

Our Lady & St Edmund of Abingdon
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We are a **LiveSimply** parish aiming to live Simply, Sustainably and in Solidarity with the Poor

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<i>We live stream most services (the 10.15am Mass on the first Sunday of every month is not live streamed).</i>		
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Parish Website:	www.ourladyandstedmund.org.uk	
Primary School:	St. Edmund's School, Radley Road, Abingdon, OX14 3PP Tel 521558	
Roman Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth Reg. Charity No 246871	www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk	

Parish Life

Upcoming Sunday Masses: If you have a Mass Intention booked for either 8.45am or 6.30pm on a Sunday, please contact the office to re-schedule. Many thanks.

PARISH OFFICE: The office is now closed until Wednesday 1st April.

The Baby and Toddler Group: We have decided that circumstances regarding the coronavirus are such that we have no choice but to cancel our meetings for the time being.

Cake & Conversation: We will not be meeting on Wednesday mornings until further notice but we plan to stay in contact with a WhatsApp group until we start meeting again.

LENT ON OUR WEBSITE: You can follow Lent by visiting the page in the WHAT'S ON section of our website and for children, the YOUTH section. Videos, prayers and activities are available.

Gift Aid boxes are available for collection at the back of the church and have your name on them. These boxes cover the period up to 4th April 2021. If your income tax status changes and you cease to be a UK taxpayer, please let the parish office know as you will no longer be able to make gift aid donations. Should you decide you no longer wish to use the "blue box" system, please also let the parish office know.

BIBLE ALIVE: The Easter issue is available. Obviously, you cannot collect a copy, **but if you live locally and would like it put through your letter box, please email your name and address to:**
contact@ourladyandstedmund.org.uk

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Sunday 29 March

10.15am Live Streaming Mass
Jimmy & Rosalind Rigg RIP

Monday 30 March

9am Mass Joe Long RIP

Tuesday 31 March

NO Mass See: www.ourladyandstedmund.org.uk/thames-isis-pastoral-area for other masses

Wednesday 1 April

7pm Mass Gabriel Dover RIP

Thursday 2 April

9.30am Mass Eithne Naughton RIP

Friday 3 April

7pm Mass Maureen & John Logan Intentions

Saturday 4 April

9am Mass Special Intention

Christian Focus: the spring edition is available at the back of church. Only 50p.

Faith Development

Catholic Papers: Due to the Coronavirus, many of the UK Catholic Diocesan newspapers are now on one website (www.ChurchPaper.co.uk) so parishioners can stay in contact with their Church and their community. The website, www.ChurchPaper.co.uk, contains over 600 editions of newspapers.

Prayer for a Pandemic

*May we who are inconvenienced
Remember those whose lives are at stake.
May we who have no risk factors
Remember those most vulnerable.
May we who have the luxury of working from home
Remember those who must choose between
preserving their health or making their rent.
May we who have the flexibility to care for
our children when their schools close
Remember those who have no options.
May we who have to cancel our trips
Remember those who have no safe place to go.
May we who are losing our margin money
in the tumult of the economic market
Remember those who have no margin at all.
May we who settle in for quarantine at home
Remember those who have no home.
As fear grips our country,
Let us choose love.
During this time when we cannot physically
Wrap our arms around each other,
Let us find ways to be the loving embrace
of God to our neighbours.*

Amen

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

We now have our own parish video for the Stations of the Cross on the Lent page of our website. Do try and use it on Fridays in Lent – and especially on Good Friday.

Parish Events for the Week

NO EVENTS IN THE PARISH CENTRE UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

N.B. All take place in the Parish Centre unless specified

Future Diary Dates

30th & 31st March Parish Office closed

Youth Events

YOUTH GROUPS

The Saturday youth groups will stop meeting for now as a precaution. We will let you know when they resume through our parish newsletter.

Reminders of future events are always included in the parish weekly newsletter and the full programme can be viewed in the youth section on our parish website at:

www.ourladyandstedmund.org.uk/events

More info: bhabayeb@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

LENTEN FUNDRAISING DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

•MONDAY 30th MARCH

Golf Day at Drayton Park from 9am **POSTPONED**

•FRIDAY 24th APRIL – 7.00pm

Parish Evening with Live Music & Supper - at St Edmund's School. **POSTPONED**

If you have a fundraising idea or plan to organise an event please inform Hilary Webb: 01235

525928 or Debbie Brooks: 01865 432423

Money Matters: 22nd March 2020

Not available

Average weekly Gift Aid Standing Orders £995