

# ***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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## **LENTEN REFLECTION**

Jesus enters into the death of Lazarus with a voice that befits his identity as the Word. He is calling Lazarus in a loud voice. A loud voice symbolises the presence of God. His voice penetrates into the open cave and reaches the ears of the dead. Lazarus comes out of darkness into light. Death is imaged as an imprisoning reality, blocking the eyes ears hands nose and mouth of people. The feet are also bound so that people cannot walk. Jesus' command is to reverse this condition. God's glory is to free people and let them go. Centuries earlier Moses told Pharaoh that God commanded "Let my people go."  
NOW "Let my people go" is spoken to death by the one who calls himself "the resurrection and the life."

## **PRAYER FOR LENT**

O Tree of Calvary send thy roots deep down into my heart. Gather together the soil of my heart, the sands of my fickle essence, the stones of my stubbornness, the mud of my desires and bind them together O Tree of Calvary. Interlace them with thy strong roots, entwine them with the network of thy love. Amen.

## **LENTEN FUNDRAISING PROJECT 2023**

We are supporting **École Don Bosco, in Hadath, Baalbeck in Lebanon**, run by Salesian Sisters for our Lenten project for this year. Information on the school and current dates for your diary, are available on our parish website. If you are able to **organise and do** something, please submit your proposal to the parish office as soon as 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.

**You can follow Lent and the Lenten Fundraising project on the News or What's On pages of our website WHERE YOU CAN ALSO MAKE YOUR DONATIONS ONLINE.**

## **FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT: Cycle 1 (A)**

### **Sunday 26 March**

8.45am Mass (Peter & Sheila Delany RIP)  
10.15am Mass (Lisa Paterson Intentions)  
2.00pm Mass in Polish  
6.30pm Mass (Peter & Sheila Delany RIP))

### **Monday 27 March**

8.30am Rosary  
9.00am Mass (Michael McKenna RIP)

### **Tuesday 28 March**

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 29 March**

6.30pm Rosary  
7.00pm Mass (Sara Abbey RIP)

### **Thursday 30 March**

9.00am Rosary  
9.30am Mass (James Bland RIP)

### **Friday 31 March**

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

### **Saturday 1 April**

11am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
11-11.30am Confessions  
12pm Mass (Private Intention)

## **CHRISM MASS**

There will be a coach leaving on Tues 4<sup>th</sup> April, picking up at St Edmund's at 7.45am and English Martyrs Didcot at approximately 8.15am, leaving Portsmouth 2.15pm for return. The cost per person will be £17.50. If you would like to reserve a seat on the coach, please telephone Pauline Hanley 07506 753085 ASAP. Payment to be made on the coach.

## TREASURE HUNT – LENTEN FUNDRAISING

A fair-trade sponsored treasure hunt is being organised to raise funds for our Lenten project. Please collect a form with all the information you need from the table at back of the church and encourage your children to take part. You can also download it from the *News* or *Lenten Fundraising* pages on our website. There are prizes!

## OLD WIRES – LENTEN FUNDRAISING

If you have any old or broken electric wires, Linda Gelens can raise money for the Lenten project from them. 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. 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 17th 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

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. The new envelopes start with the special collection for Holy Places on Good Friday and also include an envelope for the Lent Project collection on Palm Sunday.

## MOTHERS' PRAYERS

Will take place this Saturday 10.15am – 10.45am in Our Lady's chapel in the church. Please do come and join us in praying for your children and grandchildren, using set prayers.

## PARISH EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

- **Sunday:** Refreshments in the parish centre after the 10.15am Mass.
- **Monday:** *Warm Space* in the parish centre from 11am to 3pm.
- **Monday:** *Journeying Together in Faith (JTIF)* at 7.30pm in the parish centre. All welcome.
- **Friday:** *Baby & Toddler* group in the parish centre 9.30am to 11.15am in term time.
- **Saturday Mothers Prayers** 10.15am – 10.45am in Church

## FUTURE DATES

- **Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> April:** Open Doors 11.30am – 2.30pm, parish centre
- **Mon 17<sup>th</sup> Apr:** Golf Day at Drayton Park Golf Club for our Lenten fundraising project.
- **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.
- **Mon 24<sup>th</sup> Apr:** *Journeying Together in Faith (JTIF)* at 7.30pm in the parish centre. All welcome.
- **Fri 28<sup>th</sup> Apr:** International Evening in the parish centre from 7pm. All welcome.

## WARM SPACES

Warm Spaces is ending on Monday, and it has been a great success! About 18 guests now come and they would like us to continue as they love our care and active listening as well as the good lunch! We will be launching Open Doors on Mondays, 11.30 – 2.30pm, 3<sup>rd</sup> April 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

## THE CHURCH IN ABINGDON EVENTS

### Good Friday Procession

Good Friday Procession of Witness which will take place on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April at 11.45am. The procession will start at Abingdon Library and will stop in the Abingdon Market Place to sing a hymn.

### Good Friday United Service

There will be a united service at St Nicholas Church close by the Market Place at 12noon.

## LAMPS

Performance of The Passion, at St Michael's Cumnor on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30 pm. You can buy tickets online from the St Michael's Cumnor website.

## WE PRAY FOR

- Jane Ellwood, RIP.