

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 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 15th February you can book for Masses from Sunday 21st to Saturday 27th February.

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

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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).

6th Week of Ordinary Time (Year B)

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

Sunday 14 February

10.15am Mass (Carmel Falzon & Freda Deado, RIP)
6.30pm Mass (Anne Mahon, intentions)

Monday 15 February

9am Mass (Mary Ryan, RIP)

Tuesday 16 February

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

Wednesday 17 February ASH WEDNESDAY

9am Mass (Special intention)
7pm Mass (John Arthur Beale, RIP)

Thursday 18 February

9.30am Mass (Robert William Butt Pole, RIP)

Friday 19 February

7pm Mass (Special intention)

Saturday 20 February

12pm Mass (Special intention)



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'.

LENTEN REFLECTIONS

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

Ash Wednesday is on 17th February – the beginning of Lent. To help support you on your Lenten journey this year **we invite** you to join our parish **2021 Lenten 'Hope and Healing' Prayer and Reflections** by zoom.

Beginning on **Thursday 18th February** 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.

SPIRITUALITY SERIES & A LENTEN RETREAT

The Centre for Applied Carmelite Spirituality (CACS) is happy to announce a new spirituality series - **LIGHT for THE WORLD** on Sundays, and a weekly Lenten retreat "**Be Drawn to Christ**" on Wednesdays, to engage your faith journey. Information and registration instructions are available on the News page of our website.

LIGHT FOR THE BLIND UPDATE

Peter Dodd (trustee) recently spoke to Fr Thomas (on Zoom) in India. He said that since January the hospices have been closed to new patients and all the remaining few patients and staff were confined to staying in the hospice grounds, resulting in no Covid cases at all being recorded in any of the 5 hospices. Now they are starting to admit new patients in all the hospices but taking full precautions, making sure the patients have tested negative and keeping the new patients in a separate area from the other patients.

The ongoing water supply problems at Dindigul seem to have been resolved without too much expense and he has just been gifted an acre of land in North Chennai to build a new hospice - a challenge which he is keen to accept and get on with.

Fr Thomas thanks all his friends in Abingdon for their continued support and was sorry he could not visit us last year.

WE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF

Yvonne Corbett
Carol Batten



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*

CONTINUE TO PRAY DURING THE PANDEMIC...

Almighty and eternal God, our refuge in every danger, to whom we turn in our distress; in faith we pray, look with compassion on the afflicted, grant eternal rest to the dead, comfort to mourners, healing to the sick, peace to the dying, strength to healthcare workers, wisdom to our leaders and the courage to reach out to all in love, so that together we may give glory to your holy name. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.