

# ***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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## **Parish Life**

**Parish Office:** will now be closed until the end of April.  
More details will follow.

**The Baby and Toddler Group:** They 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.

**Gift Aid boxes:** These are available for collection at the back of the church (when it becomes possible) 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 now available. If you live locally and would like a copy dropped through your letter box, please email your name and address to:  
[contact@ourladyandstedmund.org.uk](mailto:contact@ourladyandstedmund.org.uk)

**Christian Focus:** the spring edition is available at the back of church – when it becomes possible to access.  
Only 50p.

**Foodbanks:** The Foodbank at Northcourt Road is open on Tuesday and Friday Mornings. Donations can be brought there between 9.30 and 1.00 pm, and parcels can be collected between 11.00 and 1.00 pm. On Wednesday the South Abingdon Foodbank is open between 1.00 and 2.30 at Preston Road Community Centre.

## **PALM SUNDAY**

**All these Masses are live streamed**

### **Sunday 5 April**

10.15am Live Streaming Mass  
Sean Brady RIP (Anniversary)

### **Monday 6 April**

9am Mass Simon Sayce RIP

### **Tuesday 7 April**

NO Mass See: [www.ourladyandstedmund.org.uk/thames-isis-pastoral-area](http://www.ourladyandstedmund.org.uk/thames-isis-pastoral-area) for other masses

### **Wednesday 8 April**

7pm Mass Special Intention

### **Thursday 9 April MAUNDY THURSDAY**

7.30pm Mass Gladys Poulton RIP  
(Anniversary)

### **Friday 10 April GOOD FRIDAY**

3pm Solemn Liturgy

### **Saturday 11 April HOLY SATURDAY**

8pm Easter Vigil

### **Sunday 12 April EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD**

11.30am Live Streaming Mass  
Special Intention

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

**Marriage Care:** In line with current Government and Public Health guidance regarding the Coronavirus Marriage Care is now providing all Marriage Preparation and Relationship Counselling services online, via secure webcam, and ceasing all face to face service provision for the time being. Counselling and marriage preparation sessions can still be booked via our appointments phone line - 0800 389 3801 - or by emailing [appointments@marriagecare.org.uk](mailto:appointments@marriagecare.org.uk) We know that support for marriages and relationships at this time will be more vital than ever so we would like to assure you that our services are still available and online access is simple and easy to use. More information about Marriage Care and our services can be found at our website - [www.marriagecare.org.uk/](http://www.marriagecare.org.uk/)

**SEEKING HELP:** There are a number of people in the parish who are able to, and already do, offer some support and help to those who need it. This includes telephone conversations, shopping, collection of prescriptions. If you are in need of help or you know somebody who needs help, you can give us the details using the **form on the 'News' page of our website** or emailing: [contact@ourladyandstedmund.org.uk](mailto:contact@ourladyandstedmund.org.uk) You can also let us know if you are willing and able to offer any help using these same communication methods.

### **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

### **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**

None available at this time.

### **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](http://www.ourladyandstedmund.org.uk/events)*

*More info: [bhabayeb@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:bhabayeb@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)*

### **LENTEN FUNDRAISING DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES**

•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

**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.

### **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 now 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.