

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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ASH WEDNESDAY

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

Pope Francis has invited everyone to make Ash Wednesday, a **Day of Fasting and Prayer for Peace** in the Ukraine and the world. He encourages believers, in a special way, to dedicate themselves intensely to prayer and fasting on that day, and ask that Our Lady, Queen of Peace preserve the world from the madness of war.

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.

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.

Week 8 of Ordinary Time: Cycle 2 (C)

Sunday 27 February

8.45am Mass (Stephen Harrold, RIP)
10.15am Mass (SVP Society intentions)
2.00pm Mass in Polish
6.30pm Mass (Isabel & Sandra Kolb, intentions)

Monday 28 February

8.30am Rosary
9.00am Mass (Brian Wright, RIP)

Tuesday 1 March *St David*

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

Wednesday 2 March *ASH WEDNESDAY*

9.00am Mass (Sheila Delany, RIP - 2nd anniv.)
6.30pm Rosary
7.00pm Mass (Bill Guckian, RIP)

Thursday 3 March

9.00am Rosary
9.30am Mass (Doreen Domoney & Biggs family, RIP)

Friday 4 March

6.30pm Rosary
7.00pm Mass (Janet Birkett, RIP)

Saturday 5 March

8.50am FHC (Session 4)
11am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
11-11.30am Confessions
12pm Mass (Private intention)

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.

OPTIONAL COLLECTION THIS SUNDAY

The second (optional) collection this Sunday is for our parish branch of the **St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP)**. Our parish SVP consists of 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.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER – 4th MARCH

This is a special year for *World Day of Prayer* in England, Wales and Northern Ireland, as the Prayer Service has been prepared from the Bible text “I know the plans I have for you” from Jeremiah to reflect on some of the issues facing us today: poverty, domestic abuse and disability, finding hope in difficult situations and encouragement in the help we can give to each other. Our local *World Day of Pray* will be held on **Friday 4 March at 2.30pm at the Salvation Army, 12 West St Helen Street. Everyone** is welcome.

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 are available at the back of the church and in the porch.

FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT

One of the commitments of our Parish Covenant with the Poor is ‘to buy and encourage the use of fairly - traded goods, both as individuals and as a parish’. There are now over 6000 Fairtrade products from coffee and tea to flowers and gold available to be found and bought. We are in the middle of this year’s *Fairtrade Fortnight* which runs until 6th March. You can find lots of information on the website www.fairtrade.org.uk with details of online events this coming week including a Fairtrade Coffee Masterclass, a wine tasting and celebration of Fairtrade wine and a Chocolate Quiz and tasting.



Dear Lord,
As we enter this Solemn and Holy Season, we pray that You would send your Holy Spirit upon us so that we might prepare ourselves for these coming 40 days of Lent. Even though we may no longer wear sackcloth and ashes, we do seek to humble ourselves so that we can understand the magnificence of Your love for us as You humbled Yourself and gave Your life on the Cross that we might receive the gift of eternal glory with You.
Amen.

PARISH EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

- **Sunday:** Refreshments in the Parish Centre after the 10.15am Mass.
- **Monday:** JTiF (Journeying Together in Faith), 7.30pm to 9pm in the parish centre. All welcome
- **Wednesday:** Soup Supper in the parish centre after evening Mass.
- **Friday:** Baby & Toddler group in the parish centre 9.30am to 11.15am in term time.
- **Saturday:** FHC preparation, session 4, in the church from 8.50am to 10am for those registered.

FUTURE DATES

- **Sun 6th Mar:** Big Breakfast & produce Sale in the parish centre after morning Masses.
- **Mon 7th Mar:** JTiF (Journeying Together in Faith), 7.30pm to 9pm in the parish centre. All welcome.
- **Fri 11th Mar:** Baby & Toddler group in the parish centre 9.30am to 11.15am in term time.
- **Sat 12th Mar:** FHC preparation, session 5, in the church from 8.50am to 10am for those registered.

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

WE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF:

Eleanor Yates, RIP