

Our Lady & St Edmund of Abingdon ***1 Radley Rd, Abingdon on Thames, Oxon, OX14 3PL***

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Confessions: Saturdays 11.00 – 11.30am or by appointment

HOLY COMMUNION UNDER BOTH KINDS

The Bishops of England & Wales have decided to make the receiving of the Precious Blood from the Chalice permitted, at the discretion of the Parish Priest. Therefore, the Chalice will be available to you once more from tomorrow, Mon 17th April, if there is a Eucharistic Minister at Mass. This of course is not obligatory, but allowed once more. For obvious reasons, people must feel free to receive Holy Communion via the host only, as this contains the full presence of the Lord, body, blood, soul and divinity. Many will prefer to continue in this way due to increased risk of cross contamination, so please be cautious. Finally, the Bishops repeat their view that the practice of "intinction" (dipping the host into the precious blood) by yourself is not a recommended method of RECEIVING Holy Communion. Though quite common abroad, the Bishops here do not offer the option, and request visitors to respect this. In our parish we will resume the practice of receiving the Chalice on the sanctuary. More immobile parishioners can let us know in advance and arrangements can be made.

GRATEFUL THANKS

Huge thanks to everybody who helped to make our Easter celebrations go so smoothly. The Church as always looked wonderful. Thanks to the helpers who cleaned the Church and the flower group for the usual marvellous displays. Thanks to all the stewards, welcomers, readers, eucharistic ministers and especially Donie and his team of altar servers. Thanks for the wonderful liturgies, enhanced by our choirs who did a great job. We had no adult baptisms this year, but we welcomed two new members into our community this year, John & Mandy – a great joy. We should also thank the RCIA team who accompanied them this year. So many behind the scenes too, doing the practical work and preparations. Thanks to our collection counters who work all year. And, of course, thanks to you all for your kindness to me personally in the Easter Offering. Thanks for your generous support.

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER: Cycle 1 (A)

Sunday 16 April

8.45am	Mass	2nd Sunday of Easter (Gillian Stanley RIP)
10.15am	Mass	(Aysel Ayhamed RIP)
2.00pm	Mass in Polish	
6.30pm	Mass	(Kearney Family Intentions)

Monday 17 April

8.30am	Rosary	
9.00am	Mass	(Rose Scott RIP)

Tuesday 18 April

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

Wednesday 19 April

6.30pm	Rosary	
7.00pm	Mass	(Jane Ellwood RIP)

Thursday 20 April

9.00am	Rosary	
9.30am	Mass	(Paterson Family Intentions)

Friday 21 April

6.30pm	Rosary	
7.00pm	Mass	(Jane Ellwood RIP)

Saturday 22 April

11am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
11-11.30am	Confessions	
12pm	Mass	(<i>Special Intention</i>)

SECOND COLLECTION

The second collection on Sunday 30th April is for the Clergy Training Fund.

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.

CLASS TEACHER & TEACHING ASSISTANT

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 to request an application pack. Closing date: Monday 24th April.

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 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

LENTEN PROJECT FUNDRAISING

There is still time (**until 19th 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.

OPEN DOORS

Open Doors (replacing 'Warm Spaces') is 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.

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.

PARISH EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

- **Sunday:** Refreshments in the parish centre after the 10.15am Mass.
- **Monday:** Golf Day at Drayton Park Golf Club for our Lenten fundraising project.
- **Monday:** *Journeying Together in Faith (JTIF)* at 7.30pm in the parish centre. All welcome.
- **Monday:** *Open Doors* in the parish centre from 11.30am to 2.30pm.
- **Wednesday:** Parish lunch in the parish centre at 12.30pm.
- **Friday:** *Baby & Toddler* group in the parish centre 9.30am to 11.15am in term time.
- **Saturday:** FHC preparation, Session 7, 8.50am to 10am, in the church.
- **Saturday:** Youth groups meet in the parish centre from 3.30 to 5pm. All in year 3 or above are welcome.

FUTURE DATES

- **Mon 24th Apr:** *Journeying Together in Faith (JTIF)* at 7.30pm in the parish centre. All welcome.
- **Thu 27th Apr:** Grandparents' Association talk about St Thérèse of Lisieux at 2.30pm in the parish centre. All welcome.
- **Fri 28th Apr:** International Evening in the parish centre from 7pm. All welcome.
- **Sat 6th May:** FHC preparation, Session 8, 8.50am to 10am, in the church.
- **Sat 6th May:** Youth groups meet in the parish centre from 3.30 to 5pm. All in year 3 or above are welcome.

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

CAFOD

CAFOD have passed on their thanks to all parishioners for your generous support and recent donation towards Fast Day of £1,730.30. This will greatly help poor families in their struggle against poverty in the poorest parts of the world. God Bless you all.