

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

Jesus had made a big impact in other towns and villages, yet when he came to his native village his own people rejected him. Why? They felt they knew all about him, and that he had nothing to offer them. The same Jesus comes to visit us during the Eucharist. We have a chance to listen to him and to receive him into our hearts and into our lives. None of us likes to hear the truth when it hurts. Who likes to be told that he is on the wrong track? We shy away from those things. The reason is obvious. The truth hurts and none of us like being hurt. Consequently, we can take the truth only in small doses. Few people are prepared to tell us the truth. They do not want to upset or hurt us. And yet the truth is the only thing that will save us, the only thing that will set us free, the only thing that will let light into our darkness. But there is an art in telling it. That art consists in being totally honest and totally kind at the same time. The person who out of love for us tells us the truth, and at the risk of losing our friendships, is a true friend.

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

Loving God in Baptism you called me to act justly, love tenderly and walk humbly with you. Help me to know how to bring justice and love to a world that is desperately in need of you and your values. Strengthen me as well as my brothers and sisters with the courage and generosity to respond to your calling. You have chosen some to serve you by a particular call to the priesthood and religious life. Send your Holy Spirit to stir the hearts of those called to follow the path of spiritual leadership. Each member of our family is a special gift from you. You have given each of us gifts and talents so that we may enjoy life but also so that we can share with others. Generous and loving people are needed for service in our community. Help us to support and encourage each other to respond.

Week 14 in Ordinary Time: Cycle 2 (B)

Sunday 7 July

8.45am Mass (Private Intention)
10.15am Mass (Peter & Anthony O'Riordan RIP)
6.30pm Mass (James Somerville Meikle Intentions)

Monday 8 July

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

Tuesday 9 July

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

Wednesday 10 July

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

Thursday 11 July

9.00am Rosary
9.30am Mass (Margaret Beeby RIP)

St Benedict

Friday 12 July

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

Saturday 13 July

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

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT SUNDAY

The second/retiring collection on **Sunday 14th July** is for the Apostleship of the Sea (Stella Maris), the largest ship-visiting network in the world, who improve the lives of seafarers and fishers through their network of local chaplains and seafarer centres, expert information, advocacy, and spiritual support.

VOLUNTEERS PLEASE

We desperately need fresh volunteers to come forward. Firstly, our Baby & Toddler group on a Friday morning needs some help. Karen has to move on for personal reasons (a huge thanks to her for her dedication over the past years). It would be great to get some help to bring the toys from the garage and clear them away at the end. If you can help, please contact the office or speak to Fr. Jamie directly.

Also, we failed to re-launch Children's Liturgy at the 10.15am Mass after the pandemic. Again, this would help the children greatly to have their own Liturgy of the Word for 20-25 minutes and rejoin the congregation for the Eucharistic Prayer. We really need some young mums and dads to try this. We have books and aids for the sessions. Again, please contact the office or speak to Fr. Jamie.

PARISH OFFICE

The parish office will be closed on Tuesday 9th July and again from Tuesday 13th to Tuesday 27th August.

PARISH DAY

Our Parish Day this year will be celebrated on **Sunday 21st July**, with the *only* morning Mass at 10.30am in the 'garden' behind the parish centre. There will be a 6.30pm evening Mass as usual. The morning Mass will be followed by a barbecue and there will be activities for children as well *if we have volunteers to organise and run them*. 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 organise and 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.

"YOU WILL BE MY WITNESS"

The same announcement is being shared at all Masses across the Pastoral Area today about our journey to date and planning for the future of Bishop Philip's 10-year pastoral plan.

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*.

FUTURE DATES

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

ALPHA COURSE

Alpha is for everyone. If you want to know more about Jesus, this might be the course for you. It will take place in the Parish Centre on Tuesday evenings from 7pm to 9.30pm for 11 weeks, beginning on **24th September**. The format of the evening will begin with a sit-down dinner, followed by a short video (approx. 30mins) and then a very relaxed small group discussion. Everyone is welcome and it is free! The full programme can be seen on the poster on our parish noticeboard, in the parish centre, and on our parish website, where you can also download it. Flyers are also available at the back of the church. If you have any questions or want to let us know if you are coming, please email either Jimena: jimena.belmonte@gmail.com or Sandar: sandarwade@yahoo.co.uk

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

We pray for:

- Pat Belcher RIP. Funeral Wed 17th July at 12noon.
- Gwendoline Mary Marsh RIP