

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

PLEASE remember to give as many dates and times when you could attend, and book on the Monday – otherwise you may be disappointed. 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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CONFESSIONS

By appointment only for now. Please contact the **parish office** to book an appointment.

NEWSLETTERS

We are currently still not able to offer any printed material in church. Please bring your own newsletter with you if you would like to (you can download it from our website).

4th Week of Lent (Year B)

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

Sunday 14 March

10.15am Mass (Pat & Wendy Cox, RIP)
2.00pm Mass in Polish
6.30pm Mass (Mrs Willoughby, RIP)

Monday 15 March

9am Mass (Rosemary Perron, RIP)

Tuesday 16 March

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

Wednesday 17 March

St Patrick

7pm Mass (Pat Castle, special intentions)

Thursday 18 March

9.30am Mass (Edward James Ryan, RIP)

Friday 19 March

St Joseph

7pm Mass (Kristina Rapier, intentions)

Saturday 20 March

12pm Mass (Eva Stott, 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.



SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

The second collection this Sunday (14th March) is for the **Clergy Assistance Fund**. This fund supports the invaluable work of the Clergy Support Team in our Diocese, who are responsible for looking after our clergy – from supporting newly ordained priests to settle into their ministry, to providing ongoing support and formation for those in active ministry, to caring for our clergy through illness or in a time of need. You can put your donation in an envelope clearly marked *Clergy Assistance Fund*, or you can donate online – the link is on the News page of our website.

'BLUE BOXES'

As the church is still currently not accessible in the normal way, we are going to endeavour to deliver the boxes that cannot be personally picked up when attending Mass. This will take place over the next several weeks. Please note that some monthly boxes may include weekly envelopes that you do not normally receive. This is due to a change in our supplier's collation routines. Please discard any unwanted envelopes.

ADVANCED NOTICE FOR HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Please do **not** attempt to book for any of the services shown below right now. We will put reminders in the newsletter and on our website when the time is right to do so. Thank you for your understanding.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

(Physical attendance through our booking system only)

- ✠ **Maundy Thursday (1st April):** Mass of the Lord's Supper **7pm**
- ✠ **Good Friday (2nd April):** Passion of the Lord **3pm**
- ✠ **Easter Vigil Saturday (3rd April):** 8pm
- ✠ **Easter Sunday (4th April):** **8.45am, 10.15am and 12 noon**

DON'T FORGET THE ABINGDON FOODBANK

Still urgently needed are:

- Long life cow's milk - semi skimmed or whole
- Tinned meat for hot meals (mince, stews, meatballs)
- Dried chick peas and couscous
- Instant coffee
- Bottles of squash
- Small (500g) bags of sugar
- Cleaning spray
- J cloths (other brands are available)
- Bleach

Donations can be dropped off at the Foodbank on Northcourt Road.

LENTEN REFLECTIONS

There is still time for 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

LENTEN PROJECTS

Please do remember the two charities which we are supporting - *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.

You are encouraged to find creative ways to fund raise, 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'.



PRAYER TO ST JOSEPH

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.
Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage,
and defend us from every evil.
Amen.