

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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REFLECTION

In this Sunday's liturgy we celebrate the mystery of Christ's transfiguration on Mount Tabor. It was a wonderful experience for the three apostles who witnessed it, so much so that Peter cried out: "Lord it is good for us to be here" It is surely good for us to be here today – to draw close to one another and to Christ. Here our lowly and often humdrum lives are filled with meaning, light and hope Jesus often went into the hills to pray. He preached his most famous sermon from a hilltop. He was transfigured on Mount Tabor, died at Mount Calvary and ascended to heaven from Mount Olivet. He loved the hills and mountains!! Was it because he grew up among the hills of Galilee? Or was it because heights enlarge our vision and cause our spirit to soar? Lift us up strong Son of God, that we may see further. Strengthen our faith that we may see beyond the horizon. And when the valley closes us in, help us to remember the view from the hilltop.

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

Hail Mary full of Grace, all generations call you Blessed. Hail Mother of God when asked by the angel to bear God's Son, filled with faith you responded, "Let it be done unto me". Holy Mother at the wedding feast at Cana you prompted your son to perform his first sign. Be with us as we discern our life's work and guide us in the way we are called to follow in the footsteps of your Son. Holy Mother of the Good Shepherd intercede with the Lord of the harvest to send more labourers to the harvest. Queen of Peace, inspire vocations in our time and place. Let the word of your Son be made flesh anew in those lives anxious to proclaim the good news of everlasting life. Amen

LENTEN PROJECTS 2024

We are supporting two charities. *Friends of the Holy Land*, supporting our Christian brothers and sisters in Palestine in the Holy Land and *Helen & Douglas House*. More information is available on the leaflet at the back of church and on our website in the *What's On* section, where you can also make donations online.

Second week of Lent: Cycle 2 (B)

Sunday 25 Feb.

8.45am Mass
10.15am Mass
2.00pm Mass in Polish
6.30pm Mass

Second Sunday of Lent

(Deceased members of the Kelly & Moffatt family RIP)
(Private Intention)
(Special Intention)

Monday 26 Feb.

8.30am Rosary
9.00am Mass

(Alexandra Paterson
In Thanksgiving 23rd birthday)

Tuesday 27 Feb.

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

Wednesday 28 Feb.

6.30pm Rosary
7.00pm Mass (Stephen Harrold RIP)

Thursday 29 Feb.

9.00am Rosary
9.30am Mass (Private Intention)

Friday 1 March

6.00pm Stations of the Cross
6.30pm Rosary
7.00pm Mass

St David

(Marcella Incarbona RIP)

Saturday 2 March

11am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
11-11.30am Confessions
12pm Mass (Bill Guckian RIP)

SECOND COLLECTION THIS SUNDAY

The CAFOD Family Fast Day was on Fri 23rd Feb. You can give this Sunday using the envelopes which are available on the table at the back of the church, or online at cafod.org.uk

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

During Lent we will celebrate the Stations of the Cross each Friday evening at 6pm.

INSTRUCTIONAL MASS FOR LENT

During Lent this year I will be offering a series of "instructional Masses". I will celebrate these Masses at 5pm on Saturday evening – so they satisfy your Sunday Mass intention. The ideal number of participants will be 8 – 10 people at each Mass. Therefore, you will need to 'sign up' in advance. We begin on Saturday 24th Feb 2nd, 9th, 16th and 23rd March. Please take advantage of this opportunity using the sign-up sheets on the table at the back of church. *Fr. Jamie*

LENTEN PRAYER INVITATION

The webpage for Ignatian Spirituality offers amazing opportunities to grow and deepen spiritually during Lent. I would recommend "*Through Lent with Pope Francis*". There is also a booklet that goes with it. You can preview the book and order. It complements our reflections on the Year of Prayer. Please visit www.iscglasgow.co.uk

BIG BREAKFAST AND PRODUCE SALE

This will take place on *Sunday 3rd March* after the 8.45am and 10.15am Masses. It will be an opportunity to enjoy a bacon, sausage or vegetarian roll, tea, or coffee and to aid our Lent Fundraising effort. *Could you bake a cake or other family favourite to sell at our Sale?* Biscuits, chutneys, jams, pickles or other preserves or edible goodies will be gratefully received. Cakes, and other items can be dropped off at the Parish Centre any time after 8.30 am on 3rd March.

CURRY NIGHT

In aid of the two charities we are supporting for Lent, we are having a CURRY NIGHT on *Wednesday 13th March* from 7.30pm in the Parish Centre. We will have a selection of curries, including vegetarian, so please do come along and join us. So that we know how many to cater for, please sign-up to the evening using the form at the back of the church. Donations will be welcome on the night. If you would like to get involved and perhaps make a curry for the evening, please contact Debbie Brooks on 01865 432423.

GOLF DAY AT DRAYTON GOLF CLUB

A date for your diary - our regular fundraiser for the Lenten projects will take place on *Monday 8th April*. Once again, a big thank you to Mary McKenna for letting us hold this event at no cost. We will be meeting up from 8.30am for tea/coffee and bacon roll. First time is 9.32am. There will be the usual format of 4 players per team with best 2 to score on each hole, and prizes for the best two teams plus prizes for the nearest the pins on 3 holes. We usually get terrific support from our golfers for this very worthy event. Please contact Terry Murphy on 07584 248169 or 01235 527597 or email terry.murphy62@yahoo.co.uk

PARISH EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

- **Sunday:** Refreshments in the parish centre after the 10.15am Mass.
- **Monday:** *Open Doors* in the parish centre from 10.30am to 2.30pm.
- **Wednesday** Mother's Prayers in French in the parish centre 8pm
- **Friday:** Baby & Toddler group in the parish centre 9.30am to 11.15am in term time.
- **Friday:** Stations of the Cross at 6pm in our church.

FUTURE DATES

- **Sun 3rd Mar:** Big Breakfast and Produce sale in the parish centre after both morning Masses.
- **Wed 13th Mar:** Parish lunch in the parish centre at 12.30pm.
- **Wed 13th Mar:** Curry Night from 7.30pm in the parish centre, in aid of our Lenten fundraising.
- **Fri 15th Mar:** St Patrick's Day celebrations in the parish centre from 6.30-10pm.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

This year's service, which is taking place on *Friday 1st March* at 4pm at All Saints Church, Appleford Drive, Abingdon, has been written by the women of Palestine. All welcome.

YOUTH MINISTRY

A wonderful opportunity if you are interested in youth ministry but need some support and encouragement to empower young people in the parish ministry. Please contact events@divinerenovation.org to receive information on "*The Future is Now*", an online and international event on 21st & 22nd March. Our young people are our future so please do consider registering for this event. Details are on our parish website *News* page.

VACANCY AT ST EDMUND'S SCHOOL

The school is looking to welcome an enthusiastic, dynamic and committed part time *Teaching Assistant* supportive of our school mission and Catholic ethos to join our happy, motivated children. Please visit the School Website <https://st-edmunds-rc.oxon.sch.uk/> for further details of all the vacancies. *Closing date: Monday 4th March at 12.00 noon.*

ST PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATIONS

Friday 15th March from 6.30-10pm in the parish centre. Tickets available on Sunday 1st and 8th March after 10.15am Mass or email Laura to reserve tickets: lauraashleycarter@btinternet.com or Bernadette: bernadette.m.osullivan@gmail.com or phone Laura on 07947 178394. Tea and cake after 10.15am Mass on St Patrick's Day too.