

# ***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 TODAY** 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. Contact Hilary on 525928 with any queries or offers of help.

**St Patrick's Evening: SATURDAY 14th MARCH** - 6pm with Irish music, dancing and supper. In the Parish Centre. Tickets on sale after 8.45am and 10.15am Masses.

**St Patrick's Day tea and cake** after the 10.15am Mass on **Sunday 15th March** in aid of the Lenten projects.

## **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!

**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 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

**Charismatic Prayer Meeting: Wednesday 11th March** at 4 Rawlings Grove. 7:45-9pm. All welcome! Info Ab 528528.

## **SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**

### **Sunday 8 March**

8.45am	Mass	Molly Gibbard RIP (Anniversary)
10.15am	Mass	Betty Hemmings RIP (Anniversary)
6.30pm	Mass	Gill Harrington Intentions

### **Monday 9 March**

8.30am	Rosary	
9am	Mass	Deceased members of the Habayeb family RIP

### **Tuesday 10 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 11 March**

6.30pm	Rosary	
7pm	Mass	Deceased members of the Payette family RIP

### **Thursday 12 March**

9am	Rosary	
9.30am	Mass	Mrs Celia Jones RIP
1.30pm	Funeral	John Smith RIP

### **Friday 13 March**

12noon	Funeral	Patrick Hickey RIP
6pm	<b>Stations of the Cross</b>	
6.30pm	Rosary	
7pm	Mass	Mrs Celia Edwards RIP

### **Saturday 14 March**

10.15am	Mothers Prayers	
11am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
11-11.30am	Confessions	
12 noon	Mass	Mary Ahern Intentions

**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 29<sup>th</sup> March be sent to the office on or before Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup>. Many thanks.

**Christian Focus:** the spring edition is available at the back of church.

### Faith Development

**BAMENDA & CAMEROON** On Tues 17<sup>th</sup> March at 8pm at Northcourt Centre, Northcourt Rd, two 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

### School News

**The latest draw of the Governors' Fund 100+ Club** was made on 09 February. The winning numbers for February were:

1st Prize (£30) – Number 25 Malgorzata Majewska  
2nd Prize (£20) – Number 35 Mrs Angela Smith  
3rd Prize (£10) – Number 86 Yuh Ling Cronin

### We pray for:

- The Repose of the Soul of Maurice Armstrong RIP. Funeral 24<sup>th</sup> March at 11am.
- The Repose of the Soul of Mary Hobday RIP. Funeral Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April at 11am.
- The Repose of the Soul of Sheila Delany RIP. Funeral 26<sup>th</sup> March at 11am.

### LIVE SIMPLY PRAYER

*Compassionate and loving God,  
you created the world for us all to share  
a world of beauty and plenty.  
Create in us a desire to live simply,  
so that our lives may reflect your generosity.*

*Creator God,  
you gave us responsibility for the Earth,  
a world of riches and delight.  
Create in us a desire to live sustainably,  
so that those who follow after us  
may enjoy the fruits of your creation.*

*God of peace and justice,  
you give us the capacity to change,  
to bring about a world that mirrors your wisdom.  
Create in us a desire to act in solidarity,  
so that the pillars of injustice crumble  
and those now crushed are set free.  
Amen.*

**Money Matters:** 8<sup>th</sup> March 2020  
Envelopes £228.25 Loose Plate £612.68  
Average weekly Gift Aid Standing Orders £995  
Many thanks

**Counters:** C. Macfarlane, T. Murphy, G. Brady  
**Cleaners:** J. Ryan, M. Haddock

### Parish Events for the Week

**TODAY** Big Breakfast & Cake & Produce Sale after 8.45 & 10.15am Masses

**Monday** Lenten Reflections 7.30pm

**Tuesday** RCIA 7.30pm

**Wednesday** Cake & Conversation 9.30am  
Parish Lunch 12.30pm  
Journeying Together in Faith (JTIF) 7.30pm

**Friday** Baby & Toddler Group 9.30am

**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

**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 21<sup>st</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: [bhabayeb@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:bhabayeb@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.

• **SATURDAY 14<sup>th</sup> MARCH** – 6pm  
St Patrick's Evening and Dance - in the Parish Centre.

• **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 from 9am

• **FRIDAY 24<sup>th</sup> 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