

Our Lady & St Edmund of Abingdon
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Confessions: Saturday, 11.00 – 11.30am or by appointment

LENT Charity Fundraising 2019

Parish Lent Dance this year will be on Friday 29th March at 7pm, at Drayton Village Hall. You will be entertained by Abingdon Big Band and St Edmund School Choir, with a hot supper and dessert. A bar will be available. Tickets are £10 adults and £3 children. All welcome. Tickets will be on sale before and after Sunday Mass, at the Reception Desk of St Edmund's and OLA Schools or phone 01235 525928.

Big Breakfast and Home Produce Sale NEXT SUNDAY 31st March after 8.45 and 10.15 Masses. Do come along after Mass to the Parish Centre and enjoy a hot bacon or sausage roll, coffee, tea or juice with your fellow parishioners. Could you bake a CAKE that is TYPICAL OF YOUR COUNTRY to sell at the Produce Sale? Cakes, biscuits, jams and chutneys are very welcome. Suitable prizes are needed for the Parish Dance Raffle. Items can be dropped off at the Parish Office weekdays before 12noon and by the 29th March.

Book sale after the 8.45 and 10.15 Masses on the 31st March, which is also the morning of the Big Breakfast. Please donate good quality paperback books and leave them in the box at the back of the church. Any queries contact Debbie 01865 432423

Golf Day Mon 1st April. Entrance fee of £25 per golfer £10 for students/juniors. For more information and to register please contact Terry Murphy. Email: terry.murphy62@yahoo.co.uk Home Ab. 527597 Mob.07584 248169. Thanks in advance for your usual wonderful support.

Free tickets for Dinosaur World Live. Would you be able to use 4 tickets, 2 adults and 2 children, for a performance of Dinosaur World Live at the Oxford Playhouse on Sat 13th April at 2pm. It is suitable for 3+ children. Please contact Jo Milham on 07980 283417. Perhaps you would be willing make a donation towards our Lenten projects. Thank you

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Sunday 24 March

8.45am	Mass	Mike McKenna RIP
10.15am	Mass	People of the Parish Intentions For their generosity to the homeless
6.30pm	Mass	Mrs Doris Roberts RIP

Monday 25 March THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

8.30am	Rosary	
9am	Mass	Mary Walsh Intentions

Tuesday 26 March

8.30am	Rosary	
9am	Mass	Alexandra Paterson Intentions

Wednesday 27 March

6.30pm	Rosary	
7pm	Mass	Michael Mitchell RIP

Thursday 28 March

9am	Rosary	
9.30am	Mass	

Friday 29 March

6pm	Stations of the Cross	
6.30pm	Rosary	
7pm	Mass	In Thanksgiving

Saturday 30 March

10.30am	First Reconciliation	
12 noon	Mass	

N.B. No Adoration or Confessions

Parish Life

Parish Office closed 26th and 27th March.

Charismatic Prayer Meeting Wednesday 27th March at 4 Rawlings Grove. 7:45-9pm. All welcome! Info Ab 528528.

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

Gift Aid boxes are available for collection at the back of the church and have your name on them. These boxes cover the period to the end of March 2020. It is necessary that you are a UK taxpayer when making gift aid donations. If your tax status changes and you cease to be a UK taxpayer, please let the parish office know, as you will no longer be able to make gift aid donations. Should you decide you no longer wish to use the "blue box" system, please also let the parish office know. Boxes not collected by Sunday 31st March will be removed because of limited space at the back of the church.

The Mission spring issue is available at the back of the Church.

Christian Focus: The spring edition is now available at the back of Church.

Would all Eucharist Ministers please register for this year's retreat day at Stonehill Barn, Drayton Road on Saturday April 13th 10-4pm. Fr Rob to lead, and please bring a packed lunch. Please add your name to list at back of Church.

Faith Development

The Called and Gifted teaching day English Martyrs parish, Reading, on 30th March 9am - 4pm. Please contact Clare on Ab. 847804 if you would like to come. Car-shares will be organised.

Barn Dance/Cheese & Drinks Tastings There is an opportunity to meet members of churches in two of our twin towns - Sint Niklaas in Belgium and Argentan in France. Barn Dance, Fri 5th April at the Conduit Centre by Trinity Church at 7.30pm. Cheese and Drinks Tasting, Sat 6th in St Helens Church Centre at 7.30pm. Tickets available from Angela 07866 195998. Further details see poster.

Centring Prayer Saturday 6th April. Carmelite Priory, Boars Hill, Oxford OX1 5 HB, 10 am - 12 noon. (Registration from 9:30 am) Fee: £30 per lecture To book email: events@cacarmelitesp.co.uk or phone 01865 735133.

Follow Lent on our website There are three sources of information and activities: The What's On page, the Parish Blog - and for children, the Youth section.

BIG EASTER EVENT/ABINGDON PASSION PLAY (come along from 12.30pm 6 April, Abbey Grounds) HELP NEEDED! The Abingdon Passion Play is at the heart of the Big Easter Event - Abingdon Churches biggest combined community event. Please contact Katharine de Villiers 07768022684 katharine@devilliersfamily.net for more information.

Parish Events for the Week

TODAY Refreshments after 10.15am Mass

Tuesday RCIA 7.30pm

Wednesday Cake & Conversation 9.30am
Talk - Eucharist and the Church Canon
David Oakley, 7.30pm

Thursday Talk Bishop Robert Barron Word on Fire
Ministries 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

4th April Talk - Teaching the Eucharist (The Eucharist won't make sense unless it is taught from a lived context that makes sense of it). Sr Margaret Atkins is a member of the Augustinian Community in Cumbria. Parish Centre 7.30pm

6th April Centring Prayer Carmelite Priory, Boars Hill, Oxford OX1 5 HB, 10 am - 12 noon. (More info: 01865 735133).

10th April Being the Body of Christ in the World - Parish Centre 7.30pm (This event is a follow-on from the talks in March and on 4th April as listed above)

Youth Events

Please look at the events calendar on our website in the Youth section for more details of ALL events.

**Join us at the Passion Play on Saturday 6th April. More info: tipayouth@portsmouthdiocese.org.*

**The next event for Parish Youth Groups is Saturday 27th April, 3.30-5.00pm. More info: bhabayeb@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk*

School News

Governors' Fund 100+ Club draw. The winning numbers were:

1st Prize (£30) – Number 44 Pauline Anderson
2nd Prize (£20) – Number 13 Adrian Clarke
3rd Prize (£10) – Number 30 Guy Rogers

The next draw will take place on Friday 6th April Please do not hesitate to contact me – by email at pcole@st-edmunds-rc.oxon.sch.uk or phone on 07779 662725 if you would like to join or have any questions.

Money Matters: 17th March 2018
Envelopes: £323.08 Loose Plate £672.96 Many thanks

Counters: S. Campbell, D & B Stacey
Cleaners: P. Shephard, M. Kelly