

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

MASSES

Thank you for continuing to help to keep each other safe by wearing face masks, for sanitising your hands as you enter the church, and for maintaining a reasonable distance from others where feasible. *The good news is that we now have holy water again in the fonts!*

OFFICE CLOSURE

The parish office will be closed until Tuesday 1st March. During that time, Fr Jamie will respond to messages as and when he can. Items for the newsletter can continue to be sent to the office by the Wednesday of each week.

ASH WEDNESDAY

This is on Wednesday 2nd March. Mass times will be at 9am and 7pm.

PARISH LENTEN REFLECTIONS

Zoom in and get to know Jesus better this Lent! Join our 2022 Parish Lenten Prayer and Reflections, *'Knowing Jesus; the emotional Jesus'*. Understanding Christ's humanity is key to building a more intimate relationship with him, and this Lent we invite you to join our parish 2022 Lenten Prayer and Reflections, *'Knowing Jesus; the emotional Jesus'*, by Zoom. **Beginning on Thursday 3rd March and hosted by the parish RCIA team**, the Lenten reflections will focus on Gospel stories revealing 'the emotional Jesus' and will include discussions on scripture, artwork and music, and the opportunity for prayer. The course 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. If interested, please contact Pauline on pehanley@hotmail.com or call 07506 753085 to register for the Zoom link.

ENJOY SINGING?

New voices are needed for the **choir** at the 10.15am Mass on the second and fourth Sundays of each month. If you enjoy singing, do come up to the St Edmund's chapel (where the choir will be) after Mass and talk to Paolo, the organist.

Week 7 of Ordinary Time: Cycle 2 (C)

Sunday 20 February

8.45am Mass (Patricia O'Meara intentions)
10.15am Mass (Sharon Brady, RIP)
2.00pm Mass in Polish
6.30pm Mass (Marjorie Stafford, RIP)

Monday 21 February *St Cyril & St Methodius*

8.30am Rosary
9.00am Mass (*Special intention*)

Tuesday 22 February *The Chair of St Peter*

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

Wednesday 23 February *St Polycarp*

6.30pm Rosary
7pm Mass (*Special intention*)

Thursday 24 February

9.00am Rosary
9.30am Mass (Marisa Invernizzi, RIP)

Friday 25 February

6.30pm Rosary
7.00pm Mass (*Special intention*)

Saturday 26 February

11am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
11-11.30am Confessions
12pm Mass (Alexandra Paterson intentions 21st birthday)

LENTEN, EASTER & PENTECOST RETREATS

The *Centre for Applied Carmelite Spirituality* at Boars Hill are running a variety of Lenten, Easter and Pentecost retreats, which you can join in person or online. See the *News* page of our website for info.

VIRTUAL PILGRIMAGE TO ROME & ASSISI

If you would like to take part in a (free) virtual pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi during Lent, please look at the info. on the *News* page of our website.

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

Whilst we cannot yet pass around the offertory collection bags during Mass on Sundays, our church is still very much in need of our contributions. Please place your offering in one of the two red boxes (clearly marked) which are at the back of the church. You can do this either as you enter, or you leave the church. Offerings can also be made using the online facility on the *Home* page of our website.

When there is a second collection, you can place your offering *outside* the church in the bags made available as you leave.

Thank you for your understanding and generosity.

OPTIONAL COLLECTION ON SUNDAY 27th FEBRUARY

The second (optional) collection on **Sunday 27th February** is for our parish branch of the **St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP)**. The Abingdon branch is part of an international body of people in local groups known as conferences. Members are all volunteers who give of their time to help others as best they can. Mostly this is done through visits to the housebound or the lonely, but we are also involved with helping the homeless and providing emergency practical help either financially or in kind, when this is possible. Our members make donations themselves, but sometimes this is not enough, and the support from the parish community would greatly help – so please be generous. Thank you.

OXFORD CATENIANS DIGITAL MARKETING

Are you interested in Digital Marketing? Do you want to build your experience in using social media to further your future career? Perhaps you are studying English, Graphic Communications or Business at GCSE or A Level and want to gain experience for your next step in life. The *Oxford Catenians* are looking for a volunteer to help them develop their '*Digital Presence*'. If this is of interest to you and you want to find out more, please contact us at enquiries@oxfordshire-catenians.uk.

BABY & TODDLER GROUP

The Baby & Toddler group will not be meeting on Friday 25th February but will be back on Friday 4th March.

LOST & FOUND

Did you lose a wedding ring in church last week? Do contact the parish office if so.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY – Lent Appeal

Every child should grow big and strong. Family Fast Day is **Friday 11 March**, a day when we eat simply and give generously to support others. Your small act of love this Lent will make a big difference to many communities affected by extreme hunger and children suffering from malnutrition. Envelopes for donations will be made available next week.

WE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF:

- Brian Wright, RIP. Funeral Tue 22nd Feb. at 2pm (no black clothing please)

PARISH EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

- **Sunday:** Refreshments in the Parish Centre after the 10.15am Mass.

FUTURE DATES

- **Mon 28th Feb:** JTiF (Journeying Together in Faith), 7.30pm to 9pm in the parish centre. All welcome.
- **Fri 4th Mar:** Baby & Toddler group in the parish centre 9.30am to 11.15am in term time.
- **Sat 5th Mar:** FHC preparation, session 4, in the church from 8.50am to 10am for those registered.

LENTEN PROJECT

This year, the charity chosen is **St Monica's (Mauni) Primary School in the Koche Parish in Malawi, Africa.**

If you are willing and able to organise and do something, please submit your proposal via the parish office as soon as possible, giving dates and times where possible. *"Truly, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."* (Matthew 25:40) Thank you.

SOUP SUPPER – 2nd MARCH

Please join us after the evening Mass on Ash Wednesday, for a simple SOUP SUPPER in the Parish Centre. This is an opportunity to see a short video and to hear more about the needs and activities of our chosen charity, supporting ST MONICA'S PRIMARY SCHOOL IN KOCHÉ PARISH, MALAWI. Please do attend and support our fundraising event.

BIG BREAKFAST & PRODUCE SALE – 6th MARCH

This will take place after the 8.45 am and 10.15am Masses on Sunday 6th March, in the Parish Centre. Please come and enjoy a hot breakfast roll and refreshment after the morning Masses.

ALSO NEEDED: Contributions for our Produce Sale. Homemade (or shop bought) CAKES, PASTRIES, PIES, FAMILY FAVOURITES, JAMS, PRESERVES AND CHUTNEYS are needed for our sale. Also, good quality "unneeded gifts" would be gratefully received. **THESE ITEMS CAN BE DROPPED OFF IN THE PARISH CENTRE BEFORE THE 8.45am AND 10.15am MASSES ON 6 MARCH.**

GOLF DAY – 4th APRIL

We will be holding our golf day again this year 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

GRANDPARENTS' ASSOCIATION

The next meeting of the Grandparents' Association is at 2.30pm in the Parish Centre on **Thursday 24 February.**