

# ***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.

## **LIGHT FOR THE BLIND APPEAL LAST SUNDAY**

Father Thomas and the Trustees of Light for the Blind would like to thank Parishioners for their generous donations after last Sunday's appeal. So far over £4000 has been raised but donations can still be left at the church or made online via the Light for the Blind website (see the News page of our parish website) so the final figure will not be known for a little while.

## **NEWSLETTERS**

Items for the newsletter should be sent to the parish office by the Wednesday of each week please. ***Please keep contributions brief, otherwise they will be edited.***

*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.*

## **REFRESHMENTS RESUME!**

Refreshments after the 10.15am Mass on Sunday will be available again in the Parish Centre. Do come along!

## **MONTH OF THE ROSARY**

October is the month of the Rosary! *"For wherever two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."* (Matthew 18:20) Why not join in praying the Rosary 30 minutes before all weekday Masses – or online at 8pm using Zoom on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. For the online link, please email: [contact@ourladyandstedmund.org.uk](mailto:contact@ourladyandstedmund.org.uk)

## **OFFICE OPENING HOURS HAVE CHANGED**

Furlough ended on 30<sup>th</sup> September, so the office opening hours are now from 9am to 12.30pm Tuesday to Friday.

## **27<sup>th</sup> Week of Ordinary Time (Year B)**

### **Sunday 3 October**

8.45am Mass (Alexandra Paterson Intentions)  
10.15am Mass (Paula Falzon RIP)  
2.00pm Mass in Polish  
6.30pm Mass (Private Intention)

### **Monday 4 October *St Francis of Assisi***

8.30am Rosary  
9am Mass (Patrick Thornton RIP)

### **Tuesday 5 October**

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 6 October**

6.30pm Rosary  
7pm Mass (Marie Tierney RIP)

### **Thursday 7 October *Our Lady of the Rosary***

9.00am Rosary  
9.30am Mass (Edith Annie Martin RIP)

### **Friday 8 October**

6.30pm Rosary  
7pm Mass (Rose Langridge Intentions)

### **Saturday 9 October *St John Henry Newman***

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

## **MISSIO - RED MISSION BOXES**

*Pope Francis calls us to renew our missionary commitment to share the Good News with all peoples.*

We will be collecting the red mission boxes this month. If you have a box and we haven't contacted you, please call either Clare Ab. 524861 or Wendy Ab. 532593. Thank you.

## SEASON OF CREATION

### A Prayer for the Earth (from Laudato Si')

All- powerful God, you are present in the whole universe  
and in the smallest of your creatures.  
You embrace with your tenderness all that exists.  
Pour out upon us the power of your love,  
that we may protect life and beauty.  
Fill us with peace, that we may live  
as brothers and sisters, harming no one.  
O God of the poor, help us to rescue the abandoned  
and forgotten of this earth, so precious in your eyes.  
Bring healing to our lives,  
that we may protect the world and not prey on it,  
that we may sow beauty not pollution and destruction.  
Amen.

## LET US DREAM

Pope Francis – The Path To A Better Future – in conversation with Austen Ivereigh. **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> October to Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> November inclusive: 7.00-8.00pm.** - an online course offering the opportunity to explore the richness of *LET US DREAM*, the first book written by a Pope in response to a major crisis, and the first ever to be drafted in English – by his collaborator and biographer, Austen Ivereigh. The book offers not just the Pope's reflections on the Covid 19 crises, but spiritual guidance on how to make use of the pandemic to make a better world, drawing on powerful episodes from his own life and a lifetime of leadership.

We are very grateful to Austen Ivereigh who has kindly offered to give an introductory talk with Q/A on the first evening, and to join us on the last evening for feedback from the sessions. On the first and last evening therefore, meetings will finish at 8.30pm and not 8.00pm. Over the following weeks we will read the book in five parts. If joining, please ensure you have access to a copy of the book. For course details and Zoom link email: [pehanley@hotmail.com](mailto:pehanley@hotmail.com)

## INVITATION TO A TALK

**"Living at the Lord's hand": The Life and Message of Edith Stein.** A talk by Joanne Mosley in the Parish Centre on **Wednesday 20th October 7.45pm.**

This talk aims to introduce the life of St Edith Stein (1891-1942) a Jewish woman and philosopher, later a Catholic lecturer and Carmelite nun, who died in Auschwitz. It will also look at some of the aspects of her spirituality which may be helpful for us as we seek to walk with God amid the demands and challenges of our lives. All welcome.

## GET INVOLVED!

Your parish needs you! Find out more about what we do by visiting our parish website. Let us know if you can get involved in any way or if you have any other ideas.

## WE PRAY FOR:

- The repose of the soul of little Thomas Ward RIP.
- Peter Haslam RIP -funeral Friday 8th October at 4pm.

## 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.
- **Thursday:** Online course on *Let Us Dream* by Pope Francis, 7pm to 8.30pm.

## FUTURE DATES

- **Weds 13<sup>th</sup> Oct:** Parish lunch, 12.30pm in the parish centre.
- **Sat 16<sup>th</sup> Oct:** Youth groups 3.30pm to 5pm, in the parish centre.
- **Weds 20<sup>th</sup> Oct:** A talk on the life and message of Edith Stein, 7.45pm in the parish centre.

## CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY

This was on **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> October.** By donating to CAFOD this family fast day you can help communities affected by the worst impact of the climate crisis. **Please return your envelopes, with your donation, to the church this Sunday.** You can also donate online on the CAFOD website (see the *News* page of our website) or by texting *CAFOD10* to 70580 to donate £10 or choose any whole amount between £1 and £20 e.g. £5 *CAFOD5*. Many thanks for your support.

## LUNCHTIME SUPERVISOR VACANCY

**St Edmund's School** are looking for a midday supervisor to be part of a team that is responsible for supervising pupils and the School's premises during the midday break and who would be supportive of our school mission statement and the Catholic ethos of our school. Calls to discuss this position further with our Headteacher, Mrs Maria Delany-White are encouraged and warmly welcomed.

Contact The School Business Manager (01235 521558 or [clomas2266@st-edmunds-rc.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:clomas2266@st-edmunds-rc.oxon.sch.uk)) to request an application pack. Closing date: 8th Oct. at 4pm.

## SCIENCE TEACHER VACANCY

**Our Lady's Abingdon Senior School** is looking for a KS3 Science teacher to deliver three lessons on Thursdays during term-time to the Y8 and Y9 pupils. This role would be particularly suited to someone who has recently retired from teaching, or someone looking to return to the profession on a gradual basis. For further details of the role please visit the school website [www.ola.org.uk](http://www.ola.org.uk)

## ABINGDON COMMUNITY FRIDGE

Opening hours have slightly changed and are now: Mondays 5-6pm; Thursdays 1-2 pm; Saturdays 10-30 - 11.30 am

The Fridge is for everyone, and it is free. Venue is Hadland Road Community Centre, Abingdon OX14 3YH. [www.facebook.com/abingdoncommunityfridge](http://www.facebook.com/abingdoncommunityfridge)