

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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Confessions: Saturdays 11.00 – 11.30am or by appointment

REFLECTION

The joy of Easter fills all the earth. And this is the joy of Easter – that death has been conquered. Easter is the victory, Easter is 'the good news' which the apostles were sent to preach to the ends of the earth.

Christ overcame death, not only for himself but for each of us and for all of God's people. Let us lift up our hearts as we draw near to Christ, our risen brother who now dies no more but lives on among us. On Easter Day we still feel pain, our own pain and the pain of others. But a new element has been introduced. It doesn't remove the pain but gives it meaning and lights it up with hope. All is different because Jesus is alive and speaks his words of peace to us. Therefore, there is a quiet joy among us, and a deep sense of peace. Jesus has broken the power of death and given us the hope of eternal life. Lord guard this hope with your grace and bring it to fulfilment in the Kingdom of Heaven.

VOCATIONS PRAYER

Heavenly Father, Creator of our paths and caller of our souls. I stand before you in humility, seeking the light of your wisdom in my vocation. You, who sculpted my being, know the depths of my heart. In your grand design, I am a vessel, longing to be filled with your purpose. Grant me ears to hear your whisper, eyes to see your signs, a spirit submissive to your promptings. As I discern my call in the tapestry of your kingdom where each thread has its place. Guide my hands to weave my part with the thread you have given me. Amen.

PARISH OFFICE

The Parish Office is closed until Tuesday 22nd April.

LENTEN FUNDRAISING CAR WASH

The young people of our parish will be washing cars for the Lenten projects on **Sunday 27th April** during the 10.15am Mass. If you would like your car washed on that day, please park in the OLA car park.

Easter: Cycle 1 (C)

Sunday 20 April

8.00am Mass

EASTER SUNDAY

(Ted Rowley Intentions
100th Birthday)

9.30am Mass

(Fr. Samuel Natale RIP)

11.30am Mass

(Kaysa & Alister Nelson
12th Wedding Anniversary)

Monday 21 April

Octave of Easter

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

Tuesday 22 April

Octave of Easter

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Wednesday 23 April

Octave of Easter

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Thursday 24 April

Octave of Easter

9.00am Rosary

9.30am Mass

Friday 25 April

Octave of Easter

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Saturday 26 April

Octave of Easter

11am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

12pm Mass

SERVICES THIS WEEK

- There will be no Mass on Easter Monday or on Wednesday 23rd and Friday 25th April.
- Rosary and Mass as usual on Thursday 24th April.
- On Saturday 26th April there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Mass as usual at midday, but no Confessions.



*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

EASTER COLLECTION

The Easter Collection is an opportunity for us to give thanks to God for the ministry of our priest, Fr Jamie. Please be generous with your donation at any of the Easter Masses – or you can make your donation online using the link on the *Home* page of our parish website. You can also use the card payment facility at the back of the church. Thank you.

THANK YOU

Thank you to the pupils and staff at OLA School, who raised £712 for our Lenten projects from their non-uniform day. Also, thanks to the individual who raised £170 by hosting a soup, bread and cheese lunch for her neighbours. Every effort counts, and is appreciated. Our online collection, accessible in the *What's On* section of our parish website, remains open this week, and so far has raised £1,562. There is still a little time left to make your contribution, and the PPC will announce the full total as soon as we can.

ALPHA COURSE

Looking for answers? Alpha in Spanish.
Alpha Course en Español. Estás interesado? Por favor
contáctame al mblegge@gmail.com

EARTHQUAKE APPEAL

Following the devastating earthquake in Myanmar, CAFOD is responding through the Catholic Church there to support families affected by the disaster. CAFOD has partnered with the Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC), a coalition of leading UK aid charities, to launch a wide relief effort. You can donate online on the *News* page of our parish website, or by calling 0303 303 3030. You can also text EARTHQUAKE to 70450 to donate £10.

OPEN DOORS

There will be **no** Open Doors sessions on the following dates as we don't meet on Bank Holidays: 21st April (Easter Monday), 5th May (May Day) and 26th May (Late May Bank Holiday).

PARISH EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

- **Wednesday:** Charismatic Prayer Meeting (online) 7.45pm. Contact: Mike Oliver, Ab 528528
- **Friday:** Baby & Toddler group in the parish centre 9.30am to 11.15am **in term time.**

FUTURE DATES

- **Mon 28th April:** Open Doors in the parish centre from 10.30am to 2.30pm.

JUBILEE REFLECTION – HOPE AT EASTER

Hope is always the theme of the Easter Season and our celebration of the resurrection. During this Jubilee year, we are called to renew our commitment to hope, faith, and love. The Jubilee of Hope is a time when we are invited to reflect on Christ's resurrection and to be hopeful about the future - spiritually and practically. We are called to reflect on the hope that Jesus' resurrection offers, which is a powerful reminder of the enduring victory of life over death. It is a time to acknowledge the challenges and uncertainties of life while simultaneously embracing the promise of a brighter tomorrow. This Hope also calls us to action, just as Faith and Love do. Easter is a time to reflect on our lives, our faith, and our relationships, and to renew our commitment to God and to each other. In a world that can be full of pain, suffering, and despair, Easter offers us the hope of a brighter future, a future where love, justice, and peace prevail.

25 YEARS of CHURCH TWINNING

To celebrate, we will be hosting visitors from our twin towns of St Niklaas, Schongau and Argentan from Thurs 12 - Mon 16 June. We will organize a programme of daily events, but we are looking for hosts to offer accommodation for the 4 nights or provide an evening meal for one or two guests on the Saturday. All the guests speak good English, so there will be no language problems. If you can help or need more details, please contact
Pat Warren: patwarren14@hotmail.com 07526 0033715 or Anne Dodd: peteranne@aol.com 01235 525997.

GOLF DAY FUNDRAISING SUCCESS

Our parish golf day was a great success, and we were blessed with wonderful weather on the day. Thanks again to Mary McKenna and Ian for looking after us. 35 golfers turned up to play and raised £610 for our parish Lenten appeal. A big thank you to you all for your wonderful support.

WE PRAY FOR:

- Susan McGrath, RIP
- Tereza Cole-Morgan, RIP. Funeral Friday 16th May at 12 noon.