

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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LENTEN PROJECT UPDATE

Many thanks to all who contributed so generously to the retiring (second) collection on Palm Sunday for St Monica's School in Malawi, which raised £4596. There are still a few contributions to receive and the online donations of £3635 to add in, plus the gift aid to calculate, but we hope to be able to give a final total for the amount raised for this project in the next few weeks.

MASSES NEXT WEEK

Fr Jamie will be in Scotland from Monday to Saturday, so there will be no Masses in our Church during that time. However, the praying of the Rosary will continue as usual and instead of the Mass we will have a *Service of the Word and Holy Communion* – so you can still receive the Holy Eucharist.

GIFT AIDING YOUR MONETARY DONATIONS

If you aren't doing so already, please consider gift aiding your donations – it makes them all the more worthwhile, because if you tell us that you pay tax in the UK, then we can claim back 25% from the Government - that's 25p for every £1 you give! You can do so by filling in the yellow form available at the back of the church or online on our website in the *About Us/Giving page*. Thank you.

PRAYER FOR UKRAINE AND RUSSIA

Loving God, we pray for the people of Ukraine and Russia,
for all those suffering or afraid,
that you will be close to them and protect them.

We pray for world leaders, for compassion, strength and wisdom to guide their choices.

We pray for the world, that in this moment of crisis,
we may reach out in solidarity to our brothers and sisters
in need.

May we walk in your ways so that peace and justice
become a reality for the people of Ukraine and Russia
and for all the world. Amen.

EASTER & OCTAVE OF EASTER: Cycle 2 (C)

Sunday 17 April

8.00am Mass
9.30am Mass
11.00am Mass
2.00pm Mass in Polish

EASTER SUNDAY

(Joe Tracey, RIP)
(Dorota intentions)
(Georgina & Norman Pounds,
30th wedding anniversary)

Monday 18 April

8.30am Rosary
9.00am Service of the Word and Holy Communion

Tuesday 19 April

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

Wednesday 20 April

6.30pm Rosary
7.00pm Service of the Word and Holy Communion

Thursday 21 April

9.00am Rosary
9.30am Service of the Word and Holy Communion

Friday 22 April

6.30pm Rosary
7.00pm Service of the Word and Holy Communion

Saturday 23 April

11.00am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
12.00pm Service of the Word and Holy Communion

EASTER PRAYER

Abba Father, thank you for sending your Son, Jesus, as the sacrificial lamb for our sins. Thank you that in Jesus dying upon the cross He paid in full for all of my sins – past, present and future. It is in the resurrection that we triumph. Thank you that we serve a risen King who has given us new life and freedom from emotional, mental and spiritual bondage. This Easter, bless my family, everything that I have, and this Easter celebration. Amen.

FOOD BANK

The Abingdon Food Bank regularly need:

- tinned soup;
- sauces for rice – e.g curry, sweet & sour, etc;
- small tins of baked beans or spaghetti hoops, etc;
- shampoo;
- shower gel for men;
- sturdy carrier bags;
- washing up liquid;
- cartons of long-life fruit juice;
- bottles of squash.

Please do not leave items in our church! The food donation points and opening hours are shown below.

LOCATION OF FOOD DONATION POINT	OPENING HOURS
Waitrose Abingdon, Abbey Close, OX14 3HL	7.30am to 9pm (8pm Sat)
North Foodbank, Christ Church, Northcourt Rd, OX14 1PL	Tues & Fri 10am to 1pm
South Foodbank, Preston Road community Centre, OX14 5NR	Weds 1pm to 2.30pm

HOMES FOR UKRAINE

We have been approached by *Homes for Ukraine* to ask if there might be anyone from Church wanting to host a family. It's a family of 3 (parents and 13-year-old daughter). They have a Greek orthodox background and asked if there are any Catholic hosts interested. Please contact Lorna Cronin: mrslnac@gmail.com

POVERTY CHALLENGE

Following the pandemic, many households now also face new hardships as prices rise. *Caritas Social Action Network (CSAN)* has released a new booklet to increase awareness of Catholic Social Teaching on poverty, and to inform local responses. You can download a copy from the *News* page of our website or visit www.csan.org.uk

THE CHURCH IN ABINGDON (CiA):

The Church in Abingdon (CiA) is planning to have a stall at the Town Council's community event on Thursday 2 June. We are looking for 2-3 parishioners to help with planning activities for the stall and to take part on the day. If you would like to be part of this ecumenical initiative, please contact Margaret Hancox on margaretdhancox@gmail.com

BABY AND TODDLER GROUP

Resumes on 29th April.

BIBLE ALIVE

Why not strengthen your faith with daily reflections on the Mass readings? Limited copies of *Bible Alive* are available on the table at the back of the church.

WE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF:

- Paul Pennington, RIP. Funeral 10.30am 29th April

FUTURE DATES

- **Mon 25th Apr:** JTiF (Journeying Together in Faith), 7.30pm to 9pm in the parish centre. All welcome.
- **Fri 29th Apr:** Baby & Toddler group in the parish centre 9.30am to 11.15am in term time
- **Sat 30th Apr:** FHC preparation, session 7, in the church from 8.50am to 10am for those registered.



May you rejoice in the triumph of the resurrected Christ at Easter and always, and may his resurrection fill you with hope and peace.

Fr Jamie

MARY'S MEALS – PRAY IN MAY

Mary's Meals has been built on a foundation of prayer and the many little acts of love from those who support them. They are inviting churches across the UK to join them in prayer to celebrate the wonderful work of Mary's Meals and give thanks that together we are now reaching more than 2 million children with a nutritious meal in 20 countries every school day. This year they have also created prayers for children and will be inviting church schools to join in with the campaign. More information is available on the *News* page of our website.

UPCOMING COURSES

The diocesan *Formation for Mission* team will be offering a couple of online courses for adults, to help them discover, understand and live their Baptism and Confirmation.

- *What is Baptism and what does it do?* will take place on Tuesday evenings from 7.00 to 8.30 pm, from the 26th April to the 31st May and
- *Where is the Holy Spirit in my life?* will take place on Thursday evenings from 7.00 to 8.30 pm, from the 28th April to the 2nd June.

There will also be an online workshop for *readers*, with 1:1 practice, which will take place on Saturdays 18th and 25th June, from 10am to 1pm.

Information and joining instructions for all the courses can be found on the News page of our website.