

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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PARISH OFFICE OPENING HOURS:

Please note that during this pandemic period, and until further notice, the Parish Office opening hours will be from **Tuesdays to Fridays from 10.30am to 12.30pm**. Outside of these times, Fr Jamie will respond to urgent phone messages as soon as he can.

PRIVATE PRAYER

We are blessed that the church can be open, but for **private prayer only**, on the following days and times:

- ✠ **Tuesdays: 12pm to 1pm**
- ✠ **Fridays: 12pm to 1pm**

MASS BOOKINGS:

On Monday 22nd February you can book for Masses from Sunday 28th February to Saturday 6th March.

PLEASE remember to give as many dates and times when you could attend – otherwise you may be disappointed. *We are currently limited to 20 people at each Mass*. Also be clear on the number of people you are booking for and let us know if you would like to attend more than one Mass during the week.

HOW TO BOOK FOR MASS

No Internet Access?

Phone **07395 946827** EACH MONDAY between 10am and 11am ONLY to book a place for the FOLLOWING week

Have Internet Access?

DON'T phone. Instead, email: contact@ourladyandstedmund.org.uk EACH MONDAY, to book a place for the FOLLOWING week

NEWSLETTERS

Please remember that we are currently still not able to offer newsletters or any other printed material in church. Please bring your own with you if you would like to (you can download it from our website).

1st Week of Lent (Year B)

Attendance through booking system only, but also available on our live stream

Sunday 21 February

10.15am Mass (Ben Jeacock, RIP - anniversary)
6.30pm Mass (Private intention)

Monday 22 February

9am Mass **The Chair of St Peter**
(Marry Fallon intentions – 80th birthday)

Tuesday 23 February

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

Wednesday 24 February

7pm Mass (Chris Crouch, RIP)

Thursday 25 February

9.30am Mass (Magdalen & Thomas Kelly, RIP)

Friday 26 February

7pm Mass (Alexandra Paterson special intentions – 20th birthday)

Saturday 27 February

12pm Mass (Crouch family intentions)



SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER:

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot today receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.



LENTEN PROJECTS

Our fundraising for our Lenten projects was cut off abruptly last year due to the pandemic! The sum raised by that point was £2,678.40 – less than a third of what we are usually able to raise! The PPC has therefore made the decision to keep the same projects for this year as we did for last year. These were **5th Gospel Christians**, a charity that works to support Christians in the Middle East, particularly the Iraqi Christian refugees currently in Jordan, and **BeSpace**, a small Oxfordshire based charity that works to provide reflective, interactive prayer spaces in all primary and secondary schools in Oxfordshire.

As a reminder, information on these two charities is available on the **What's On** section of our website.

It is not feasible with the current restrictions to fund raise in the usual way. However, individuals and families are encouraged to find creative ways to fund raise for themselves, or to put money in a 'pot' during Lent. There will then be an opportunity at the end of Lent (information to be given later) to make your donation online *or* using the gift aid pink envelope if you have one, *or* simply putting it in any envelope clearly marked 'Lenten Projects'.



FAST, PRAY and GIVE

LENT FAMILY FAST DAY

The CAFOD Lent Family Fast Day will be on **26th February**. There is more information and a short video on the News page of our website. You can make donations using this link cafod.org.uk/lent but if you are unable to access that but would like to make a donation, you can send it directly to: *CAFOD head office, Romero House, 55 Westminster Bridge Road, London, SE1 7JB*

PRAYER FOR A FRUITFUL LENT

Loving God,
During the sacred season of Lent, bring me closer to You. Prepare a place in my home and my heart for silence and solitude, so that I may re-discover the grace of a prayer-full life. Help me to fast from those things that threaten the well-being of body and soul and remind me of the grace of simplicity. Enlarge my heart so that I give to those in need, and in so doing, re-discover the grace of gratitude and generosity. May the season be a grace-filled time to rekindle my love for and faith in You. Amen.



LENTEN REFLECTIONS

Lent is a time of Hope and Healing! The light and promise of Eastertide shines ever more brightly in the darkness.

We invite you to join our parish *2021 Lenten 'Hope and Healing' Prayer and Reflections* by zoom.

The course will continue every Thursday throughout Lent and will include a variety of reflections, scripture, Sycamore films, and the opportunity for prayer. Everyone is welcome to join all or any of the sessions and people can choose whether to participate in various discussions and sharing or can simply listen and reflect if they prefer.

Hope and Healing will be hosted by the parish RCIA team and anyone interested should contact Pauline on pehanley@hotmail.com or call 07506 753085 to register for the zoom link.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

At present it is not possible to prepare our children for their First Holy Communion and this may not be possible until 2022. However we would like to have an idea of how many children will wish to be prepared once we can get started again. To give us an indication, could you please tell us the name and age of your child/children and give us a contact phone and email address. We can then compile a list and be able to contact you with news about when we can re-start.

Please send this information to Errol Midwinter Phone 01235 522679 or email errolm@btinternet.com



DEPUTY HEAD TEACHER VACANCY

The Governors of St Edmund's School are seeking to appoint a highly motivated and inspirational leader to join our Headteacher in leading our successful and much-loved school.

Calls to discuss this position further with our Headteacher, Mrs Maria Delany-White are encouraged and warmly welcomed.

Please contact The School Business Manager (01235 521558 or clomas2266@st-edmunds-rc.oxon.sch.uk) to request an application pack.

Closing date: **Wednesday 3rd March 2021 by 12.00 noon.**

WE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF

Beryl Haslam