

# ***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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**Confessions: Saturday 11.00 - 11.30am or by appointment**

## **Parish Life**

**LENT FUNDRAISING BIG BREAKFAST AND CAKE AND PRODUCE SALE:** This event is **NEXT SUNDAY 8 MARCH**. After both the 8.45am and 10.15am Masses, there will be an opportunity to enjoy a hot bacon or sausage bap, tea, coffee or juice with your fellow parishioners in the Parish Centre. For the Produce Sale, we need donations of cakes, biscuits, bread, jams, chutneys and other homemade items (perhaps a "family favourite") and plants, potted cuttings and bulbs to sell. *All produce can be dropped off in the Parish Centre from 8.30 am on 8 March.* Contact Hilary on 525928 with any queries or offers of help.

**LENTEN FUNDRAISING - AUCTION OF PROMISES**  
Please consider participating in this. Information is on the table at the back of the church or in the 'What's On' section of our website. For now, we need people to make some promises!

**LENTEN APPEAL 2020 GOLF DAY:** Mon 30<sup>th</sup> March at Drayton Park Golf Course There will be tea/coffee/bacon rolls available from 9 am. There will be an entry fee of £25 per person / £10 for juniors -students. Please book via Terry Murphy at [terry.murphy62@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:terry.murphy62@yahoo.co.uk) or phone 01235 527597 Mob 07584 248169 Thanks in advance for your support.

**LENT ON OUR WEBSITE:** You can follow Lent by visiting the page in the *WHAT'S ON* section of our website and for children, the *YOUTH* section. Videos, prayers and activities are available.

**BIBLE ALIVE:** The Lent issue is now available at the back of the church. Copies of Bible Alive are available every month at the back of the church, for only £2.50. Please do take a copy.

**TAIZÉ PRAYER GROUP** meets again this Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm in the St Edmunds side chapel.

## **FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

### **Sunday 1 March**

8.45am	Mass	Betty Hemmings RIP (Anniversary)
10.15am	Mass	Margherita Taylor RIP
4.30pm	Polish Mass	
6.30pm	Mass	Private Intention

### **Monday 2 March**

8.30am	Rosary	
9am	Mass	Bill Guckian RIP

### **Tuesday 3 March**

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

### **Wednesday 4 March**

6.30pm	Rosary	
7pm	Mass	Celia Smith & family Intentions

### **Thursday 5 March**

9am	Rosary	
9.30am	Mass	In Thanksgiving

### **Friday 6 March**

6pm	Stations of the Cross	
6.30pm	Rosary	
7pm	Mass	Private Intention

### **Saturday 7 March**

8.50-10.15am	FHC (5)	
11am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
11-11.30am	Confessions	
12 noon	Mass	

## **LENT 2020 - THE GOD WHO SPEAKS**

- **Monday 2nd March** Celebrating, Living and Sharing God's Word, Fr Richard Ounsworth O.P.
- **Monday 9th March** Film: The Search for Happiness - "What is happiness"

- **Monday 16th March** Film: A God Who Speaks – When God Broke the Silence
- **Monday 23rd March** Film: The Bible - Can we trust the Bible?
- **Monday 30th March** Film: The Power of Prayer – Does Prayer make a difference?
- All will be held in St Edmund's parish centre at 7.30pm

### Faith Development

**BLESSED FRANZ JAGERSTATTER:** Franz was a Catholic farmer who lived in a small Austrian village. He refused on grounds of conscience to serve in Hitler's army and was executed in 1943. A film *A Hidden Life* is showing at the Ultimate Picture Palace cinema in Oxford on 3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> March. Further information from Anne Dodd Ab. 525997.

**This Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March Women's World Day of Prayer**, a women-led, global, and ecumenical movement, is led by Zimbabwe this year, on the theme of 'Rise, take your mat and walk'. Services will be held at Trinity Church at 10.30am (with crèche) and 7.30pm on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March. All are welcome.

**LENT CAFOD FAST DAY** is on **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March**. On this day maybe you could forego a meal and give the money saved to CAFOD. Envelopes will be given out on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March as you leave church. Please take one and return on the following Sunday 8<sup>th</sup>. Please be generous.

**Kennington Memory Club** is a place where people with a diagnosis of dementia can enjoy companionship and join in activities which encourage verbal interaction. The club is located in Kennington Methodist Church off Upper Road in Kennington OX1 5LR. It is open from 9.30am to 3.30pm, on Mondays and Thursdays and provides a cooked meal, at 12.00 noon as well as light refreshments in the morning and afternoon. To arrange a taster visit or to find out more, please contact the organiser, Helen, on 07852 883496.

### We pray for:

- The Repose of the Soul of John Smith RIP. Funeral Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> March at 1.30pm
- The Repose of the Soul of John Hickey RIP. Funeral Fri 13<sup>th</sup> March at 12noon.
- The Repose of the Soul of Stella Worrallo RIP. Funeral Thurs 19<sup>th</sup> March at 11am.
- The Repose of the Soul of Maurice Armstrong RIP. Funeral Tues 24<sup>th</sup> March at 11am.

**Money Matters:** 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2020  
 Envelopes £299.73 Loose Plate £493.51  
 Average weekly Gift Aid Standing Orders £995  
 Many thanks

**Counters:** A. & C. Lardner-Browne, N. Cairns  
**Cleaners:** R. & P. Taylor, M. Jarvis

## Parish Events for the Week

**TODAY** Refreshments at 10.15am Mass

**Monday** Lenten Reflections 7.30pm

**Tuesday** RCIA 7.30pm

**Wednesday** Cake & Conversation 9.30am

**Friday** Baby & Toddler Group 9.30am  
 SVP meeting 7.30pm

**N.B. All take place in the Parish Centre unless specified**

### Future Diary Dates

**6<sup>th</sup> March** Women's World Day of Prayer 10.30am & 7.30pm Trinity Church

**Mondays in March** CIA Lenten Lectures, St Helen's Church, 8pm

**26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> March** Parish Office closed

**31<sup>st</sup> March** Lenten Penitential Service 7pm, Church

### Youth Events

#### **SATURDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> MARCH**

\* *Children of Our Lady (COOL) group meets from 3.30 to 5.00pm in the Parish Centre (primary school years 3 to 6 are all invited).*

\* *St Edmund's Knights meet from 3.30-5.00pm in the Parish Centre (young people in secondary school are all invited).*

*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: [bhbayeb@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:bhbayeb@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)*

### LENTEN FUNDRAISING DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

• **SUNDAY 8<sup>th</sup> MARCH** – after 8.45 am Mass and 10.15 am Mass. Big Breakfast & Home Produce sale - in the Parish Centre. We urgently need you to provide cakes, jams, etc. for sale.

• **SATURDAY 14<sup>th</sup> MARCH** – 7.30 pm St Patrick's Evening and Dance - in the Parish Centre. Tickets on sale soon.

• **FRIDAY 27<sup>th</sup> MARCH** – 7.30 pm International Evening and Auction of Promises - in the Parish Centre.

• **MONDAY 30<sup>th</sup> MARCH**

Golf Day at Drayton Park

• **FRIDAY 24<sup>th</sup> APRIL** – 7.00pm

Parish Evening with Live Music & Supper - at St Edmund's School. If you do have a fundraising idea or plan to organise an event please inform Hilary Webb: 01235 525928 or Debbie Brooks: 01865 432423