

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

REFLECTION

When the apostles got caught in a storm they turned to Jesus for help and found it. From time to time, we too get caught in storms. Our storms usually take the form of trials of one kind or another. We must know how to turn to the Lord, and trust that he will see us through the storm. One minute our lives are free and easy. Next minute we are cast down. All it takes is a piece of bad news or some disappointment, and suddenly for us the whole world becomes dark and sombre. Waves of discouragement, fear and despair rise up all around us, threatening to engulf us. In such moments who will save us from drowning and help us to keep our barque on course? Christ our brother will. He is our companion on the voyage to the eternal shore. All we have to do is awaken ourselves to a sense of his presence and call out to him in our distress as the apostles did. Then we will hear his gentle voice saying to us "Fear not for I am with you". And the waves of fear will subside, and the sun of hope will shine for us again.

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

Lord my God and my loving Father, you have made me to know you, to serve you, and thereby to find and to fulfil myself. I know that you are in all things, and that every path can lead me to you. Since I will do what you want of me, I pray you send your Holy Spirit into my mind to show me what you want of me; into my heart to give me the determination to do it with all my love, with all my mind and strength right to the end. Amen

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT SUNDAY

The second collection on Sunday 30th June is for *Peter's Pence*, in support of the Holy Father's charitable outreach, for example, to victims of war, migrants and refugees, the poor, and those affected by illness and natural disasters.

Week 12 in Ordinary Time: Cycle 2 (B)

Sunday 23 June

8.45am Mass (Gwendoline Mary Marsh RIP)
10.15am Mass (Private Intention)
6.30pm Mass (Pat & Geoff Castle Intentions)

Monday 24 June

Nativity of St John the Baptist

8.30am Rosary
9.00am Mass (*Special Intention*)

Tuesday 25 June

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

Wednesday 26 June

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

Thursday 27 June

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

Friday 28 June

St Irenaeus

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

Saturday 29 June

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

TAIZÉ PRAYER

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

MONTHLY PRAYER MEETING

We are pleased to invite you to our second monthly prayer meeting, where we will explore the theme of "Fearing God" using the ancient practice of Lectio Divina. This meditative and reflective technique allows us to deepen our understanding of scripture and connect more profoundly with God's word. The meeting will take place on **Friday 28th June** at 7pm in the Parish Centre. For those who are unable to attend in person, we offer the option to join online via *Zoom*. Please contact Sabina directly on 07449825161 for the *Zoom* link and further details.

PARISH DAY

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*.

We are looking for volunteers to run activities for children after the Mass. If you have any ideas which you could do yourself, please could you let the PPC know as soon as possible via the parish office. Thank you.

We will also need volunteers to help to set up the chairs before the Mass (from 8am). Again, please let us know as soon as possible via the parish office. Thank you.

PRAYER MINISTRY AFTER THE 10:15 am MASS

Mike & Maria Pia Oliver will be offering prayer for healing on a periodic basis. Fr Jamie will introduce them at the end of the 10:15am Mass and give them a blessing, following which they will remain in Our Lady's chapel, available to pray with anyone who is in need of prayer. Mike & Maria Pia have been in the Healing Ministry for many years, and before the pandemic they ministered regularly in our church.

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.

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

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.
- **Friday:** Baby & Toddler group in the parish centre 9.30am to 11.15am *in term time*.
- **Saturday:** Mothers' prayers in English at 10.15am in the church. All welcome.

FUTURE DATES

- **Wed 10th July:** Parish lunch in the parish centre at 12.30pm.
- **Sun 21st July:** Parish Day, with outdoor morning Mass at 10.30am.

CHURCH TWINNING

Our Lady & St Edmund's is hosting the short farewell service for the 11 visitors from the churches in Sint Niklaas in Belgium who are coming for the Passion Play weekend. The short service will be today (Sunday 23rd June) at 7.30pm and everyone is welcome.

GUIDE FOR THE GENERAL ELECTION

As Catholics, we know that tackling poverty and injustice are among the most important issues politicians should act on. The Bishops' Conference have created a webpage about some of the issues and proposed legislation, which you can access at: www.cbcew.org.uk/election24 The Bishop's Conference have also produced a web page for Catholics to use their general election preparations.

JUST FINISHING A-LEVELS OR AT UNIVERSITY?

Why not give something back by joining the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes, which will be leaving for Lourdes on Monday 22nd July and returning on Friday 26th July. You could help by assisting some of the pilgrims by pushing wheelchairs, offering a steadying arm and a warm smile! The Youth pilgrims are an essential part of the pilgrimage, and they tell us each year of the amazing time they have had. You can watch the promotional video on the News page of our parish website. If you would like to know more, please contact lourdes@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk. The pilgrim fare is £780 but there is the potential for funding.

We pray for:

- Pat Belcher, RIP.
- Gwendoline Mary Marsh, RIP