

# ***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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## **LENT**

It is the same Spirit that descended on Jesus in the Jordan, that leads him today into the desert to be tempted. The Tempter says Do something useful like turning the stones into bread. Do something sensational like throwing yourself off a high tower. Do something that brings you power like paying homage to me. The world of the Tempter is precisely that world where people compete for love through doing useful, sensational and powerful things and so winning medals that gain them admiration. But Jesus knows who he is: The Beloved of God, on whom God's favour rests. His victory today sets him free to choose the compassionate life.

## **LENTEN FUNDRAISING PROJECT 2023**

We are supporting **École Don Bosco, in Hadath, Baalbeck in Lebanon**, run by Salesian Sisters for our Lenten project for this year. Information on the school and current dates for your diary, are available on our parish website. If you are able to **organise and do** something, please submit your proposal to the parish office as soon as possible. *"TRULY, I SAY TO YOU, WHATEVER YOU DID FOR ONE OF THESE LEAST BROTHERS AND SISTERS OF MINE, YOU DID FOR ME"* (Matthew 25:40). Thank you.

**You can follow Lent and the Lenten Fundraising project on the News or What's On pages of our website.**

## **BIG BREAKFAST & PRODUCE SALE**

### **SUNDAY 5 MARCH AFTER 8.45 AND 10.15 MASSES**

Please come over to the Parish Centre after Mass **TODAY** and enjoy a hot filled roll and tea/coffee and buy a selection of home made cakes, biscuits, jams and preserves at the Produce Sale. All proceeds will go towards our Lent Charity Appeal.

## **SIMPLE SOUP SUPPER**

Many thanks to those who attended our Soup Supper on Ash Wednesday, £402.92 was raised for our Lent Charity – A great start to our appeal!

## **SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT: Cycle 1 (A)**

### **Sunday 5 March**

8.45am Mass (Private Intention)  
10.15am Mass (Tommy Sugrue RIP)  
2.00pm Mass in Polish  
6.30pm Mass (Bill Guckian RIP)

### **Monday 6 March**

8.30am Rosary  
9.00am Mass (Slawek Family Intentions)

### **Tuesday 7 March**

NO Mass See: [www.ourladyandstedmund.org.uk/english-martyrs-vale-of-white-horse](http://www.ourladyandstedmund.org.uk/english-martyrs-vale-of-white-horse) for other Masses

### **Wednesday 8 March**

6.30pm Rosary  
7.00pm Mass (Stephen Harrold RIP)

### **Thursday 9 March**

9.00am Rosary  
9.30am Mass (Barry Family Intentions)

### **Friday 10 March**

6.30pm Rosary  
7.00pm Mass (In Thanksgiving)

### **Saturday 11 March**

11am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
11-11.30am Confessions  
12pm Mass (Private Intention)

## **CAFOD – FAMILY FAST DAY**

Family Fast Day was on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March. Please return the envelope with your contribution to the designated boxes as you leave the church (please don't mix them with the normal collection). You may also donate online via the link on the News page of our parish website.

**Also**, The Cafod Earthquake emergency appeal is still live online at <https://cafod.org.uk/give>

## CAR WASHING

The young people of the parish will be washing cars on March 12<sup>th</sup> during the 10.15 Mass. The money raised from your donations will go to the Lenten Project. Please can you park your car in the OLA car park.

## ST PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATIONS

This will be on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March, 6.30pm-10pm in the Parish Centre. Enjoy an evening of Irish music, song, dance and food to help raise money for the Lenten project. Tickets £15 per adult and £5 per child to include Irish stew and desert, vegan option also. Tickets available Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> March after 10.15am Mass or email Laura or Bernadette to reserve tickets: [lauraashleycarter@btinternet.com](mailto:lauraashleycarter@btinternet.com) or [bernadette.m.osullivan@gmail.com](mailto:bernadette.m.osullivan@gmail.com) or phone Laura on 07947 178394. Drinks will be available to purchase or bring your own. Great raffle on the night. We look forward to seeing you there!

## GOLF DAY AT DRAYTON

A date for your diary. Early notice that our regular fundraiser for the project will take place on April 17<sup>th</sup> (after Easter). Please put the date in your diary today and we will remind you again nearer the time. Coffee and bacon rolls from 8.30am, and first tee time at 9.32am. Usual format of teams of four. Lots of prizes to be won. The normal cost of £25 for the day. Huge thanks as ever to Mary McKenna for offering the club free of charge. We always get great support from our golfers for the fundraiser. Why not invite friends and family to join you. Please contact Terry Murphy on 07584 248169 or 01235 527597 or by email [terry.murphy62@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:terry.murphy62@yahoo.co.uk)

## TREASURE HUNT - LENTEN FUNDRAISING

A fair trade sponsored treasure hunt is being organised to raise funds for our Lenten project. Please collect a form with all the information you need from the table at back of the church and encourage your children to take part. You can also download it from the *News* or *Lenten Fundraising* pages on our website. There are prizes!

## LENTEN RETREAT

Lenten Retreat being run by the Carmelites at Boars Hill A Time of Grace and Prayer. Details on the *News* page of our website. Or contact 07849 596572 or email [ruth.preston@carmelite.org.uk](mailto:ruth.preston@carmelite.org.uk)

## WARM SPACE

We continue to run a lovely Warm Space on Mondays 11am - 3pm in the parish centre. We offer conversation, deep listening, board games, children's toys and a relaxed and warm environment!

## PARISH LUNCH

Parish Lunch this coming Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March. So we can have an idea of numbers attending, please call Mary on Ab. 534873.

## PARISH EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

- **Sunday:** Big Breakfast & Produce Sale after morning Masses - for Lenten fundraising project.
- **Monday:** *Warm Space* in the parish centre from 11am to 3pm.
- **Monday:** *Journeying Together in Faith (JTIF)* at 7.30pm in the parish centre. All welcome.
- **Wednesday:** Parish lunch in the parish centre at 12.30pm.
- **Friday:** *Baby & Toddler* group in the parish centre 9.30am to 11.15am in term time.

## FUTURE DATES

- **Sat 11<sup>th</sup> Mar:** FHC preparation, Session 5, 8.50am to 10am, in the church.
- **Sat 11<sup>th</sup> Mar:** Youth groups meet in the parish centre from 3.30 to 5pm. All in year 3 or above are welcome.
- **Mon 13<sup>th</sup> Mar:** *Journeying Together in Faith (JTIF)* at 7.30pm in the parish centre. All welcome.
- **Mon 17<sup>th</sup> Apr:** Golf Day at Drayton Park Golf Club for our Lenten fundraising project.

## LENTEN PRAYER

Lord God guide us on our Lenten Journey  
That we may recognise and resist all temptation to put  
self-interest before your truth  
For you are the way and there is no other approach to  
your Kingdom  
We make this prayer in Jesus' name.

## LENTEN FUNDRAISING 2023

Maria Pia Oliver, one of our parishioners has published a book *"Roses and Thorns"*. She is donating all proceeds to Helen & Douglas House. However, during Lent all proceeds from sales will benefit our own project in Lebanon. If you purchase it directly from Maria Pia, we will receive almost £8 per copy. The purchase price is £9.99. Copies will be available during the Big Breakfast and Produce sale this Sunday or contact Maria Pia or Mike directly on Ab.528528.

## ST EDMUND'S SCHOOL

We are looking for a full-time KS2 Teacher to join our friendly and efficient team and who would be supportive of our school mission statement and the Catholic ethos of our school. Calls to discuss this position further with our Headteacher, Mrs Erika Kirwan are encouraged and warmly welcomed. Please contact The School Business Manager (01235 521558 or [clomas2266@st-edmunds-rc.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:clomas2266@st-edmunds-rc.oxon.sch.uk)) to request an application pack. Closing date: Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2023 at 12.00 noon.

## WE PRAY FOR

- Josephine Pearson RIP. Funeral Thurs 9<sup>th</sup> March, 11.15am.
- Harry Staite RIP.