

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: Saturday 11.00 - 11.30am or by appointment

Parish Life

LENTEN FUNDRAISING – AUCTION OF PROMISES

Please consider participating in this. Information is on the table at the back of the church or in the 'What's On' section of our website. For now, we need people to make some promises!

Ash Wednesday Soup Supper... this Wednesday after evening Mass in the Parish Centre, an opportunity to meet together and raise funds for our chosen Lent Charities.

Lenten Appeal 2020 Golf Day This years' golf day is on Monday 30th March at Drayton Park Golf Course. There will be tea/coffee/bacon rolls available from 9am with the first tee off at 10.04am. We will be in teams of 4 with the best two scores to count on each hole. There will be an entry fee of £25 per person / £10 for juniors-students. We would like to thank Mary McKenna for allowing us to use the course free of charge on the day. This event has received wonderful support in previous years and we look forward to seeing all our golfers again this year. Please book in with Terry Murphy at terry.murphy62@yahoo.co.uk or phone 01235 527597 Mob. 07584 248169. Thanks in advance for your support.

PAX CHRISTI Copies of the Feb/March edition of *Justpeace*, the newsletter from *Pax Christi*, are available at the back of church. It focuses on current campaigns to use the power of investments to bring about change. Please take a copy if you wish.

Faith Development

'How Jews and Christians read the Bible', a talk on Feb 27th at 7.30pm at Trinity Church. Tickets are £5 from Cliff Marshall Ab 530480, or on the door.

Take the Fairtrade Challenge to celebrate Fairtrade Fortnight! Children, take a challenge slip today as you leave church, and do the Fairtrade search as you go shopping with your parents during the next two weeks.

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 23 February

8.45am	Mass	Teresa O'Brien RIP
10.15am	Mass	Noreen Merriman RIP
6.30pm	Mass	Mary Langford RIP

Monday 24 February

8.30am	Rosary	
9am	Mass	Joe Harrington RIP

Tuesday 25 February

NO Mass See: www.ourladyandstedmund.org.uk/thames-isis-pastoral-area for other masses

Wednesday 26 February ASH WEDNESDAY

9am	Mass	Private Intention
6.30pm	Rosary	
7pm	Mass	Alexandra Paterson Intentions (19 th Birthday)

Thursday 27 February

9am	Rosary	
9.30am	Mass	Pia Moriarty Intentions

Friday 28 February

6.30pm	Rosary	
7pm	Mass	Steven Harrold RIP

Saturday 29 February

8.50-10.15am	FHC (4)	
11am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
11-11.30am	Confessions	
12 noon	Mass	In Thanksgiving Isabel Kolb

See how many products you can find which carry the Fairtrade sign, tell us why it's a good thing to support the farmers who produce them, and win a prize!

Blessed Franz Jagerstatter Franz was a Catholic farmer who lived in a small Austrian village. He refused on grounds of conscience to

serve in Hitler's army and was executed in 1943. A film *A Hidden Life* has now been made of his life. It is showing at the Ultimate Picture Palace cinema in Oxford on 29th Feb & 3rd & 5th March. Further information from Anne Dodd Ab. 525997.

Lent 2020 - The God Who Speaks Are you thinking of something extra this year for Lent? You are warmly invited to our five Monday evenings on the theme "The God Who Speaks" The Sycamore films are presented by Fr Stephen Wang and include discussion, reflection and prayer:

Monday 2nd March Celebrating, Living and Sharing God's Word, Fr Richard Ounsworth O.P.

Monday 9th March Film: The Search for Happiness - "What is happiness"

Monday 16th March Film: A God Who Speaks - When God Broke the Silence

Monday 23rd March Film: The Bible - Can we trust the Bible?

Monday 30th March Film: The Power of Prayer - Does Prayer make a difference?

All will be held in St Edmund's parish centre at 7.30pm

Women's World Day of Prayer: a women-led, global, and ecumenical movement, is led by Zimbabwe this year, on the theme of 'Rise, take your mat and walk'. Services will be held at Trinity Church at 10.30am (with crèche) and 7.30pm on Friday 6th March. All are welcome, women, girls - and men too! If you would like to read at the service, please contact Angela Waterhouse 07866 195998.

Join the on-line Lenten Retreat with our Boars Hill Carmelites. Each Wednesday & Sunday you will receive an email with audio, text and video reflections. Register by emailing: online-retreat@oxcacs.org

Lent CAFOD fast day is on Friday 6th March. On this day maybe you could forego a meal and give the money saved to CAFOD. Envelopes will be given out on Sunday 1st March as you leave church. Please take one and return on the following Sunday 8th. CAFOD is collecting money for a medical centre in one of the poorest areas of Zimbabwe. Please be generous.

Antiphons for Year II, Week VII Ordinary Time

EA: O Lord, I trust in your merciful love.

My heart will rejoice in your salvation.

I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me.

CA: Lord, I have come to believe that you are the Christ, the Son of the living God, who is coming into this world.

Money Matters: 16th February 2020

Envelopes £245.10 Loose Plate £599.22

Average weekly Gift Aid Standing Orders £995

Many thanks

Counters: T. & I. Kinsella, B. Moloney

Cleaners: M. Kelly

Parish Events for the Week

TODAY Refreshments at 10.15am Mass

Tuesday RCIA 7.30pm

Wednesday Cake & Conversation 9.30am
Soup Supper 7.30pm

N.B. All take place in the Parish Centre unless specified

Future Diary Dates

27th Feb Talk 'How Jews and Christians read the Bible', Trinity Church at 7.30pm

6th March Women's World Day of Prayer 10.30am & 7.30pm Trinity Church

Mondays in March CIA Lenten Lectures, St Helen's Church, 8pm

26th & 27th March Parish Office closed

31st March Lenten Penitential Service 7pm, Church

Youth Events

SATURDAY 7TH MARCH

* *Children of Our Lady (COOL) group meets from 3.30 to 5.00pm in the Parish Centre (primary school years 3 to 6 are all invited).*

* *St Edmund's Knights meet from 3.30-5.00pm in the Parish Centre (young people in secondary school are all invited).*

Reminders of future events are always included in the parish weekly newsletter and the full programme can be viewed in the youth section on our parish website at:

www.ourladyandstedmund.org.uk/events

More info: hababayeb@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

LENTEN FUNDRAISING DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

• **ASH WEDNESDAY 26th FEBRUARY** - 7:30 pm
Simple Soup Supper - Bread and Soup - information and displays on the projects - in the Parish Centre

• **SUNDAY 8th MARCH** - after 8.45 am Mass and 10.15 am Mass. Big Breakfast & Home Produce sale - in the Parish Centre. We urgently need you to provide cakes, jams, etc. for sale.

• **SATURDAY 14th MARCH** - 7.30 pm
St Patrick's Evening and Dance - in the Parish Centre. Tickets on sale soon.

• **FRIDAY 27th MARCH** - 7.30 pm
International Evening and Auction of Promises - in the Parish Centre.

• **MONDAY 30th MARCH**

Golf Day at Drayton Park

• **FRIDAY 24th APRIL** - 7.00pm

Parish Evening with Live Music & Supper - at St Edmund's School. If you do have a fundraising idea or plan to organise an event please inform Hilary Webb: 01235 525928 or Debbie Brooks: 01865 432423