

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

LENT Charity Fundraising 2019

St Patrick's Celebrations £959.15 was raised at the St Patrick's Day celebration on 16th March and £137.10 was raised by Year 7 students from OLA's Food Club at the cake sale following 10.15am mass on 17th March. Many thanks to everyone for your support.

TODAY Big Breakfast and Home Produce 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.

TODAY Book sale after the 8.45 and 10.15 Masses.

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.

Soup Supper. Please come and join us in the parish centre on Tuesday 16th April for a soup supper, supporting our charities. There will an opportunity to hear more about the work done by the three charities that we are supporting. Soup will be served at 7.30pm,

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Sunday 31 March

8.45am	Mass	Sheila Finch RIP
10.15am	Mass	Sadie Mullarkey RIP
6.30pm	Mass	Craig Family Intentions

Monday 1 April

8.30am	Rosary	
9am	Mass	Gabriel Dover RIP

Tuesday 2 April

8.30am	Rosary	
9am	Mass	Mary Walsh Intentions

Wednesday 3 April

12noon	Funeral Mass	Gwendoline Cox RIP
6.30pm	Rosary	
7pm	Mass	Bob Finch RIP

Thursday 4 April

9am	Rosary	
9.30am	Mass	Private Intention

Friday 5 April

10am	Funeral Mass	Linda McKenna RIP
6pm	Stations of the Cross	
6.30pm	Rosary	
7pm	Mass	Constance Isabella Pole RIP

Saturday 6 April

11am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
11-11.30am	Confessions	
12 noon	Mass	Linda McKenna RIP

There is no charge for coming along, and there will be a box for donations. Please contact Catherine MacFarlane on Ab. 527597 or Clare Simpson on 01235 847804

Parish Life

TODAY there will be a second collection for Clergy Assistance Fund.

CAFOD Fast Day raised £1054.32. Many thanks for your generosity.

Thursday 4th April we continue our Lenten videos featuring keynote speeches from the Adoremus Eucharistic Conference. Sr Margaret Atkins, a member of the Augustinian Order, former headteacher, speaks about "Teaching the Eucharist in Contemporary Society" Everybody welcome. Parish Centre 7.30pm

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

Would all Eucharist Ministers please register for this years' 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

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 Saturday 6th April from 12.30pm, performance at 2pm
Thanks for all the amazing support so far to make this happen. We are now just looking for:
BREAKFAST: 2 or 3 people to bless the stage and screen contractors with breakfast at 8am that morning (making or delivering would be great!)
TABLE PUTTER UPPERS: A small team to collect tables from the Unicorn and put up in the Abbey Gardens needed from 9.30am. AND OF COURSE DON'T FORGET TO COME AND BRING YOUR FRIENDS FAMILY AND NEIGHBOURS ON THE DAY!

Vacancy

A vacancy has arisen for a job share in the post of Administrator based at English Martyrs, Didcot. The post is for eight hours a week, and will support Fr Phillip Harris and the current Administrator. Further details available from Didcot parish office on 01235 812338 or from www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk. Applications need to be in writing by 16th April.

Parish Events for the Week

TODAY Big Breakfast & Book Sale after 8.45 & 10.15am Masses

Tuesday RCIA 7.30pm

Wednesday Cake & Conversation 9.30am

Thursday Talk - Teaching the Eucharist 7.30pm

Friday Baby & Toddler Group 9.30am

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

Future Diary Dates

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)

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.*

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

Mini Walking Pilgrimage to Boars Hill from Abingdon:

Saturday 18th May - 9:00am for a 9:30am start from Tilsley Park car park (OX14 1PU) to Youlbury Scout Camp in Boars Hill. Bring a packed lunch and water bottle. Cooking over a campfire and other organised events on arrival at Youlbury. For more information or to book your place, please contact Melanie at tipayouth@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or on 07470094818.

We pray for:

- The Repose of the Soul of Gwendoline Cox RIP. Funeral Mass Wed 3rd April at 12noon.
- The Repose of the Soul of Linda McKenna RIP. Funeral Fri 5th April at 10am.

Money Matters: 24th March 2018
Envelopes: £310.52 Loose Plate £717.25 Many thanks

Counters: M. Nott, M. & M. Martin
Cleaners: P. & R. Taylor, M. Jarvis