

# ***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**

## **REFLECTION**

An earlier Christian writing says this: 'On the Lord's Day, gather in community to break bread and to give thanks. No one who has a quarrel with another person may join your gathering, not until they are reconciled. Your sacrifice must not make me unholy. (The Didache)

Is there someone with whom we need to be reconciled? Let us allow Christ to nourish us in this banquet today, to nourish our spirits with the bread of hope and to nourish our hearts with the bread of love.

Each of us is on a pilgrimage. We are seeking to encounter others who have the same needs as ourselves. The greatest need of all is the need to be loved, as Jesus loves us in the Eucharist. As Christians, we are united in a bond so close that St Paul called the Christian community "The Body of Christ". Each person is a brother or a sister in Christ. Each person must be given some sign of friendship be it only a smile or a nod of the head.

## **LENTEN PROJECT - LEBANON**

As announced, the final total from our Lenten efforts this year came to **£13,669.71**. Once again, huge thanks for this, as it will be a great benefit to *École Don Bosco, in Hadath, Baalbeck in Lebanon*. Ernest Janicki, one of our parishioners, will be taking this in person to the sisters later this month, so we wish him a safe journey.

## **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

Let us pray especially today on the Feast of Corpus Christi for all the children in the parish making their First Holy Communion this month 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> June. Pray that Jesus will bless them deeply with an awareness of his presence. We pray too for all their families and friends.

## **SERVICES ON SATURDAY THIS WEEK**

Please note that there will be no Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament or Confessions on **Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> June** due to the First Holy Communion celebrations. However, there will be Mass as normal at midday.

## **CORPUS CHRISTI: Cycle 1 (A)**

### **Sunday 11 June**

8.45am	Mass	(Private Intention)
10.15am	Mass	(Ann Marice Knox Intentions)
2.00pm	Mass in Polish	
6.30pm	Mass	(Patrick Hicks RIP)

### **Corpus Christi**

### **Monday 12 June**

8.30am	Rosary	
9.00am	Mass	(Private Intention)

### **Tuesday 13 June**

### **St Anthony of Padua**

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 14 June**

6.30pm	Rosary	
7.00pm	Mass	(Bernard Laurence Brady RIP)

### **Thursday 15 June**

9.00am	Rosary	
9.30am	Mass	(Ted Kelly RIP)

### **Friday 16 June**

### **Most Sacred Heart of Jesus**

6.30pm	Rosary	
7.00pm	Mass	(Special Intention)

### **Saturday 17 June**

### **Immaculate Heart of Mary**

12pm	Mass	(Mary Campbell RIP)
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## **PLEASE PRAY FOR VOCATIONS**

That all of us will adore the great gift of the Holy Eucharist given to us by Jesus in the hands of his priests to nourish them with his body and that the Holy Spirit will inspire many more to follow him.

## USING YOUR CARD TO GIVE

We have a new machine at the back of church so that you can give to a collection or pay for candles or books using a bank card. It is very simple and quick – just follow the on-screen instructions and select what it is you are giving for. The money you give will be directed as you choose – to the offertory collection, to the second collection or to pay for candles or books. The next second collection will be on **Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> June** for *Day for Life*.

## WELCOME TO THE CATENIANS

Representatives of the Oxford Circle of the Catenian Association will be hosting coffee in the parish centre after 10:15 Mass on Sunday, 18th June. The Catenians are an international Catholic organisation and the Oxford Circle are celebrating their 80th anniversary this year. You are invited to come along, have a coffee and cake, and find out more about who the Catenians are and what they do.

## WANTING TO VOLUNTEER?

*Caritas Portsmouth* volunteer teams support parishes and schools to become the ‘church beyond walls’ to help meet the needs in our local communities. *Caritas* would be delighted if you would join them. Visit their website for details at <https://caritas.org.uk/act/> or email them at [caritas@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:caritas@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) Thank you.

## THINKING BOOKS - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

*TrinityLearning* is a small church funded charity working with volunteers to improve the wellbeing and mental health of school communities in Abingdon. They’re currently looking for new *Thinking Books* volunteers to start in September 2023 to go into schools regularly to meet children one-to-one or in small groups and share reading of carefully selected books which start conversations about feelings and relationships. They’re committed to Safeguarding and provide full training and ongoing support to volunteers. Email [nic.trinitylearning@gmail.com](mailto:nic.trinitylearning@gmail.com) to find out more.

## GARDEN TEA PARTY

Sunday 18th June 2.30- 5pm. St Ethelwolds House, 30 East St Helen’s OX145EB. Tickets at £10 (adults) available. Please follow the link on our website for info. Tickets also available in Bookstore in the precinct. Proceeds in aid of the Abingdon Passion Play.

## LIGHT FOR THE BLIND

This is to give advance notice that Father Thomas from India - who is well known to most parishioners - will be visiting Abingdon next month. He will be at all the Masses on Sunday July 9th and there will be an opportunity to meet him in the Parish Centre for coffee and refreshments after the 10.15 am Mass. Abingdon Trustees of Light for the Blind

## PARISH EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

- **Sunday:** Refreshments in the parish centre after the 10.15am Mass.
- **Monday:** *Open Doors* in the parish centre from 11.30am to 2.30pm.
- **Wednesday:** Parish lunch in the parish centre at 12.30pm..
- **Friday:** *Baby & Toddler* group in the parish centre 9.30am to 11.15am in term time.

## FUTURE DATES

- **Sat 24<sup>th</sup> June:** Youth groups meet in the parish centre from 3.30 to 5pm.
- **Sun 2<sup>nd</sup> July:** Parish Day. Morning Mass at 10.30am in the garden by the parish centre followed by BBQ.

## ST EDMUND’S SCHOOL FAYRE

St Edmund’s School will be holding their summer fayre on **Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> June** from 12pm to 3pm. Parishioners are warmly welcomed to come along.

## DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

We are planning our open-air parish Mass in the garden by the parish centre for **Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> July**. There will be a celebration BBQ following the outdoor Mass at 10.30am, weather permitting. On that day there will only be one morning Mass. Any volunteers to set up and clear away would be much appreciated.

## TACKLING THE ROOT CAUSES OF POVERTY

Did you know that Church teaching says that we should not only support those in poverty but also tackle the root causes of poverty? Pope Benedict XVI said that “*Love - caritas - is an extraordinary force which leads people to opt for courageous and generous engagement in the field of justice and peace.*” For decades CAFOD has spoken out against injustice. To find out more about our seeds campaign and get involved in tackling the root causes of poverty, please go to [www.cafod.org.uk/latestcampaigns](http://www.cafod.org.uk/latestcampaigns)

## LIFE IN THE SPIRIT COURSE

Bishop Philip has announced that this year in the diocese is to be the Year of the Holy Spirit. Why not come and join the *Life in the Spirit* course running after Pentecost! This will be held on Zoom **each Thursday until Thursday 13th July** from 7.30pm until 9pm. Get involved in Praise and Worship of the Lord. Listen to sound teaching on the Holy Spirit. Meet up with other members of the diocese - and beyond - to discuss what you believe. It is in articulating our thoughts that we really come to know what we do believe. You can register for the course using the link on the *News* page of our parish website.