

# ***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**

## **PARISH OFFICE**

Please see the current opening hours above, and note that the parish office reopens on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> August.

## **MASSES:**

Please note that, 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.

## **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 12<sup>th</sup> 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.

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

### **Sunday 15 August**

### ***Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary***

8.45am Mass (Paddy Hynes, RIP)  
10.15am Mass (Kate Clipperton, RIP)  
2.00pm Mass in Polish  
6.30pm Mass (Dee Wright, intentions)

### **Monday 16 August**

8.30am Rosary  
9am Mass (Gerry Landers, RIP)

### **Tuesday 17 August**

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 18 August**

6.30pm Rosary  
7pm Mass (Mike Moriarty, RIP - anniversary)

### **Thursday 19 August**

9.00am Rosary  
9.30am Mass (*Special intention*)

### **Friday 20 August**

### ***St Bernard***

6.30pm Rosary  
7pm Mass (Rod King, RIP)

### **Saturday 21 August**

### ***St Pius X***

11am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
11-11.30am Confessions  
12pm Mass (John & Catherine Molly, 30<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary)

## **NEW TO THE PARISH?**

We warmly welcome all new parishioners who have joined our parish in the last year. Please do make yourselves known if you have not already done so, and also let us know if you would like to contribute to parish life in any way. You can use the form on our website to register:

[www.ourladyandstedmund.org.uk/register](http://www.ourladyandstedmund.org.uk/register)



## 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 7<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm

Sessions begin on 21<sup>st</sup> September.

Please contact Pauline Hanley email: [pehanley@hotmail.com](mailto:pehanley@hotmail.com) or tel: 07506 753085 for further details.



## JOURNEYING TOGETHER IN FAITH (JTIF)

We will be starting a new programme on **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> 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*.

## GRANDPARENTS ASSOCIATION

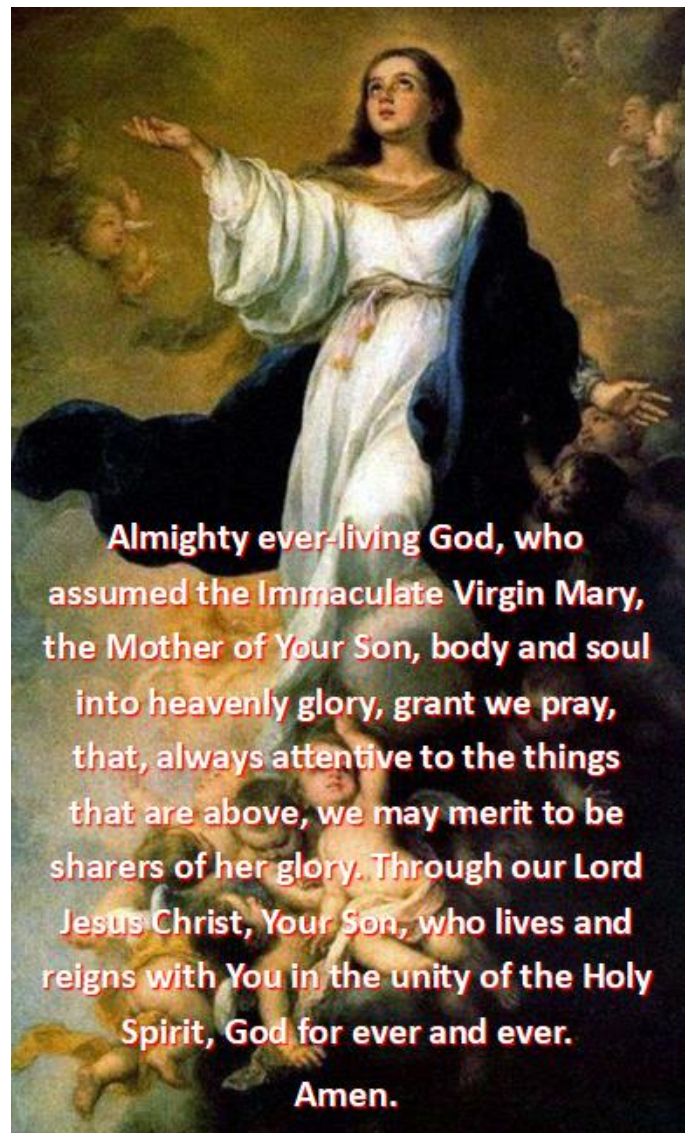
There has been some interest in the formation of a Parish branch of the *Catholic Grandparents Association*. **Regular meetings provide an opportunity for members to socialise and share experiences.** To register an interest **please** send your contact details to [delanypeter@btinternet.com](mailto:delanypeter@btinternet.com) or by leaving them at the Parish Office

## CHURCH GROUPS

Our parish website is currently being updated. **Please** could you have a look at all the entries in the *Groups* section, 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 could you also get in touch and let us know. Please use the email: [contact@ourladyandstedmund.org.uk](mailto:contact@ourladyandstedmund.org.uk). Thank you.

## THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

This Sunday is the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary - the celebration that the Virgin Mary, "having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory".



## WE PRAY FOR:

The repose of the soul of Peter Stewart.