

# ***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**

## **MASSES:**

Thank you for helping to keep each other safe by continuing to wear face masks/coverings, for sanitising your hands as you enter the church, and for maintaining a reasonable distance from others where feasible.

## **OFFICE CLOSURE**

The office will be closed on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December.

## **CAFOD WORLD GIFTS**

As we rejoice in once again celebrating Christmas with our loved ones, let us spread our joy around the world by having a CAFOD World Gift under the tree. From energy saving stoves to weatherproof crops to emergency shelters, CAFOD's virtual charity gifts help transform the lives of families living in poverty. Buy online at [cafod.org.uk/worldgifts](http://cafod.org.uk/worldgifts) or pick up a catalogue in church.

## **THE CHURCH SYNOD**

Pope Francis is gathering the entire Church to a 'synod' to unpack the question: *'What changes need to be made – in myself, in our parish and in the Diocese – to make the church's mission today more vibrant and effective?'* We are all invited and encouraged to take part. There is a form available at the back of the church to put down your contact details and meeting preference (physical or virtual using Zoom). Once completed, please put your form in the red box labelled 'Synod'. Thank you for doing this **by Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> December.**

## **NEWSLETTERS**

Please take newsletters home with you rather than leave them in the church. Thank you.

## **1<sup>st</sup> Week of Advent**

### **Sunday 28 Nov.**

8.45am	Mass	<b>First Sunday of Advent</b>
10.15am	Mass	(Pauline & John Keller RIP)
2.00pm	Mass in Polish	(Private Intention)
6.30pm	Mass	(Special Intention)

### **Monday 29 Nov.**

**NO MASS TODAY**

### **Tuesday 30 Nov.**

#### **St Andrew**

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 1 Dec.**

6.30pm	Rosary	
7pm	Mass	(Michael Conway RIP)

### **Thursday 2 Dec.**

9.00am	Rosary	
9.30am	Mass	(Patrick McCarthy RIP)

### **Friday 3 Dec.**

#### **St Francis Xavier**

6.30pm	Rosary	
7pm	Mass	(Special Intention)

### **Saturday 4 Dec.**

11am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
11-11.30am	Confessions	
12pm	Mass	(Special Intention)

## **ABINGDON FOOD BANK**

Please remember the foodbank! Urgently needed are: ● Tinned soup; ● Sauces for rice - e.g. curry, sweet & sour, etc.; ● Small tinned baked beans or spaghetti hoops, etc.; ● Shampoo; ● Shower gel for men; ● Sturdy carrier bags; ● Washing up liquid; ● Cartons of long life fruit juice; ● Bottles of squash.

*Donations can be dropped off at the Foodbank on Northcourt Road.*

**Prepare  
a way  
for the  
Lord,  
make his  
paths  
straight.**  
*(Mark 1:3; Isaiah 40:3)*

## CHRISTMAS DAY HAMPERS TO THOSE ALONE

Many thanks for your donations and offers of help. We ideally just need a couple more people who can spend an hour delivering 6 hampers. Please could any further donations be given in the next week so that we can budget for the gifts. Please put donations through the presbytery letterbox or contact [clare@claresimpson.com](mailto:clare@claresimpson.com) or telephone 847804.

## LENT 2022 PARISH CHARITY FUNDRAISING

During the season of Advent, the PPC ask you to think about charities which we could sponsor during Lent 2022. We would ideally like to fundraise for 2 charities, one local/UK based and one worldwide. Please give this some consideration and send your suggestions for the charities to the parish office by **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2022**.

## CATHOLIC MOTHERS OXFORD

Laura Williams is trying to create a local community online and in person, for Catholic mothers to connect and support each other, and hear about local faith-based events, talks and groups. If you would like to join them, please find them on:

- *FaceBook*: Catholic Mothers Oxford,
- *Instagram*: @catholicmothersoxford or
- *email* at [catholicmothersoxford@gmail.com](mailto:catholicmothersoxford@gmail.com) to be added to the email list.

## CHRISTMAS POST

Abingdon Scouts & Guides are back! A Christmas postal service run by the Scouts & Guides for delivery in Abingdon, Radley & Shippon only. Guaranteed delivery by Christmas Eve. Costs 30p per card and these may be deposited in the box at the back of the church. Collections from 13<sup>th</sup> November to 12<sup>th</sup> December. All proceeds to Scout & Guide funds to provide additional facilities for young people. Thank you for your support.

## ADVENT COLLECTION FOR THE EMMAUS HOME

During the season of Advent we think about those less fortunate than ourselves in our local community. On the third Sunday of Advent, **12<sup>th</sup> December**, we will have a collection for the *Emmaus Home* in Oxford, for homelessness and rehabilitation. Please donate generously.

## PARISH CHRISTMAS LUNCH

This is on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> December. Please put your name on the list at the back of the church if you would like to attend or ring Mary 534873 or Jo 520171. Helpers on the day are also needed. Raffle prizes also welcome.

## BABY & TODDLER GROUP

Please note that the Baby & Toddler group will be closed on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December and will be open again on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> January. All welcome.

## PARISH EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

- **Sunday**: Refreshments in the Parish Centre after the 10.15am Mass.
- **Monday**: JTiF (Journeying Together in Faith), 7.30pm to 9pm in the parish centre. All welcome.
- **Friday**: Baby & Toddler group in the parish centre 9.30am to 11.15am in term time. Last session this term on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December, starting up again on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> January.

## FUTURE DATES

- **Sun 12<sup>th</sup> Dec**: Parish Christmas lunch in the parish centre. Please ring Mary 534873 or Jo 526177 if you would like to attend.

## CHRISTMAS MATTERS

*Christmas Matters*, a *Fanning the Flame Day*, will be taking place on **Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> December** from 9:45am-6:00pm at Holy Family, Southampton. This is day for young people to discover why the Incarnation matters, how it must affect our daily lives, from how we treat ourselves and others to our understanding of the dead and belief in the Resurrection. Led by the Dominican Sisters of St Joseph, it's an opportunity for young people to come together and grow in faith and fellowship, and have some fun too! The day is open to young people from 10-21 years of age. There is a cost of £10 and you need to bring your own lunch. For more information and to book a place, visit:

[www.fanningtheflame.co.uk/christmas-matters](http://www.fanningtheflame.co.uk/christmas-matters)

## HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW ST EDMUND?

St Edmund of Abingdon's feast day was on 16<sup>th</sup> November. Anyone interested in learning a little more about our local saint is welcome to come on a short walk round the centre of Abingdon this **Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> at 2.30pm** led by Anne Dodd. We will meet outside St Nicholas' Church in the Market Place and will visit the places in the centre of town connected with St Edmund. The walk, with stops enroute, will take about an hour. Further information from Tel. 525997.

## CIA CAROL SERVICE

The Church in Abingdon is planning a Carol Service in the Market Place on **Saturday 18 December from 11.00am - 12.00pm**. The aim is not to collect money but to hand out leaflets about Christmas services in Abingdon churches. We hope that Our Lady & St Edmund's will be represented at the event. If you would like to take part, and/or if you're interested in helping the choir to lead, please let Margaret Hancox know. (01235 524534 or [margaretdhancox@gmail.com](mailto:margaretdhancox@gmail.com))

## WE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF:

- John Dunleavy, RIP. Funeral 3<sup>rd</sup> December at 1.30pm.
- Hazel Richardson, RIP. Funeral 8<sup>th</sup> December, 11am.