

Our Lady & St Edmund of Abingdon ***1 Radley Rd, Abingdon on Thames, Oxon, OX14 3PL***

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Confessions: Saturdays 11.00 – 11.30am or by appointment

Parish Life

Parish Office is closed tomorrow, 17th February.

BIBLE ALIVE The **February** and **Lent** issues are now available at the back of the church. Copies of Bible Alive are available every month at the back of the church, for only £2.50. Please do take a copy.

The Baby and Toddler Group will be closed on Friday 21st February in line with the schools' half term holiday. It will reopen again on Friday 28th February. The Club welcomes parents/carers with babies and pre-school children Fridays from 9.30 am to 11.15 am during term time. The organisers would like to appeal to parishioners for help with setting up the club between 9.00 am and 9.30 am on Friday mornings. It would be particularly helpful to have volunteers **WITHOUT** babies or pre-school children for this purpose as the toys have to be carried from an outside building into the parish centre. For further information email shepherdpm@yahoo.co.uk or come along on a Friday.

Taizé Prayer Group meets this Wednesday 19th February at 7.30 in the St Edmund's side chapel. If you have never experienced the Taizé prayer, do come and join us and find out why the Taizé prayer tradition has inspired millions of Christians around the World.

Fairtrade Fortnight 24th Feb to 8th March: Watch out for the Fairtrade Trail competition starting next Sunday!

Faith Development

'How Jews and Christians read the Bible', a talk on Feb 27th at 7.30pm at Trinity Church. Tickets are £5 from Cliff Marshall Ab 530480, or on the door.

Women's World Day of Prayer, a women-led, global, and ecumenical movement, is led by Zimbabwe this year, on the theme of 'Rise, take your mat and walk'. Services will be held at Trinity Church at 10.30am (with crèche) and 7.30pm on Friday 6th March. All are welcome,

SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 16 February

8.45am Mass Mary Ryan RIP
10.15am Mass Ben Jeacock RIP
4.30pm Polish Mass
6.30pm Mass Magdalen Kelly RIP

Monday 17 February

8.30am Rosary
9am Mass Catherine Martin RIP

Tuesday 18 February

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

Wednesday 19 February

6.30pm Rosary
7pm Mass Robert William Butt-Pole RIP

Thursday 20 February

9am Rosary
9.30am Mass Private Intention

Friday 21 February

6.30pm Rosary
7pm Mass Private Intention

Saturday 22 February

11am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
11-11.30am Confessions
12 noon Mass John Arthur Beale RIP

women, girls - and men too! If you would like to read at the service, please contact Angela Waterhouse 07866 195998.

Lent 2020 – The God Who Speaks. Fr Richard Ounsworth O.P. will begin our Monday evening sessions for Lent, on Monday 2nd March, at 7.30pm in the parish centre. Fr Richard will speak to us about Celebrating, Living and Sharing God's Word which is the theme of 'The

God Who Speaks' which was launched by the Catholic Bishops Conference at the beginning of Advent. On the following four Mondays in March at 7.30pm also in the parish centre, we will show four of the new Sycamore films produced and presented by Fr Stephen Wang, a priest of the Westminster Diocese. Each session involves a short film and some time for discussion. There's no pressure and no commitment but there is a real sense of community, a spirit of friendship, great conversation and everybody is welcome. We look forward to seeing you there.

Monday 2nd March Celebrating, Living and Sharing God's Word - Fr Richard Ounsworth O.P.

Monday 9th March - Film: The Search for Happiness - "What is happiness"

Monday 16th March - Film: A God Who Speaks - When God Broke the Silence

Monday 23rd March - Film: The Bible - Can we trust the Bible?

Monday 30th March - Film: The Power of Prayer - Does Prayer make a difference?

School News

Ofsted Inspection of St. Edmund's School January 2020. The school has been judged as a good school, providing a very high standard in all areas. The feedback from the Inspectors during the two days highlighted the many positive features of the school and noted the impact of the Catholic ethos and ambitious desire to educate the children for life. One of the Inspector's comments was that the school inspires pupils with a determination to change the world by spreading kindness and love. The Governing Body is seeking to recruit two more foundation governors, who must be practising Catholics. This is a rewarding role and a great time to join this successful school. If you would like to find out more please contact Mrs Debbie Brooks (Chair of Governors) on 01865 432423 or Headteacher Mrs Delany-White on 01235 521558

Antiphons for Year II, Week VI Ordinary Time

EA: Be my protector, O God,
a mighty stronghold to save me.
For you are my rock, my stronghold!
Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.
CA: God so loved the world
that he gave his Only Begotten Son,
so that all who believe in him may not perish,
but may have eternal life.

Money Matters: 9th February 2020
Envelopes £215.20 Loose Plate £450.73
Average weekly Gift Aid Standing Orders £995
Many thanks

Counters: E. Bennett, L. Cribben, M. Haddock
Cleaners: E. & T. Janicka

Parish Events for the Week

TODAY Refreshments at 10.15am Mass

Tuesday RCIA 7.30pm

Wednesday Cake & Conversation 9.30am

Friday SVP meeting 7.30pm

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

Future Diary Dates

27th Feb Talk 'How Jews and Christians read the Bible', Trinity Church at 7.30pm

6th March Women's World Day of Prayer 10.30am & 7.30pm Trinity Church

26th & 27th March Parish Office closed

31st March Lenten Service 7pm

Youth Events

SATURDAY 7TH MARCH

* *Children of Our Lady (COOL) group meets from 3.30 to 5.00pm in the Parish Centre (primary school years 3 to 6 are all invited).*

* *St Edmund's Knights meet from 3.30-5.00pm in the Parish Centre (young people in secondary school are all invited).*

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

- **ASH WEDNESDAY 26th FEBRUARY** - 7:30 pm
Simple Soup Supper - Bread and Soup - information and displays on the projects - in the Parish Centre
- **SUNDAY 8th MARCH** - after 8.45 am Mass and 10.15 am Mass. Big Breakfast & Home Produce sale - in the Parish Centre. We urgently need you to provide cakes, jams, etc. for sale.
- **SUNDAY 14th MARCH** - 7.30 pm
St Patrick's Evening and Dance - in the Parish Centre
- **FRIDAY 27th MARCH** - 7.30 pm
International Evening and Auction of Promises - in the Parish Centre.
- **MONDAY 30th MARCH**
Golf Day at Drayton Park
- **FRIDAY 24th APRIL** - 7.00pm
Parish Evening with Live Music & Supper - at St Edmund's School.

If you do have a fundraising idea or plan to organise an event please inform Hilary Webb: 01235 525928 or Debbie Brooks: 01865 432423