

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:

In consideration for others, the government strongly recommends that face masks/coverings continue to be worn in indoor public spaces. Thank you for helping to keep each other safe by doing this, for sanitising your hands as you enter the church, and for maintaining a reasonable distance from others where feasible.

Advanced notice: Please note that there will be no Mass on **Thursday 9th September**.

SUNDAY MESSAGE

For now, the online version of the *Sunday Message*. will be available on The *News* page of our website.

NEWSLETTERS

Items for the newsletter should be sent to the parish office by the Wednesday of each week please.

Please do not return newsletters to the basket or table in the church, or leave them on the benches – kindly take them home with you. Thank you.



DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Our **Parish Day**, is 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. Please note that there will be only **one** morning Mass on that day – at **10.30am in the outdoor area behind the parish centre**. Evening Mass at 6.30pm will take place as usual.

This year there will be no catering, so we invite you to bring your own picnic lunch and enjoy your time in the company of other parishioners after Mass. Limited seating will be available for those who need it, so please feel free to bring your own chairs or rugs to sit on. We pray that plans for this day will be fruitful.

22nd Week of Ordinary Time (Year B)

Sunday 29 August

8.45am Mass (The Hayes Family RIP)
10.15am Mass (*Special Intention*)
2.00pm Mass in Polish
6.30pm Mass (*Special Intention*)

Monday 30 August

8.30am Rosary
9am Mass (Private Intention)

Tuesday 31 August

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

Wednesday 1 September

6.30pm Rosary
7pm Mass (Private Intention)

Thursday 2 September

9.00am Rosary
9.30am Mass (*Special Intention*)
1pm Funeral Peter Stewart RIP

Friday 3 September

St Gregory the Great

6.30pm Rosary
7pm Mass (Edward & Jean Cooper RIP)

Saturday 4 September

Our Lady on Saturday

11am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
11-11.30am Confessions
12pm Mass (Cecilia Jones & Cecilia Edwards RIP)

BIBLE ALIVE

This monthly booklet is available for sale in the church. It is an excellent resource, with short reflections on the daily Gospel readings. Do consider taking a copy.

BABY & TODDLER GROUP

This group will be restarting on **Friday 10th September from 9.30am to 11.15am** at the parish centre and will run during term time only. It is a friendly drop-in group providing opportunity for play, crafts, singing and refreshments for £1 per family per week. Please come along if you are the parent, grandparent or carer of a baby or preschool child, even if English is not your first language. Newcomers are always very welcome.

MARCH FOR LIFE

The *March for Life* will take place on Saturday 4th September 2021. A number of indoor events for children, teens and adults will take place from 10am until 1pm in *The Emmanuel Centre*, 9-23 Marsham Street, London, SW1P 3DW. The March to Parliament Square, will start outside *The Emmanuel Centre* at 1.30pm. There will be a number of Pro-Life speakers at Parliament Square, including Bishop John Keenan who will travel all the way from Scotland to attend this very important event. For more details see: www.MarchForLife.co.uk

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.

JOURNEYING TOGETHER IN FAITH (JTIF)

We will be starting a new programme on **Monday 6th September**. All sessions take place in the Parish Centre on Mondays from 7.30pm to 9pm. These sessions are suitable for any adult with an enquiring mind who wishes to journey further in their faith. It is also suitable for anyone who has completed the RCIA course. **Everyone is welcome to attend any or all of the sessions.** The sessions will comprise of a video, reflection, discussion, prayer, and a chance to socialise, with refreshments. Please feel free to invite others to these sessions. The full programme can be viewed on our parish website in the *News* section or in the *Groups* section/*Faith Development*.

CAFOD - RESPONDING TO CRISES

CAFOD is responding to significant crises across the world this week. They are working with local Church organisations in Haiti to deliver emergency aid to people affected by the catastrophic earthquake and tropical storm. In the tragic situation in Afghanistan, they are working to ensure the safety of their local partners and their communities. They are supporting local aid workers to deliver urgent food and water supplies to hundreds of thousands of people facing extreme hunger in Tigray in Ethiopia, South Sudan and north-east Nigeria. You can read more about how we can all express solidarity with our sisters and brothers affected by these emergencies on our website **news** page. Your compassion, generosity and prayers have helped CAFOD to continue to support communities in these difficult times. Thank you.

CHURCH GROUPS

Please could you have a look at all the entries in the *Groups* section on our website, 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 also let us know using the email: contact@ourladyandstedmund.org.uk. Thank you.

PARISH LUNCH

The next Parish Lunch will be on **Wednesday 8th September at 12.30pm**. Please contact Mary Ab. 534873 or Jo Ab. 526177

SUNDAY MASS BIDDING PRAYERS

The bidding prayers are written by a small team of parishioners. There is now a need for more to join this team. With sufficient people we normally only need to write the prayers once every couple of months. If you are interested in joining the team to compose these prayers, please contact Pat Mulqueen (e-mail: patjmul1949@gmail.com)

YOUTH GROUPS

Our two youth groups will resume meeting in the parish centre on most alternative Saturdays during school term time, beginning on **Saturday 18th September, from 3.30pm to 5pm**. All children in years 3 to 6 are invited to come along and join in the activities for the **"COOL" Children of Our Lady group**. Young people in Secondary School are invited to come along and join in with the **St Edmund's Knights** activities.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

A Memorial Service is being held for Ann Goodwill on **September 14th at 2.00pm**. Members of the Parish are welcome at the service subject to the Covid guidelines in place at the time. Therefore, please would you contact Richard or Sue Wales on 01235 529133 by September 6th if you would like to attend.

WE PRAY FOR:

The repose of the soul of Peter Stewart RIP.