

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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Primary School: St. Edmund's School, Radley Road, Abingdon, OX14 3PP Tel 521558
Roman Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth Reg. Charity No 246871 www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Confessions: Saturday 11.00 - 11.30am or by appointment

Parish Life

Grateful thanks to all who organised, contributed and enjoyed the Big Breakfast and Produce Sale last Sunday. £553 was raised for our Lent Charities.

TODAY St Patrick's Day tea and cake after the 10.15am Mass in aid of the Lenten projects.

INTERNATIONAL EVENING & AUCTION OF PROMISES

As a precaution, the event scheduled for 27th March will be postponed until a later date to be announced. Bids for the Auction of Promises can still be made using the forms supplied in the church or online on our website in the 'What's On' section.

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.

Lent 2020 - The God Who Speaks

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

NEXT SUNDAY there will be a second collection for the Clergy Assistance Fund.

The spring edition of the Red Mission Box magazines is now available and may be collected from the table at the rear of the church.

NEWSLETTER. Can all newsletter inserts for 29th March be sent to the office on or before Tuesday 24th. Many thanks.

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Sunday 15 March

8.45am	Mass	Edward James Ryan RIP
10.15am	Mass	Wendy Cox RIP
3pm	Polish Mass	
6.30pm	Mass	Private Intention

Monday 16 March

8.30am	Rosary	
9am	Mass	Pat Castle Intentions

Tuesday 17 March ST PATRICK

NO Mass See: www.ourladyandstedmund.org.uk/thames-isis-pastoral-area for other masses

Wednesday 18 March

6.30pm	Rosary	
7pm	Mass	John Smith RIP

Thursday 19 March ST JOSEPH

9am	Rosary	
9.30am	Mass	Maria Warne Intentions
11am	Funeral	Stella Worrallo RIP

Friday 20 March

6pm	Stations of the Cross	
6.30pm	Rosary	
7pm	Mass	Pat Harrold Special Intentions (90 th Birthday)

Saturday 21 March

11am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
11-11.30am	Confessions	
12 noon	Mass	Fr. Jamie Special Intentions

Christian Focus: the spring edition is available at the back of church. Only 50p.

Taizé Prayer Group meets this Wednesday, 18th March at 7.30 in the side chapel. No parking in the school car park.

Faith Development

Oxford Catenians Members of the Oxford Catenians will speak at Masses **TODAY** about this international Catholic laymen's association. The Oxford Circle are looking to recruit new members to enable their families to share in the benefits of being part of this association. There will be a chance to talk to members after Mass or email: info@oxfordshire-catenians.uk

BAMENDA & CAMEROON On Tues 17th March at 8pm at Northcourt Centre, Northcourt Rd, 2 parishioners Casimir Fotso and Anne Dodd will be speaking to Abingdon Peace Group about the deteriorating violent situation in Cameroon and what we can do. We are twinned with the Diocese of Bamenda there. Everyone is welcome. Further details from Anne Dodd Ab. 525997

Fun in the Park - Fun in the Park is a free event organised by Abingdon Town Council aimed at families, on Saturday 6 June in the Abbey Grounds, 11 am - 3 pm. The Church in Abingdon has hosted a stall there every year since its inception to make the most of the outreach opportunity. We've always relied on a small team of volunteers, but we need to build up the team if we are to be able to take part again this year. There's plenty of scope for using your gifts, even for just an hour: we need set up/clear up teams; face painters; crafty people; chatty people. We need to know who is onboard by mid March. Please contact Debra McKnight, CiA Administrator, (dhmcknight@aol.com) if you would like to be involved.

School News

Our Lady's Abingdon is looking for teachers of Religious Studies, Textiles and Design & Technology to join us from September 2020 in a mixture of full and part time posts. Further details and application forms are available via the school website www.olab.org.uk. Deadline for applications: Sunday 22 March. Interviews will take place during the week commencing 23 March.

Congratulations to St Edmund's Primary School for being recognised as Good with Outstanding features at its recent RE Inspection on 5th March. Inspectors reported that "St Edmund's Catholic Primary School is a community of faith, firmly embedded in Gospel values, recognising themselves as 'A learning community celebrating Christ in all, building a kingdom of love, hope and joy' " and that "Pupils are wonderful ambassadors for the school and speak about their school with pride. Their behaviour and attitudes are underpinned by their knowledge and living out of the school's mission statement". The full report is available on the school's website.

Parish Events for the Week

TODAY Refreshments after 10.15am Mass.

Monday Lenten Reflections 7.30pm

Tuesday RCIA 7.30pm

Wednesday Cake & Conversation 9.30am
Journeying Together in Faith (JTIF) 7.30pm

Friday Baby & Toddler Group 9.30am
SVP meeting 7.30pm

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

Future Diary Dates

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

26th, 27th, 30th & 31st March Parish Office closed

31st March Lenten Penitential Service 7pm, Church

Youth Events

SATURDAY 21st 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

More info: bhabayeb@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

LENTEN FUNDRAISING DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

- **FRIDAY 27th MARCH** – 7.30 pm

International Evening and Auction of Promises - in the Parish Centre. **This has now been postponed.**

- **MONDAY 30th MARCH**

Golf Day at Drayton Park from 9am

- **FRIDAY 24th APRIL** – 7.00pm

Parish Evening with Live Music & Supper - at St Edmund's School.

If you have a fundraising idea or plan to organise an event please inform Hilary Webb: 01235 525928 or Debbie Brooks: 01865 432423

Money Matters: 8th March 2020

Envelopes £218.80 Loose Plate £619.21

Average weekly Gift Aid Standing Orders £995

Many thanks

Counters: P. & M Mulqueen

Cleaners: M. Kelly, P. Moriarty