

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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REFLECTION

One of the things that brings many a good project to a bad end is when cracks and divisions appear. In other words – when people fall out. As today's Gospel puts it "Any Kingdom that is divided against by itself cannot stand". We are all divided within ourselves. Each of us is pulled towards good and evil at the same time. Let us ask God in his love and mercy to heal this inner division which is caused by our sinfulness. "No Kingdom that is divided within itself can stand," said Jesus. "I myself am a divided kingdom, I am divided within myself. The good which I want to do, I don't do. The evil which I want to avoid I find myself doing." This is how St Paul puts it. There exists within me forces that will do their utmost to drag me down, so that my life is like a field in which wheat and weeds grow together, struggling for supremacy. Who will save me from myself? Who will keep my kingdom from falling down? Only Jesus who overpowered Satan will heal the division within me and help me to take complete possession of my own house. Then I shall be free, united and at peace.

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

Lord Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest, you offered yourself to the Father on the altar of the cross, and through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit gave your people a share in your redeeming sacrifice. Hear our prayers for the sanctification of our priests. Grant that all who are ordained to the priesthood may be ever more conformed to you, the Divine Master. May they preach the Gospel with pure heart and clear conscience. Let them be shepherds according to your own heart, single minded in service to you and to the Church and shining examples of a holy, simple and joyful life. Through the prayers of the Blessed Virgin Mary draw all priests and the flocks entrusted to their care to the fulness of eternal life. Amen

Week 10 in Ordinary Time: Cycle 2 (B)

Sunday 9 June

8.45am Mass (*Special Intention*)
10.15am Mass (Matias Kolb In Thanksgiving)
6.30pm Mass (Sir Anthony Ozima Koko RIP)

Monday 10 June

St Barnabas

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

Tuesday 11 June

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Wednesday 12 June

6.30pm Rosary
7.00pm Mass (*Special Intention*)

Thursday 13 June

St Anthony of Parduá

9.00am Rosary
9.30am Mass (RCIA Team Special Intentions)

Friday 14 June

6.30pm Rosary
7.00pm Mass (Bernard Laurence Brady RIP)

Saturday 15 June

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

MASS ON MONDAY

Please note that Fr Jamie will be on the parish pilgrimage, and there will be no Mass in our church this Monday 10th June.

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT SUNDAY

The second collection on Sunday 16th June is for *Day for Life*.

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT COURSE

Experience the Life-Changing power of the Holy Spirit! The Seminars are being organised by our Diocese, and Bishop Philip hopes we all take advantage of this opportunity. The meetings are on Zoom every Thursday evening 7.30 to 9 pm for 7 weeks starting on 6th June and ending on 18th July. There will also be an In-Person Holy Spirit Day on Saturday 29th June at 10.30am at St Bede's Church Basingstoke. Please register for the Seminars on-line at <https://tinyurl.com/u8pfmafww>

SAVE THE DATE!

Our Parish Day this year will be celebrated on **Sunday 21st July**, with the morning Mass at 10.30am in the 'garden' behind the parish centre. This will be followed by a barbecue and there will be activities for children as well. Cheques will also be presented to representatives from our Lenten projects – Friends of the Holy Land and Helen & Douglas House – and you will be please to know that we managed to raise a total of £13,112.03 to be shared between these two charities.

ABINGDON PASSION PLAY

This will take place on **Saturday 22nd June** in the Abbey Gardens. There will be two performances: 12 noon & 5 pm. Want to get involved? We are still looking for the following: stewards, actors (to play temple guards, soldiers and crowd) and general helpers on the day. For more information, please see the website, www.abingdonpassionplay.co.uk or contact Ralph on 07790 498718 or Anne Green 01235 520171 or annegreenabingdon@yahoo.com

SIGNIFICANT WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Bishop Philip invites all married couples in the Diocese who are celebrating their 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th (or longer) Wedding Anniversary to join him for this year's Significant Wedding Anniversaries Mass at St Bede's Church, Basingstoke on **Saturday 7th September at 2:00pm**. If you would like to attend, please email for an application form at: anniversaries@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

TAIZÉ PRAYER

You are invited to St Helen's Church in Abingdon to join in Taizé prayer at 5.30pm on 14th July.

SUMMER CONCERT

Abingdon Chorale is delighted to present their first ever Summer Concert in aid of *The Abingdon Bridge*. Join them for an hour of gorgeous music, followed by refreshments. They will sing a selection of songs on a Shakespearean theme, with a few jazzy numbers thrown in for good measure! Tickets £10 (£2.50 for under 16s) St Michael & All Angels Church, Park Road, Abingdon, OX14 1DS on Sunday 14th July at 8.00pm.

PARISH EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

- **Sunday**: Refreshments in the parish centre after the 10.15am Mass.
- **Monday**: *Open Doors* in the parish centre from 11am to 2pm.
- **Wednesday**: Parish lunch in the parish centre at 12.30pm.
- **Friday**: Baby & Toddler group in the parish centre 9.30am to 11.15am *in term time*.
- **3rd to 10th June**: Parish pilgrimage to Malta & Gozo. Please keep the group in your prayers, as you will be in our prayers.

FUTURE DATES

- **Sun 21st July**: Parish Day, with outdoor morning Mass at 10.30am.

FANNING THE FLAME SUMMER CAMP

Bookings for the 2024 *Fanning the Flame* summer camp are now open for 11- to 18-year-olds. The theme this year is 'Transformed' and the week of **Monday 19th - Friday 23rd August** at Kintbury will be spent delving into how we are transformed through our relationship with God, Creator and Redeemer. Book early to avoid disappointment!! For booking forms and more info head to the link on the *News* page of our parish website.

SECULAR FRANCISCAN ORDER

The Oxford fraternity Secular Franciscan Order (OFS) will be holding an Open Day of Recollection on **Saturday 15th June** at the Mornese Centre, Elmthorpe Convent, Oxford Road, Cowley OX4 2LF with spiritual guidance from Paula Pearce, former National Minister OFS, entitled: '*God's Extravagant Love - The witness of St. Francis and St. Clare*'. There will be spiritual talks, devotions, Mass and time for prayer and reflection. All welcome from 9.30am to 4pm. Bring a packed lunch. Refreshments will be available. Offerings gratefully received.

GUIDE FOR THE GENERAL ELECTION

As Catholics, we know that tackling poverty and injustice are among the most important issues politicians should act on. St Vincent de Paul Society and CAFOD have produced a guide for Catholics for the General Election, with suggested questions to ask candidates. Please see cafod.org.uk/encounter or svp.org.uk/encounter for more information.

The Church in Abingdon invite everyone to Pre-Election Hustings for Oxford West and Abingdon at the Abingdon Baptist church 35 Ock Street OX14 5AG on Friday 21st June 2024 between 7.30pm to 9.30pm. It is our chance to meet the candidates and find out about their policies and local priorities. If you want to put a question to the candidates please email: helenmac930@gmail.com or drop your question off the reception at the Baptist Church by 19th June 2024.