

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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Confessions: Saturdays 11.00 – 11.30am or by appointment

LENT ON OUR WEBSITE

Visit our website for weekly reflections, videos and prayers to help you during Lent. Look in the *What's On* section. There is also a page for children in the *Youth* section, with many activities added every week.

PARISH LENTEN REFLECTIONS

We invite you to join our parish 2022 Lenten Prayer and Reflections, *'Knowing Jesus; the emotional Jesus'*, by Zoom. The course is hosted by the parish RCIA team and will continue every Thursday evening throughout Lent from 7.30pm to 8.15pm and everyone is welcome to join all or any of the sessions. Please contact Pauline on 07506 753085 or email pehanley@hotmail.com for the Zoom link.

OFFICE CLOSURE

The office will be closed on Friday 25th and Tuesday 29th March.

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT SUNDAY

The (obligatory) collection next Sunday will be for the *Clergy Assistance Fund*. This fund is for the relief of retired diocesan priests or those priests who are no longer able to carry out their pastoral duties of the Roman Catholic Church for whom the Diocese of Portsmouth has a responsibility under Canon Law for the provision of housing maintenance and general charitable support.

PRAYER FOR UKRAINE

**Loving God, we pray for the people of Ukraine,
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 for all the world. Amen.**

Third week of Lent: Cycle 2 (C)

Sunday 20 March

8.45am Mass (Nuala Lardner RIP)
10.15am Mass (Special Intention)
2.00pm Mass in Polish
6.30pm Mass (Special Intention)

Monday 21 March

8.30am Rosary
9.00am Mass (Special Intention)

Tuesday 22 March

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

Wednesday 23 March

6.30pm Rosary
7.00pm Mass (In Thanksgiving SVP)

Thursday 24 March

9.00am Rosary
9.30am Mass (Michael Corden RIP)

Friday 25 March

6.30pm Rosary
7.00pm Mass (Special Intention)

Saturday 26 March

8.50am FHC (Session 6)
11am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
11-11.30am Confessions
12pm Mass (Lisa Paterson Intentions)

GIFT AID BOXES

Gift Aid boxes, for those who have registered for them, will be available at the back of the church from this Sunday 20th March. *Please kindly collect your box as soon as possible.* If there is not a box for you and you were expecting one, please contact Carole Sawyers on: accounts.abi@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or drop a note into the parish office. Many thanks.

STOP NEW ABORTION THREAT

An amendment to the Health and Care Bill that would make 'DIY' at-home abortion permanent. *Right To Life UK* has launched an easy-to-use tool on its website that makes it easy for you to send an email to a randomly assigned Peer asking them to oppose the amendment. Please visit www.righttolife.org.uk/DIYabortionthreat to contact your MP now. It only takes two minutes.

UNITING TOGETHER TO PRAY FOR PEACE

War, oppression and suffering are never very far away. Currently, about 24 countries are experiencing conflict! Our Lord says *"I tell you solemnly once again, if two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them."* (Matthew 18:19-20) Bishop Philip also reminds us that Our Lady, at Fatima *'called on everyone to take up spiritual weapons to re-establish peace in the world. She asked us every day to pray the Rosary, a most powerful prayer that unites us with Christ Her Son.'*

At our church, we pray the Rosary before **all weekday Masses** and **online on three evenings**. If you come to a weekday Mass, why not come 30 minutes before the start to pray the Rosary. Or why not gather on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays (or any one of those days) at 8pm online using Zoom to pray the Rosary in **unison**. Email contact@ourladyandstedmund.org.uk for the link.

HAVE A CLEAR OUT TO RAISE MONEY!

Clean out your drawers and cupboards and raise money for our Lenten Charity! Please collect up all your old wires and leads - it doesn't matter if they are broken or damaged. If you have old electricals simply cut off the lead. Pack them in a bag and leave them under the table at the back of our church (during Lent only). Any queries contact Linda 07934 766305 or famgelens@gmail.com

JOURNEYING TOGETHER IN FAITH (JTIF)

Please note that there will be no session on Monday 21st March. Sessions will resume on Monday 28th March.

TEA & COFFEE AFTER 10.15am MASS

Tea and cake will be offered after the 10.15am Mass this Sunday in the parish centre to celebrate St Patrick's Day. All proceeds will be donated to the Lenten Project.

WELCOME

A warm welcome to all recent arrivals to our parish. Among them is Patti Boulaye OBE and her husband Stephen Komlosy. Patti is the famous artist and performer from the 70's and 80's. She has donated some copies of her autobiography *"Faith of a Child"* to raise funds for our Lenten Project. If you take a copy, please donate £10 to the Special Box for the Lenten Projects. Both Patti and Stephen will be interviewed by the BBC for Oxford Literary Festival next Sunday 27th March at 12pm. To access this please see our website *News* page where you will find the link.

PARISH EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

- **Sunday:** Car wash during the 10.15am Mass. Refreshments in the Parish Centre after the 10.15am Mass – proceeds for Lenten project.
- **Friday:** Baby & Toddler group in the parish centre 9.30am to 11.15am in term time.
- **Friday:** International Evening at 7.30pm in the parish centre.
- **Saturday:** FHC preparation, session 6, in the church from 8.50am to 10am for those registered.

FUTURE DATES

- **Mon 28th Mar:** JTIF (Journeying Together in Faith), 7.30pm to 9pm in the parish centre. All welcome.
- **Fri 1st Apr:** Baby & Toddler group in the parish centre 9.30am to 11.15am in term time.
- **Sat 2nd Apr:** FHC preparation, session 7, in the church from 8.50am to 10am for those registered.

LENTEN PROJECT RUNNING TOTAL

So far we have raised **£1182.91**. However, we still have a long way to go if we are to provide meaningful help to St Monica's School in Malawi! So please consider running some fundraising event(s) yourself – and generously supporting events that are being organised. You are also able to make contributions online on our website – just visit the *News* page or look in the *What's On* section.

CAR WASH – 20th MARCH

The Confirmation group will be offering to wash your car this Sunday during the 10.15am Mass. Donations for their efforts will go towards our Lenten project.

INTERNATIONAL EVENING – 25th MARCH

Everyone is invited to celebrate the international nature of our parish at this social event on **Friday 25th March at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre**.

If possible, please bring a plate of food from your country to share – and any board game you would like us to discover. Drinks will be provided. All donations go towards our Lenten project – St Monica's Primary School in Malawi.

GOLF DAY – 4th APRIL

This will be on **Monday 4th April** at Drayton Park. Once again, a big thank you to Mary McKenna for letting us hold the event at Drayton free of charge. The cost will be £25 for the day. We usually get terrific support from our golfers for this very worthy project! Please contact Terry Murphy on either 01235 527597, 07584 248169, or by email: terry.murphy62@yahoo.co.uk

WE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF:

- Eleanor Yates, RIP
- Nuala Lardner, RIP