

Our Lady & St Edmund of Abingdon
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HOLY WEEK AND EASTER ON OUR WEBSITE

Visit our website for videos and prayers to help you during Holy Week and Easter.

SECOND COLLECTION ON PALM SUNDAY

Our Second Collection on **Palm Sunday (10th April)** is for our *Lenten project – St Monica's School in Malawi*. If you normally gift aid your donations, you will find the appropriate envelope in your new gift aid box. You can also make your donation online, and gift aid it, using the link on the *What's On* section of our website or on the *News* page. Please be as generous as you can. Thank you.

COLLECTION ON GOOD FRIDAY

This collection is for the Custody of the Holy Land, in support of Christian communities in the land of Christ's birth, to whom successive Popes have desired Catholics around the world to remain closely united. Today, there are approximately 150,000 Christians living in the Holy Land. As this Christian population struggles to survive in a volatile political environment, this appeal gives them a reason to remain in their homes, providing education, housing and humanitarian support, and thus safeguarding the Christian presence in the Holy Land. The Good Friday Collection is the main source of funds for the maintenance of Christian life around these Sacred Sites. You can also make your donation online via the *News* page of our website.

PRAYER FOR UKRAINE AND RUSSIA

Loving God, we pray for the people of Ukraine and Russia, for all those suffering or afraid, that you will be close to them and protect them.

We pray for world leaders, for compassion, strength and wisdom to guide their choices.

We pray for the world, that in this moment of crisis, we may reach out in solidarity to our brothers and sisters in need.

May we walk in your ways so that peace and justice become a reality for the people of Ukraine and Russia and for all the world. Amen.

Holy week: Cycle 2 (C)

Sunday 10 April

8.45am Mass

10.15am Mass

2.00pm Mass in Polish

6.30pm Mass

Palm Sunday

(Quigley & Carroll Family Intentions)

(Joe Falzon & Mary Attard RIP)

(*Special Intention*)

Monday 11 April

8.30am Rosary

9.00am Mass

(Mary McCarthy RIP)

Tuesday 12 April

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

11am Chrism Mass Portsmouth

Wednesday 13 April

6.30pm Rosary

7.00pm Mass

(Eleanor Yates RIP)

Thursday 14 April

7.00m Mass of the Lord's Supper (*Special Intention*)

(Then procession to the Altar of Repose followed by silent watching and prayer until 10pm)

Maundy Thursday

Friday 15 April

10.00am Stations of the Cross

3.00pm Solemn Liturgy

Good Friday

Saturday 16 April

8.00pm Easter Vigil

Holy Saturday

(*Special Intention*)

GIFT AIDING YOUR MONETARY DONATIONS

If you aren't doing so already, please consider gift aiding your donations – it makes them all the more worthwhile, because if you tell us that you pay tax in the UK, then we can claim back 25% from the Government - that's 25p for every £1 you give! You can do so by filling in the yellow form available at the back of the church or online on our website in the *About Us/Giving* page. Thank you.

EASTER OFFERING

Easter, perhaps more than any day, is the day when we celebrate the power of love. Love lies at the heart of Easter – God’s love for us – a love which took Christ to the Cross, and which *raised* Christ from the tomb. A love in which we participate because of our faith as Christians; a love we celebrate whenever we share in the offering of the Mass. This Easter we can show and share our love for Fr Jamie, in gratitude for his vocation, his service, his dedication and witness shown to us throughout the year. Our Easter offerings are gifts to support him – freely given, gratefully received. Please give generously to our Easter collection **next weekend**, either at the collection during Mass or online on the *Home* page of our website. Thank you.

HELPING REFUGEES FROM UKRAINE

Caritas is coordinating the Diocesan response to the situation in Ukraine, and you can find out a lot more about what you can do to help them by visiting the *Caritas* website. You can find the link on the *News* page of our website, or visit www.csan.org.uk/ukraine.

POVERTY CHALLENGE

Following the pandemic, many households now also face new hardships as prices rise. *Caritas Social Action Network (CSAN)* has released a new booklet to increase awareness of Catholic Social Teaching on poverty, and to inform local responses. You can download a copy from the *News* page of our website or visit www.csan.org.uk

CHRISM MASS

The Chrism Mass takes place this year at **11am on Tuesday 12th April** in St John’s Cathedral in Portsmouth. Bishop Philip invites to join in for this diocesan Mass. The Chrism Mass is the special Liturgy in Holy Week at which the Bishop blesses the three Holy Oils used in the sacraments: the Oil of Catechumens, the Oil of the Blessing of the Sick and the Oil of Chrism.

SYNOD DOCUMENT

A final report will be presented on behalf of the Diocese to the Bishop at the Chrism Mass in Holy Week, on 12th April, with all the clergy in attendance. It will then be published across the diocesan communication channels and submitted to the Bishops’ Conference shortly afterwards so that our diocesan perspective can be reflected in the final document that the Bishops’ Conference submit to Rome, representing the discussions that have taken place across the whole of England and Wales.

THE CHURCH IN ABINGDON (CiA):

The Church in Abingdon (CiA) is planning to have a stall at the Town Council’s community event on Thursday 2 June. We are looking for 2-3 parishioners to help with planning activities for the stall and to take part on the day. If you would like to be part of this ecumenical initiative, please contact Margaret Hancox on margaretdhancox@gmail.com

PARISH EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

- **Sunday:** Refreshments in the parish centre after the 10.15am Mass.
- **Wednesday:** Parish lunch at 12.30pm in the parish centre. All welcome.

FUTURE DATES

- **Mon 25th Apr:** JTiF (Journeying Together in Faith), 7.30pm to 9pm in the parish centre. All welcome.
- **Fri 29th Apr:** Baby & Toddler group in the parish centre 9.30am to 11.15am in term time
- **Sat 30th Apr:** FHC preparation, session 7, in the church from 8.50am to 10am for those registered.

WELL DONE TO OUR SCHOOLS

OLA School ran a bake sale and home clothes day as part of their fundraising for our parish Lenten Project. So far, they have been able to raise £605.25 from the home clothes day and £147.86 from the bake sale - and a generous donation topped it up to a grand total of **£1000**. This is a tremendous contribution which will help towards a great cause.

St Edmund’s School are continuing to ‘walk to Malawi’ and have so far covered 926 miles! Last week they also had a crazy hair and odd sock day. So far they have raised **£235.40**.

Well done to the staff and pupils and a huge thank you to everyone for their contributions and support.

CLEAR OUT TO RAISE MONEY FOR LENTEN APPEAL!

To raise money for our Lenten charity, please collect up all your old wires and leads - it doesn’t matter if they are broken or damaged. Pack them in a bag and leave them under the table at the back of our church (during Lent only). Any queries contact Linda 07934 766305 or famgelens@gmail.com

BABY AND TODDLER GROUP

There will be no baby and toddler group on 15th and 22nd April. We will return on 29th April.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES

Information on these is available on the table at the back of the church and is also displayed on the outside noticeboard and is available on our website.

GOLF DAY – LENTEN APPEAL

A big thank you to the 29 golfers who turned up to play despite the early bad weather – which improved immediately Fr Jamie started his round! Thank you to those who were not able to play but contributed most generously to the fund. Also thanks to Mary McKenna and all the team at Drayton for looking after us so well on the day. We raised £550 for St Monica’s school.

WE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF:

- Peter Delany, RIP. Funeral 11am Wed 13th April
- Paul Pennington, RIP. Funeral 10.30am 29th April