

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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Confessions: Saturdays 11.00 – 11.30am or by appointment

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT SUNDAY

Our Second Collection on **Sunday 8th May** is for the **Clergy Training Fund**, in support of ten seminarians in our diocese who are currently in formation for the priesthood, for the duration of their six or seven-year journey to ordination. You can also make your donation online through the *News* page of our website. Please also pray for them.

GIFT AIDING YOUR MONETARY DONATIONS

If you aren't doing so already, please consider gift aiding your donations – it makes them all the more worthwhile, because if you tell us that you pay tax in the UK, then we can claim back 25% from the Government - that's 25p for every £1 you give! You can do so by filling in the yellow form available at the back of the church or online on our website in the *About Us/Giving page*. Thank you.

REFLECTION

This Easter season and the weeks leading up to Pentecost, we see how the apostles defy all adversity in proclaiming the Good News because they are filled with the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is a free and generous gift from God to those of us who accept to do God's will rather than our own. With the Holy Spirit working in us we can do great things for God! Let us ask, seek, find and accept the Holy Spirit working in our lives and in our parish.

PRAYER FOR UKRAINE AND RUSSIA

Loving God, we pray for the people of Ukraine and Russia,
for all those suffering or afraid,
that you will be close to them and protect them.

We pray for world leaders, for compassion, strength and wisdom to guide their choices.

We pray for the world, that in this moment of crisis,
we may reach out in solidarity to our brothers and sisters
in need.

May we walk in your ways so that peace and justice
become a reality for the people of Ukraine and Russia
and for all the world. Amen.

3rd WEEK OF EASTER: Cycle 2 (C)

Sunday 1 May

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

3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER

(Clementina Guarracino RIP)
(Gerard Casey Intentions)
(Kinsella Family Intentions)

Monday 2 May

8.30am Rosary
9.00am Service of the Word & Holy Communion

St Athanasius

Tuesday 3 May

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

Saints Philip & James

Wednesday 4 May

6.30pm Rosary
7.00pm Mass

The English Martyrs

(Special Intention)

Thursday 5 May

9.00am Rosary
9.30am Mass

(Special Intention)

Friday 6 May

6.30pm Rosary
7.00pm Mass

(Special Intention)

Saturday 7 May

8.50am FHC preparation (Session 8)
11am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
11-11.30am Confessions
12pm Mass

(Mike Paterson Intentions)

MISSIO - RED BOX DONATIONS

In 2021, our parish raised £3,758.83 through our Red Boxes and individual donations to *Missio* and the *Mill Hill Missionaries*. Thank you to all those who so generously contributed. You may be interested to know that Pauline Jaricot, the founder of this network, which supports missionaries, will be beatified on 22nd May this year.

VIVA VOCE – DIOCESAN NEWSLETTER

If you haven't yet picked up a copy of the Easter edition of the diocesan newsletter *Viva Voce*, from the back of the church, then please feel free to do so. Inside you will also see some interesting data and information on planning for the next ten years. Our parish is sending two representatives to the meeting in Basingstoke on 12th May, where they will hear about the priorities and how they are shaping up. Our representatives will then feedback the details to our parish pastoral committee so that our parish can join in the discussion.

BIBLE ALIVE

Why not strengthen your faith with daily reflections on the Mass readings? Limited copies of *Bible Alive* are available on the table at the back of the church.

CLIMATE CORNER:

Did you know that on average an item of clothing is used for only 3 years. Keep it longer, recycle it, mend it or give it to a charity shop. Most things can last MUCH longer.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION / CONFIRMATION

47 children are due to make their First Holy Communion on Saturday 11th and Sunday 12th June, and 18 young people from our parish will be confirmed on Friday June 24th at 7pm at English Martyrs Didcot. Please keep the children, young people, their parents and the Catechists in your prayers.

Please also pray for Christopher and Gavin who received the sacraments of initiation at the Easter Vigil.

MARY'S MEALS – PRAY IN MAY

Mary's Meals has been built on a foundation of prayer and the many little acts of love from those who support them. They are inviting churches across the UK to join them in prayer to celebrate the wonderful work of Mary's Meals and give thanks that together we are now reaching more than 2 million children with a nutritious meal in 20 countries every school day. This year they have also created prayers for children and will be inviting church schools to join in with the campaign. More information is available on the *News* page of our website.

FINDING INFORMATION

We have several sources of information in our parish, and it is not difficult for us to seek them out:

- *Read* the weekly newsletter – available in printed form in our church or electronically on our website.
- *Visit* our website, where you will find information and more news (www.ourladyandstendmund.org.uk).
- Take a little time to look at what is available in the porch and on the table at the back of the church.
- Be part of our parish community – speak to each other, join in activities and contribute your skills.

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.
- **Saturday:** FHC preparation, session 8, in the church from 8.50am to 10am for those registered.

FUTURE DATES

- **Mon 9th May:** JTiF (Journeying Together in Faith), 7.30pm to 9pm in the parish centre. All welcome.
- **Fri 13th May:** Baby & Toddler group in the parish centre 9.30am to 11.15am in term time.
- **Wed 11th May:** Parish lunch at 12.30pm in the parish centre. All welcome.
- **Sat 21st May:** FHC preparation, session 9, in the church from 8.50am to 10am for those registered.

UPCOMING COURSES

The diocesan *Formation for Mission* team will be offering a couple of online courses for adults, to help them discover, understand and live their Baptism and Confirmation.

- *What is Baptism and what does it do?* will take place on Tuesday evenings from 7.00 to 8.30 pm, from the 26th April to the 31st May and
- *Where is the Holy Spirit in my life?* will take place on Thursday evenings from 7.00 to 8.30 pm, from the 28th April to the 2nd June.
- There will also be an online workshop for *readers*, with 1:1 practice, which will take place will take place on Saturdays 18th and 25th June, from 10am to 1pm.

Information and joining instructions for all the courses can be found on the News page of our website.

PRAYER

Breathe into me Holy Spirit, that all my thoughts may be holy. Move in me, Holy Spirit, that my work, too, may be holy. Attract my heart, Holy Spirit, that I may love only what is holy. Strengthen me, Holy Spirit, that I may defend all that is holy. Protect me, Holy Spirit, that I always may be holy. Come, O Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and enkindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit, and they shall be created. And you shall renew the face of the earth. Amen.

WE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF:

- Monica Cherry, RIP