

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

PARISH OFFICE

Please see the current opening hours above, and note that the parish office will be closed from Friday 30th July to Friday 13th August.

MASSES:

Please note that, in consideration for others, the government strongly recommends that face masks/coverings continue to be worn in indoor public spaces.

NEWSLETTERS

Items for the newsletter should be sent to the parish office by the Wednesday of each week please. Due to the office closure dates (see above), contributions can resume on Wednesday 18th August.

CONFESSIONS

Confessions resume on Saturdays between 11am and 11.30am in the Church, or by appointment.

PRAYING FOR VOCATIONS

Please hold in your prayers Rev Deacons Anthony Fyk & Paul Nwune who will be ordained to the Sacred Priesthood for our Diocese at 11am on Saturday 31st July at St John's Cathedral. Also for James Lewis who will be ordained to the Diaconate at the same Mass. Then on Sunday 1st August at 2 pm, two men will be ordained to the permanent diaconate: Stephen Opoku-Anokye from Christ the King, Reading and Stephen Joseph from St. Mary's, Alton.

BABY & TODDLER GROUP

We are hoping to restart our St Edmund's *Baby and Toddler Group* on Friday mornings in the parish centre in September and we are in desperate need of volunteers. We especially need help setting up before the sessions start at 9.30am. It would not be every Friday as it is in term time only. Please contact Karen on 01235 555167 or email kazy@sky.com if you can help or would like to know more.

18th Week of Ordinary Time (Year B)

Sunday 1 August

8.45am Mass (Gerard Hannigan, RIP)
10.15am Mass (Jack McCoull, RIP)
2.00pm Mass in Polish
6.30pm Mass (Isabel Foley, RIP)

Monday 2 August

8.30am Rosary
9am Mass (Kitsy Keating, RIP)

Tuesday 3 August St Ethelwold

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

Wednesday 4 August St John Vianney

6.30pm Rosary
7pm Mass (*Special intention*)

Thursday 5 August

9.00am Rosary
9.30am Mass (*Special intention*)
1.30pm Funeral service (Winifred Parry)

Friday 6 August Transfiguration of the Lord

6.30pm Rosary
7pm Mass (*Special intention*)

Saturday 7 August Our Lady on Saturday

11am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
11-11.30am Confessions
12pm Mass ('Paddy' McKenna, RIP)

NEW TO THE PARISH?

We warmly welcome all new parishioners who have joined our parish in the last year. Please do make yourselves known if you have not already done so, and also let us know if you would like to contribute to parish life in any way. You can use the form on our website to register:
www.ourladyandstedmund.org.uk/register

GRANDPARENTS ASSOCIATION

There has been some interest in the formation of a Parish branch of the *Catholic Grandparents Association*. Regular meetings provide an opportunity for members to socialize and share experiences. To register an interest please send your contact details to delanypeter@btinternet.com or by leaving them at the Parish Office.

RCIA / JOURNEY IN FAITH SESSIONS

What is Love? What is Happiness? What is the meaning of my Life? Who is Jesus?

Who do they say that I am? I am with you always. Peace be with you. Do not be afraid. Come and see. A friend to those in need. A Comforter to those who ask. A healer to the sick. A helper to those in need. Love one another as I have loved you. **The Son of God. "This is My Beloved Son"**

You might wish to find out more about Jesus, would like to receive baptism, become a Catholic, or you may be a Catholic but not confirmed? If so, RCIA/Journey in Faith could be for you.

"Come and See" introduction to RCIA Tuesday 7th September at 7.30pm

Sessions begin on 21st September.

Please contact Pauline Hanley email: pehanley@hotmail.com or tel: 07506 753085 for further details.

DONATIONS TO THE FOODBANK

Still urgently needed are:

- Long life cow's milk - semi skimmed or whole
- Sugar
- Tinned meat for hot meals (mince, stews, meatballs)
- Dried chick peas and couscous
- Instant coffee
- Bottles of squash
- Small (500g) bags of sugar
- Cleaning spray
- J cloths (other brands are available)
- Bleach

Donations can be dropped off at the Foodbank on Northcourt Road

CHURCH CLEANERS

As we resume normal functioning, we would like to restart a rota for cleaning the church. If you would like to volunteer, please could you give your name and contact details to the **parish office** as soon as possible (abingdon@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk). You will most likely only be needed on a fortnightly basis and it would be helpful if you could let us know your preferred day(s) when you would be able to clean.

CHURCH GROUPS

Our parish website is currently being updated. Please could you have a look at all the entries in the *Groups* section, especially if you are a representative for any of the groups, and let us know of any necessary changes **as soon as possible**. If you are part of a group which is missing, or you would like to start a group, please could you also get in touch and let us know. Please use the email: contact@ourladyandstedmund.org.uk. Thank you.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Our **Parish Day**, which had to be postponed, is now planned for **Sunday 12th September**, all being well. This will be a wonderful opportunity to welcome and meet new parishioners and to re-establish contact with existing ones after this long pandemic period. We pray that plans for this day will be fruitful. More information will be given nearer the time.

DON'T FORGET THE SUMMER CAMP!

The *Fanning the Flame* summer camp for Catholics aged 12 to 18 will be held this year in Kintbury **from 16th to 20th August**. *Fanning The Flame Catholic Mission* started in Southampton in 1995, and is an apostolate of Dominican Sisters of St Joseph.

The theme this year will be HEROES FOR GOD. Further details can be found on the special website where you will find booking forms and all you need to know about what is involved: www.fanningtheflame.co.uk/ Places are limited to 60 this year so book in as soon as possible.

WE PRAY FOR

The repose of the soul of Winifred Parry.

