be buried with her husband John. May she rest in peace.

PARISH EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

- **Sunday:** Bring your own picnic after the 10.30am Parish Day Mass.
- **Friday:** Baby & Toddler group in the parish centre 9.30am to 11.15am in term time.

FUTURE DATES

- **Wed 13th July:** Parish lunch at 12.30pm in the parish centre. All welcome.
- **Fri 15th July:** Baby & Toddler group in the parish centre 9.30am to 11.15am in term time.

FLAME YOUTH GATHERING

This is taking place on **Saturday 4th March** next year, and is an awesome and inspiring experience for young people in Year 9 or above, at College, or Uni, or a young adult. Tickets to attend *Flame 23* are now on sale at the early bird price of £24 and it is expected that they will be snapped up quickly, so act soon if you would like any, by contacting the Diocese by email: youth@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk Clothing bearing the Diocesan logo and transport from Portsmouth Cathedral are also available for purchase.

DOMINICAN SISTERS OFFER COURSES

The sisters are inviting all catechists, seasoned and new, and all children's Liturgy leaders and helpers to attend their **Diocesan Day for Catechists**, which will be taking place on the **8th of October in Winchester**. All details and registration here:

<https://www.pffm.org.uk/catechists>

A REFLECTION FOR OUR PARISH DAY

What makes a parish a thriving community?

To ensure that our parish does not just consist of people who attend Mass, but is a thriving community where each of us feels that we 'belong', then we need to be active! Each one of us has a gift or gifts which, if used, would greatly enrich our parish life.

There are *many* opportunities to be *involved* with parish life - just take a look at our website to see but a few:

- faith development,
- faith in action,
- liturgy,
- music,
- pastoral care,
- practical,
- prayer,
- social,
- youth groups...

However, too often it is the same small number of volunteers who drive everything and often quietly give their time to the parish community. Whatever our circumstances, we can all be active in one way or another – physically or through prayer. Yes, our parish needs us! We need to 'belong'. Celebrate our Parish Day by considering how you too can contribute to parish life.