

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

This is the feast of Corpus Christi – the body of Christ. St Paul continually reminds us that we are the Body of Christ. The Eucharist is not a private devotion, it is a great act of common worship. Here we become conscious of our unity. Here the Body of Christ becomes visible. The one thing which above all others would make us unfit to be part of the Eucharist is if we were not reconciled with one another (leave your gift and go off to be reconciled first). Outside the Church the noisy traffic flows past. People rush hither and thither. But I have left that world behind, and I am here before you Lord. I do not exclude my brothers and sisters. I bring them with me, for I know that they are equally dear to you. I have nothing. Yet I know because I have you, I have everything. I close my mind and open my heart, and so I am at peace. Here I experience my true worth, which consists not in my possessions or achievements, but in knowing that I am loved by you.

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

Loving God, you call all who believe in you to grow perfect in love by following the footsteps of Christ your Son. Call from among us more men and women who will serve you as Religious. May they be signs of your Kingdom for the Church and the world. We pray for our young people today, that you enable them to know your great love for them, and a desire to share that love with others through their calling. Bless those who are serving now with courage and perseverance. Grant that many will be inspired by their examples and faith. Amen.

“This is my blood of the Covenant, which is poured out for many.” Are you being chosen by Christ to pour out your life’s work for souls with him as a priest, brother or sister? Talk to your priest of contact Canon John Cooke: vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or call on 01329 318869.

Week 9 in Ordinary Time: Cycle 2 (B)

Sunday 2 June

8.45am Mass
10.15am Mass
6.30pm Mass

CORPUS CHRISTI

(Peter Delany RIP)
(Jane & Wallace Ellwood RIP)
(Vincent Collins RIP)

Monday 3 June

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

St Charles Lwanga & Companions

Tuesday 4 June

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

Wednesday 5 June

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

St Boniface

Thursday 6 June

9.00am Rosary
9.30am Mass (Special Intention)

Friday 7 June

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

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

Saturday 8 June

11am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
12pm Mass (Special Intention)

Immaculate Heart of Mary

MASSES & CONFESSIONS THIS WEEK

Please note that Fr Jamie will be on the parish pilgrimage, and there will be no Masses in our church on Monday 3rd, Wednesday 5th, Friday 7th and Monday 10th June. Also, no confessions on Saturday 8th June. Keep the pilgrimage group in your prayers, as you will be in our prayers.

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 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

HOSTS NEEDED IN JUNE

A number of people from churches in Abingdon's twin town of Sint Niklaas in Belgium and possibly Argentan in France will be coming for the weekend of Abingdon's Passion Play. Hosts are needed for their stay from Thursday 20th to Mon 24th June. There is a full programme arranged. For further details and/or offers to host please contact Anne Dodd 07938526762 or Pat Warren 07526033715

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 9th June and 14th July.

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*.
- **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

- **Wed 12th June:** Parish lunch in the parish centre at 12.30pm.
- **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.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Our bishops are asking all Catholics to respond to the government's consultation on lifting the current 50% faith-based admissions cap on free schools. Go to <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/faith-schools-consultation-response/> where you can show your support for this, allowing new Catholic free schools to be founded.

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.