

# ***Our Lady & St Edmund of Abingdon*** ***1 Radley Rd, Abingdon on Thames, Oxon, OX14 3PL***

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## **LENTEN REFLECTION**

Holy Week is not a week for throwing stones at Judas, Caiphas, Pilate, and others directly involved in the death of Christ. This week gives an opportunity to look at our own commitment to truth and justice, and at our loyalty to Christ and his Gospel. But in doing this we must not lose sight of the central character in this sordid story, namely Christ himself. We must look at the light he sheds on the whole dark scene. He shows us that the only way to overcome evil is by good, just as the only way to overcome darkness is light. The darkness did not have the final say. Through his Resurrection Christ's light shone even more brilliantly than before and it can never be extinguished again.

## **PRAYER FOR LENT**

O Lord, our Saviour and God, whom nails could not hold to the cross, but only Love.

Grant that we, who have received the fullness of thy love, may be ready to bear before the world the marks of thy Passion.

Who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, One God World without end. Amen.

## **RETIRING COLLECTION THIS SUNDAY**

This is for our Lenten project - supporting **École Don Bosco, in Hadath, Baalbeck in Lebanon**. Please do not place your donations in the normal offertory collection during Mass, but place them in the boxes as you *leave* the church at the end of Mass. **You can also make your donations online using the link on the News page of our website or in the *What's On, Lenten Fundraising* section.** Your support is needed - thank you.

## **GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION**

The collection on Good Friday is for the *Holy Places*, primarily supporting the work of the Franciscan Custody of the Holy Land in preserving the Sacred Places and promoting the Christian presence in the Holy Land.

## **PALM SUNDAY & HOLY WEEK: Cycle 1 (A)**

### **Sunday 2 April**

8.45am Mass  
10.15am Mass  
2.00pm Mass in Polish  
6.30pm Mass

### **PALM SUNDAY**

(Annmarice Knox Intentions)  
(Sean Brady RIP)  
(Terry O'Brien & Family Intentions)

### **Monday 3 April**

8.30am Rosary  
9.00am Mass

(Barbara Carpenter RIP)

### **Tuesday 4 April**

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

### **Wednesday 5 April**

6.30pm Rosary  
7.00pm Mass

(Constance Isabella Pole RIP)

### **Thursday 6 April**

7.00pm Mass

### **MAUNDY THURSDAY**

(Private Intention)

### **Friday 7 April**

10.00am Stations of the Cross  
3.00pm Solemn Liturgy

### **GOOD FRIDAY**

### **Saturday 8 April**

8.00pm Easter Vigil

### **HOLY SATURDAY**

(Mary Quigley Intentions)

## **CHRISM MASS**

The annual Chrism Mass takes place next Tuesday 4th April at Portsmouth Cathedral 11am. Sadly we've had to cancel the coach due to lack of numbers. Apologies to the small number who had reserved places. Hopefully next year. If some of you are driving, I'm sure you'd be happy to offer lifts? Many thanks.

### TREASURE HUNT – LENTEN FUNDRAISING

Please place your fair-trade sponsored treasure hunt sheets in the box available at the back of the church this Sunday. Thank you.

### OLD WIRES – LENTEN FUNDRAISING

If you have any old or broken electric wires, please leave them in a bag under the table at the back of the church and **contact Linda to let her know to pick them up:** [famgelens@gmail.com](mailto:famgelens@gmail.com) or 07934 766305. Thank you.

### INTERNATIONAL EVENING

As part of our Lenten fundraising activities, there will be an International Evening, which will take place on Friday 28th April from 7pm in the Parish Centre. If possible, could you bring a plate of food from your own country to share. Drinks will be provided. There will be a raffle and some entertainment. Do come along.

### GOLF DAY – LENTEN PROJECT FUNDRAISING

We will be holding our golf day again this year on **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April** at Drayton Park Golf Club. Once again a big thank you to Mary McKenna for letting us hold this event free of charge. We will be meeting up from 8.30 am for tea/coffee and bacon rolls. First T time is 9.32am. There will be the usual format of teams of four with prizes for the first two teams with two to score on each hole plus 3 nearest the pin prizes. The cost will be £25 for the day. We usually get terrific support from our golfers for this very worthy project. Please contact Terry Murphy on 07584 248169 or 01235 527597 or by email [terry.murphy62@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:terry.murphy62@yahoo.co.uk)

### NEW 'GIVING' ENVELOPES

The new envelopes are available at the back of church. Please check for yours if you give weekly using the envelopes or have signed a Gift Aid form. If you were expecting envelopes and can't see them, please let the Parish Office know or email: [accounts.abi@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:accounts.abi@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) Look for your name – all the numbers are different this year. The new envelopes start with the special collection for Holy Places on Good Friday and also include an envelope for the Lent Project collection on Palm Sunday.

### ST PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATIONS

We are delighted to announce we raised a total of £1,243 towards the Lenten Project.

### PAX CHRISTI

There are copies of the current *JustPeace* on the table at the back of church - please take one if you wish.

### BABY & TODDLER GROUP

There will be no baby and toddler group on 7<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> April due to Easter holidays and we will return on Friday 21st April. Hope you have a lovely Easter.

### PARISH EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

- **Sunday:** Refreshments in the parish centre after the 10.15am Mass.
- **Monday:** *Open Doors* in the parish centre from 11.30am to 2.30pm.
- **Monday:** *Journeying Together in Faith (JTIF)* at 7.30pm in the parish centre. All welcome.

### FUTURE DATES

- **Mon 17<sup>th</sup> Apr:** Golf Day at Drayton Park Golf Club for our Lenten fundraising project.
- **Mon 17<sup>th</sup> Apr:** *Journeying Together in Faith (JTIF)* at 7.30pm in the parish centre. All welcome.
- **Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> Apr:** FHC preparation, Session 7, 8.50am to 10am, in the church.
- **Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> Apr:** Youth groups meet in the parish centre from 3.30 to 5pm. All in year 3 or above are welcome.
- **Fri 28<sup>th</sup> Apr:** International Evening in the parish centre from 7pm. All welcome.

### OPEN DOORS

*Open Doors* (replacing 'Warm Spaces') begins on Mondays from 11.30 – 2.30pm, until July, offering lunch and conversation in the parish centre. We won't meet on Bank Holidays. Why not come and bring a friend who is on their own or would like more company? More details from Clare 847804

### THE CHURCH IN ABINGDON EVENTS

#### Good Friday Procession

Good Friday Procession of Witness which will take place on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April at 11.45am. The procession will start at Abingdon Library and will stop in the Abingdon Market Place to sing a hymn. United Service will follow.

### CLASS TEACHER – ST EDMUND'S SCHOOL

St Edmund's school is looking to welcome an enthusiastic, dynamic and committed teacher, supportive of our school mission and Catholic ethos to join our happy, motivated children. Calls to discuss this position further with our Headteacher, Mrs Erika Kirwan are encouraged and warmly welcomed. Please contact The School Business Manager (01235 521558 or [clomas2266@st-edmunds-rc.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:clomas2266@st-edmunds-rc.oxon.sch.uk)) to request an application pack. Closing date: Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April.

### WE PRAY FOR

- Jane Ellwood, RIP. Funeral on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> April at 1pm.