

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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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 March** you can book for Masses from **Sunday 28th March to Saturday 3rd April**. This includes the services for Holy Week (see times below), but **NOT** Easter Sunday.

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.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

(Physical attendance through our booking system only)

- ✠ **Palm Sunday (28th March): 10.15am & 6.30pm**
- ✠ **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**

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.

5th Week of Lent (Year B)

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

Sunday 21 March

- 10.15am Mass (Betty Hemmings, RIP – 5th anniv.)
- 2.00pm Mass in Polish
- 6.30pm Mass (The Logan family, RIP)

Monday 22 March

- 9am Mass (Joe Murphy, RIP)

Tuesday 23 March

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

Wednesday 24 March

- 7pm Mass (Pauline Bicker, RIP)

Thursday 25 March *The Annunciation of the Lord*

- 9.30am Mass (Michael Carden, RIP)

Friday 26 March

- 7pm Mass (Lisa Paterson special intentions - birthday)

Saturday 27 March

- 12pm Mass (Fr Jamie, 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.



CONTACTING US BY PHONE

We apologise if you had difficulty in contacting us by phone over the last few days. We had a problem with the phone, which should now have been resolved.

'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.



CHRISM MASS

This will take place at the Cathedral in Portsmouth on **Tuesday 30th March at 11am**. Attendance in person is not possible, but you are encouraged to follow the Mass on live stream if you can:

www.churchservices.tv/portsmouthcathedral



PANDEMIC NATIONAL DAY OF REFLECTION

The Prime Minister has asked for a National Day of Reflection on the first anniversary of the first lockdown next **Tuesday 23rd March**. The Bishop's Conference have issued a Statement, which you can read on the News page of our website. **Our Church is open for private prayer from 12 pm to 1pm.**

THANK YOU

TrinityLearning say a huge thank you to all those who responded to their appeal for unused tablets to help children learn at home during the current lockdown and all those who volunteered to help with the appeal. Your generous donations of devices, money and time meant they were able to donate 17 laptops, tablets, and Chromebooks to local schools! These have not only been invaluable in supporting children's learning from home, but will also help to ensure children are able to catch up and keep up with work as schools return.

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.

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'.

