

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

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 is available to you once more, 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.

CAR WASH – LENTEN PROJECT FUNDRAISING

The young people of the parish will be washing cars **THIS SUNDAY** during the 10.15am Mass. The money raised from your donations will go towards our Lenten Project. Please can you park your car in the OLA car park.

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 **Thursday 27th April** at 2.30pm in the Parish Centre. Everyone welcome.

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.

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER: Cycle 1 (A)

Sunday 23 April

8.45am	Mass	3rd Sunday of Easter (Rosemary & Cyril Parker RIP)
10.15am	Mass	(Kathleen Walsh RIP)
2.00pm	Mass in Polish	
6.30pm	Mass	(<i>Special Intention</i>)

Monday 24 April

8.30am	Rosary	St George
9.00am	Mass	(Patrick O'Sullivan RIP)

Tuesday 25 April

NO Mass	See: www.ourladyandstedmund.org.uk/english-martyrs-vale-of-white-horse for other Masses	St Mark
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Wednesday 26 April

6.30pm	Rosary	
7.00pm	Mass	(Sheila Delany RIP)

Thursday 27 April

9.00am	Rosary	
9.30am	Mass	(Private Intention)

Friday 28 April

6.30pm	Rosary	
7.00pm	Mass	(Alison Langton RIP)

Saturday 29 April

11am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	St Catherine of Siena
11-11.30am	Confessions	
12pm	Mass	(Mark Castle Intentions)

SECOND COLLECTION

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

PARISH OFFICE

The parish office will be closed on Friday 5th May.

LENTEN PROJECT - ROSES & THORNS

Maria Pia would like to thank everyone who kindly bought her book 'Roses & Thorns', which has raised £600 in aid of the Salesian School in Lebanon.

LENTEN PROJECT - GOLF DAY

The Golf Day was a great success; we were blessed with good weather which made such a difference. A big thank you to Mary McKenna and the team at Drayton Park for looking after us so well. Thank you to the 32 golfers who played and to the generous people who did not play but gave donations. We have raised over £600 for this year's Lenten appeal.

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.

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.

ABINGDON COMMUNITY FRIDGE

Abingdon Community Fridge is open to EVERYONE. Help to prevent food waste by coming to Hadland Road Community Centre, Abingdon OX14 3YH: Opening hours: Mondays 4 - 4.30pm, Thursdays 1 - 2 pm and Saturdays 10.30 - 11.30am.

BIBLE ALIVE

Why not strengthen your faith with daily reflections on the Mass readings? Limited copies of Bible Alive are available on the table at the back of the church.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Our *Parish Day* will be celebrated on **Sunday 25th June**. There will only be one morning Mass at 10.30am in the Parish Centre garden. In recent years we have been unable to have our BBQ, but this year, a BBQ will follow our Parish Mass. We look forward to seeing you there.

PARISH EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

- **Sunday:** Refreshments in the parish centre after the 10.15am Mass.
- **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.
- **Thursday:** Grandparents' Association talk about St Thérèse of Lisieux at 2.30pm in the parish centre. All welcome.
- **Friday:** *Baby & Toddler* group in the parish centre 9.30am to 11.15am in term time.
- **Friday:** International Evening in the parish centre from 7pm. All welcome.

FUTURE DATES

- **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.
- **Wed 10th May:** Parish lunch in the parish centre at 12.30pm.

LIGHT OF TRUTH

The Dominican Sisters in Lymington offer online courses and events for adults and catechists which are free, but donations are welcome, and they are available to everyone in the diocese. For more information, visit: <https://www.lightoftruth.uk/join>

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

You are invited to join in the Diocese on pilgrimage to Lourdes, leaving from Bournemouth airport on Monday 17th July and returning on Friday 21st July. If you would like to know more about joining in as a pilgrim or as a youth helper, serving our pilgrims and helping to make our pilgrimage a success, please email lourdes@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

THE POWER OF HUMBLE WITNESS

Vocations come from God. One Priest shared his story about how he "heard the call". His own parish priest was bereft of all exterior gifts. He was a hopeless preacher, a dreadful singer and so on, and yet under his care the parish blossomed. And somehow, he inspired four vocations to the priesthood. His predecessors were all far more capable, but he achieved far more! The humble witness of someone who does not have the gifts of persuasive speech can itself become a sermon, and how we should thank God for the variety of Gifts. God & the world.

Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger.