

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

**LENT Charity Fundraising 2019**

**TODAY St Patrick's Day**, Year 7 students from OLA's Food Club will be providing tea, homemade cakes and biscuits after 10.15am mass Please come and join us in the Parish Centre.

**Charity Car Wash** The post confirmation group is doing a charity car wash on the 24th March during the 10.15 Mass. If you would like your car washed please park it in the OLA car park.

**Fish Finger/Fizz'Quiz supper** evening has been **POSTPONED** until Friday 3rd May, 7.30pm. parish centre. Please put this date in your diary today so as not to miss a fabulous evening. Tickets will be on sale soon

**Parish Lent Dance** this year will be on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> 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.** Sun 31<sup>th</sup> 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 12 noon and by the 29<sup>th</sup> March.

**Book sale** after the 8.45 and 10.15 Masses on the 31<sup>st</sup> 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

**SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**

**Sunday 17 March**

8.45am	Mass	Edward James Ryan RIP
10.15am	Mass	Frank Higgins RIP
4.30pm	Polish Mass	
6.30pm	Mass	Private Intention

**Monday 18 March**

8.30am	Rosary	
9am	Mass	Mary Walsh Intentions

**Tuesday 19 March ST JOSEPH**

8.30am	Rosary	
9am	Mass	Jim McLaughlin RIP (10 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary)

**Wednesday 20 March**

6.30pm	Rosary	
7pm	Mass	John McCarthy RIP

**Thursday 21 March**

9am	Rosary	
9.30am	Mass	

**Friday 22 March**

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

**Saturday 23 March**

8.50-10.15am	FHC (6)	
11am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
11-11.30am	Confessions	
12 noon	Mass	

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

## Parish Life

**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.

**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 13<sup>th</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> April at the Conduit Centre by Trinity Church at 7.30pm. Cheese and Drinks Tasting, Sat 6<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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.

**Update on Youth Groups.** The groups met last Saturday and had a great time with activities including making models for the tableau they hope to complete on scenes representing Lent and Easter, and going through some of the stations of the cross in church. Meanwhile, Melanie, our pastoral area youth worker is also working hard - going to secondary school lunch clubs in Abingdon as a member of the Desire team of youth workers. She supports their work at Fitzharrys School and Larkmead every week and occasionally John Mason's too. This is in addition to work with St Edmund's School.

## Parish Events for the Week

**TODAY** St Patrick's Day Tea & Cake after 10.15am Mass

**Tuesday** RCIA 7.30pm

**Wednesday** Cake & Conversation 9.30am  
Holy Land Meeting 7pm

**Thursday** Talk Bishop Robert Barron Word on Fire Ministries 7.30pm

**Friday** Baby & Toddler Group 9.30am

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

## Future Diary Dates

**26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> March** Parish Office closed.

**27<sup>th</sup> March** Talk - Eucharist and the Church (The Eucharist is the source and summit of the Church's life and mission). Canon David Oakley, Rector of St Mary's College Oscott. Parish Centre 7.30pm

**4<sup>th</sup> 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

**10<sup>th</sup> 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 for the Film Club on Saturday 6th April. More info: [tipayouth@portsmouthdiocese.org](mailto:tipayouth@portsmouthdiocese.org).*

*\*The next event for Parish Youth Groups is Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April, 3.30-5.00pm. More info: [bhabayeb@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:bhabayeb@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)*

**HELP NEEDED!** The Abingdon Passion Play. We are looking for: ACTORS - no experience needed, just 2 rehearsals on 24th March 2-6pm All Saints and 2.30-6.30pm 31st March Peachcroft STEWARDS - be a friendly face and help keep people safe for some or all of the event. Full briefing and hi-vis provided. PRAYER PARTNERS - please can we cover before during and after the event in prayer - we'll provide regular updates and prayer points. AND LAST BUT NOT LEAST - people to distribute leaflets to as many homes as possible in Abingdon: this method ensures that everyone will have chance to hear about the event. Please contact Katharine de Villiers 07768022684 [katharine@devilliersfamily.net](mailto:katharine@devilliersfamily.net)

**Money Matters:** 10<sup>th</sup> March 2018  
Envelopes: £239.10 Loose Plate £657.21 Many thanks

**Counters:** J. Dowling, P. & M. Mulqueen  
**Cleaners:** E. & T. Jamicka