

***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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**YOU WILL BE MY WITNESS**

A few weeks ago, we heard Bishop Philip's Pastoral letter 'You will be my Witness' when he revealed his vision for the Diocese, and the draft of his strategic plan for our feedback. Please read this either in hard copy, if you took one, or on our website *News* page.

We are now inviting as many of you as possible to offer feedback that we as a parish can then forward to Portsmouth as they finalise the plan for us by summer 2023. If you would like to do this, please collect a copy of the feedback form from the table at the back of the church, or download it from the *News* page of our website. You do not need to complete each section of the form if you feel unable to.

We ask you to return your completed form **not later than Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December** and invite you to a discussion for this stage of the Bishop's plan **in the parish centre at 7pm on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December**. Thank you.

**HELP THE MINI VINNIES AT ST EDMUND'S SCHOOL**

The *Mini Vinnies* (children's branch of the *SVP*) have chosen to support the homeless and vulnerable, through *Emmaus*, as their 'Christmas Project'. If you would like to contribute, we will have a box available in the church from Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> November until Sunday the 4<sup>th</sup> December.

The following items are especially welcomed (for men and for women, but mostly for men):

- Warm hats,
- new pants,
- new socks,
- gloves,
- scarves,
- torches,
- *Greggs* gift food vouchers,
- chocolates.

Thank you for your support.

**Week 33 in Ordinary Time**

**Sunday 13 Nov**

8.45am Mass  
10.15am Mass  
2.00pm Mass in Polish  
6.30m Mass

**Remembrance Sunday**

(Peggy & John Andorson, RIP)  
(John Smith, RIP)  
  
(Deceased members of SVP)

**Monday 14 Nov**

8.30am Rosary  
9.00am Mass

(Mary Louise Field, RIP)

**Tuesday 15 Nov**

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 16 Nov**

6.30pm Rosary  
7.00pm Mass

**St Edmund of Abingdon**

(Sir George Bowyer, RIP)

**Thursday 17 Nov**

9.00am Rosary  
9.30am Mass

(*Special intention*)

**Friday 18 Nov**

6.30pm Rosary  
7.00pm Mass

(John Nelson, RIP)

**Saturday 19 Nov**

11am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
11-11.30am Confessions  
12pm Mass

(Joaquin Alanis, RIP)

**YOUNG ADULT GROUP**

Our next meeting for 18-35s is at Holy Rood Church on Abingdon Road on Monday the 21st of November at 19:30 with Fr Alex, OCD. He will be talking on *1 Timothy 4:18-16* - Values for Godly living (Part 1). We begin with a talk at 19:30, have a discussion and end with prayer by 21:00. Contact Kate on 07933765367 if you have any questions. All are welcome.

## PARISH FEAST DAY

The feast day of St Edmund of Abingdon is on Wednesday. St Edmund, pray for all in our parish, that we may have an active faith.

## CAFOD WORLD GIFTS

**Give a gift of hope this Christmas.** In Advent, let's share the promise of hope that has been made to us with our sisters and brothers around the world. You can buy CAFOD's World Gifts for family and friends this Christmas online at <https://worldgifts.cafod.org.uk/> or pick up a catalogue which will be in the church. *World Gifts* such as "super soup kitchens", "trees for life", or "water for a family" will help transform lives in a world filled with challenges. Thank you.

## POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR NOVEMBER

During November 2022, we join the Holy Father in praying for children who are suffering, especially those who are homeless, orphans, and victims of war; may they be guaranteed access to education and the opportunity to experience family affection. You can view his video message on the *News* page of our website. The Pope also has a new film, *The Letter – a message for our Earth*, which you can view via the link on our website.

## REMEMBRANCE AND WORLD DAY OF THE POOR

This Sunday is *Remembrance Sunday*, and it is also the sixth *World Day of the Poor*. The theme chosen is "For your sakes Christ became poor". Pope Francis, in his message for the day (which you can read on our website), said: "*The World Day of the Poor comes this year as a healthy challenge, helping us to reflect on our style of life and on the many forms of poverty all around us.*"

**Ever-living God, we remember those whom you have gathered from the storm of war into the peace of your presence; may that same peace calm our fears, bring justice to all peoples and establish harmony among the nations, through Jesus Christ our Lord. This World Day of the Poor, help us all turn to those outside our door, to bless, heal, comfort, and together, from this day forward, build a world, where the poor are strangers to none, and, indeed, the very chains of poverty are broken. Amen**

## CHILDREN'S LITURGY

We hope to restart this soon, during the first part of the 10.15 mass. We need some volunteers to help during the sessions, on a rota. If you are interested in helping this restart, please ring Clare 847804 or email [clare@claresimpson.com](mailto:clare@claresimpson.com)

## ARE YOU IN NEED?

If you are in need or know someone who is, do contact our parish SVP group (St Vincent de Paul Society) via the parish office and we will see what we can do to help. We always maintain confidentiality. Our members meet every fortnight on a Wednesday evening.

## 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.
- **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. School years 3 upwards welcome.

## FUTURE DATES

- **Mon 21<sup>st</sup> Nov:** Journeying Together in Faith (JTIF) at 7.30pm in the parish centre. All welcome.
- **Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec:** Parish Youth Groups activities in the parish centre 3.30-5pm. School years 3 upwards welcome.
- **Sun. 4<sup>th</sup> Dec:** Parish AGM in the parish centre after the 6.30pm Mass.
- **Sat 10<sup>th</sup> Dec:** Parish Christmas lunch.

## ABINGDON FOOD BANK

Abingdon Food Bank needs your support more than ever now, with the increasing cost of living adversely affecting those already struggling to make ends meet. A typical food parcel might contain: cereal, soup, pasta, rice, tinned tomatoes/pasta sauce, lentils, beans and pulses, tinned meat, tinned vegetables, tea/coffee, tinned fruit, biscuits, UHT milk, fruit juice. Also, non-food items are welcomed, such as toiletries, nappies and household cleaning items – but please contact them first on 07562 247443. Food can be taken to either Preston Road Food Bank or Christ Church Food Bank. Some supermarkets also have collection baskets.

## MARY'S MEALS – DOUBLE THE LOVE

From 1 November 2022 to 31 January 2023, donations made to *Mary's Meals* will be doubled by a group of generous supporters, up to £1.5million. Today, we face some of our greatest challenges yet in a world devastated by conflict, food insecurity and the cost-of-living crisis, which we know is affecting people here in the UK as well as in the countries where we work. With *Double the Love*, your donation will be matched, and your kindness will go even further – meaning we can reach even more desperately hungry children with a life-changing school meal. There are many ways to get involved, find out more at [marysmeals.org.uk](http://marysmeals.org.uk)

## WE PRAY FOR:

- John Nelson, RIP. Funeral Thu. 17 Nov. at 11.30am.
- Justin Gosling RIP. Funeral Tue. 6 Dec. at 10.30am
- Fr Robin Sanders RIP