

# ***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**

## **LENTEN REFLECTION**

When I saw him I fell at his feet as if dead. Then he placed his hand on me and said 'Do not be afraid I am the First and the Last. I am the Living One. I was dead and behold I'm alive for ever and ever. And I hold the keys of death and Hades Rev 1:13-18.

St John brings the majesty and the glory of the Resurrection as close as it can be to our personal lives. All powerful, All-mighty, it is he who stands and knocks at the door of our hearts.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

This is the same God who wants to come into the house of our life and eat with us and we with him. The Risen Lord of Glory whose face shines like the Sun. The Holy One of God our creator and our dearest friend.

Happy Easter.

## **PRAYER FOR LENT**

Risen Lord come stand among us; awaken us to your presence. Open to us the gates of glory and show us the path of life. Help us to know you are with us now and always.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!!!

## **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. Thank you.

## **LENTEN PROJECT FUNDRAISING**

There is still time (until 19<sup>th</sup> April) to make a donation online for our Lenten project - supporting **École Don Bosco, in Hadath, Baalbeck in Lebanon**. The link is on our parish website *Home* page and also on the *News* page and in the *What's On, Lenten Fundraising* section. You can't miss it! Your support is needed - thank you.

## **EASTER SUNDAY: Cycle 1 (A)**

### **Sunday 9 April**

8.00am Mass

9.30am Mass

11.00am Mass

2.00pm Mass in Polish

### **EASTER SUNDAY**

(Pearson Family Intentions)

(Betty Hemmings RIP)

(Paul & Clare Harper Intentions  
40<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary)

### **Monday 10 April**

9.30am Rosary

10.00am Mass

### **Easter Monday**

(Mona Kehoe RIP)

### **Tuesday 11 April**

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

### **Wednesday 12 April**

6.30pm Rosary

7.00pm Mass

(Alexander Auguste RIP)

### **Thursday 13 April**

9.00am Rosary

9.30am Mass

(Donie Intentions)

### **Friday 14 April**

6.30pm Rosary

7.00pm Mass

(Gabby Dover RIP)

### **Saturday 15 April**

11am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

11-11.30am Confessions

12pm Mass

(Anne Dodd In Thanksgiving  
for 80 years)

## **OPEN DOORS**

*Open Doors* (replacing 'Warm Spaces') begins on Mondays from 11.30 – 2.30pm, until July, offering lunch and conversation in the parish centre. We won't meet on Bank Holidays. Why not come and bring a friend who is on their own or would like more company? More details from Clare 847804.

## GRANDPARENTS' ASSOCIATION

Joanne Mosley will speak about St. Therese and Faith in the Family, who has been named UNESCO personage of the year. The talk will be on 27th April at 2.30 in the Parish Centre. Everyone welcome.

## MOTHERS' PRAYERS IN FRENCH

The next Mothers' Prayers in French will take place on Tues 11<sup>th</sup> April at 8pm in the Parish Centre. All welcome.

## OLD WIRES – LENTEN FUNDRAISING

If you have any old or broken electric wires, this is your last chance to please leave them in a bag under the table at the back of the church and **contact Linda to let her know to pick them up:** [famgelens@gmail.com](mailto:famgelens@gmail.com) or 07934 766305. Thank you.

## INTERNATIONAL EVENING

As part of our Lenten fundraising activities, there will be an International Evening, which will take place on **Friday 28th April** from 7pm in the Parish Centre. If possible, could you bring a plate of food from your own country to share. Drinks will be provided. There will be a raffle and some entertainment. Do come along.

## GOLF DAY – LENTEN PROJECT FUNDRAISING

We will be holding our golf day again this year on **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April** at Drayton Park Golf Club. Once again a big thank you to Mary McKenna for letting us hold this event free of charge. We will be meeting up from 8.30 am for tea/coffee and bacon rolls. First T time is 9.32am. There will be the usual format of teams of four with prizes for the first two teams with two to score on each hole plus 3 nearest the pin prizes. 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 07584 248169 or 01235 527597 or by email [terry.murphy62@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:terry.murphy62@yahoo.co.uk)

## NEW 'GIVING' ENVELOPES

**There are still some unclaimed envelopes!** The new envelopes are available at the back of church. **Please** check for yours if you give weekly using the envelopes or have signed a Gift Aid form. If you were expecting envelopes and can't see them, please let the Parish Office know or email: [accounts.abi@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:accounts.abi@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) Look for your name – all the numbers are different this year.

## ARE YOU IN NEED?

If you are in need or know someone who is, do contact our parish SVP group (St Vincent de Paul Society) via the parish office and we will see what we can do to help. We always maintain confidentiality. Our SVP members meet every fortnight on a Wednesday evening.

## WE PRAY FOR

- Jane Ellwood RIP. Funeral Tues 11<sup>th</sup> April at 1pm.

## PARISH EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

- **Tuesday:** Mothers' Prayers in French in the parish centre at 8pm. All welcome.
- **Wednesday:** Parish lunch in the parish centre at 12.30pm.

## FUTURE DATES

- **Fri 14<sup>th</sup> Apr:** Baby & Toddler group in the parish centre 9.30am to 11.15am in term time.
- **Mon 17<sup>th</sup> Apr:** Golf Day at Drayton Park Golf Club for our Lenten fundraising project.
- **Mon 17<sup>th</sup> Apr:** Open Doors in the parish centre from 11.30am to 2.30pm.
- **Mon 17<sup>th</sup> Apr:** Journeying Together in Faith (JTIF) at 7.30pm in the parish centre. All welcome.
- **Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> Apr:** FHC preparation, Session 7, 8.50am to 10am, in the church.
- **Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> Apr:** Youth groups meet in the parish centre from 3.30 to 5pm. All in year 3 or above are welcome.
- **Thu 27<sup>th</sup> Apr:** Grandparents' Association talk about St Thérèse of Lisieux at 2.30pm in the parish centre. All welcome.
- **Fri 28<sup>th</sup> Apr:** International Evening in the parish centre from 7pm. All welcome.

## BABY & TODDLER GROUP

There will be no baby and toddler group on 14<sup>th</sup> April due to Easter holidays and we will return on Friday 21st April. Hope you have a lovely Easter.

## CLASS TEACHER & TEACHING ASSISTANT – ST EDMUND'S SCHOOL

St Edmund's School is looking to welcome an enthusiastic, dynamic and committed Class Teacher and Teaching Assistant. Calls to discuss this position further with our Headteacher, Mrs Erika Kirwan are encouraged and warmly welcomed. Please contact the School Business Manager on 01235 521558 or [clomas2266@st-edmunds-rc.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:clomas2266@st-edmunds-rc.oxon.sch.uk) to request an application pack. Closing date: Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April.

## SUPPORTING THE FOODBANK

Please continue to support the Abingdon Food Bank. However, **please do not leave your contributions in our church.** The collection points are at:

LOCATION OF FOOD DONATION POINT	OPENING HOURS
Waitrose Abingdon, Abbey Close, OX14 3HL	7.30am to 9pm (8pm Sat)
North Foodbank, Christ Church, Northcourt Rd, OX14 1PL	Tues & Fri 10am to 1pm
South Foodbank, Preston Road community Centre, OX14 5NR	Weds 1pm to 2.30pm