

Our Lady & St Edmund of Abingdon
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We are a **LiveSimply** parish aiming to live Simply, Sustainably and in Solidarity with the Poor

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PARISH OFFICE: The Parish Office will now be closed until the end of April. More information as we get it.

MONEY MATTERS: If you are willing and able to set up a Standing Order to continue your support for our church during this pandemic period, you can find the necessary form on our website in the 'About Us' section and then 'Giving'. Many thanks for all your contributions. *Fr Jamie*

BIBLE ALIVE: The Easter issue is now available. If you live locally and would like a copy dropped through your letter box, please email your name and address to: contact@ourladyandstedmund.org.uk

FOODBANKS: The Foodbank at Northcourt Road is open on Tuesday and Friday Mornings. Donations can be brought there between 9.30 and 1.00 pm, and parcels can be collected between 11.00 and 1.00 pm. On Wednesday the South Abingdon Foodbank is open between 1.00 and 2.30 at Preston Road Community Centre.

ABINGDON COMMUNITY FRIDGE: The Health & Wellbeing Centre, Audlett Drive, is open each weekday 10.30 - 11.30 am. It distributes surplus food from supermarkets.

SEEKING HELP: There are a number of people in the parish who are able to, and already do, offer some support and help to those who need it. This includes telephone conversations, shopping, collection of prescriptions. If you are in need of help or you know somebody who needs help, you can give us the details using the **form on the 'News' page of our website** or emailing: contact@ourladyandstedmund.org.uk You can also let us know if you are willing and able to offer any help using these same communication methods.



THIRD WEEK OF EASTER

All these Masses are live streamed only

Sunday 26 April (Third Sunday of Easter)

10.15am Mass (Parish family intentions)

Monday 27 April

9am Mass (Graham Ashley-Carter, RIP)

Tuesday 28 April

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

Wednesday 29 April (St Catherine of Siena)

7pm Mass (Mark Castle, intentions)

Thursday 30 April

9.30am Mass Naughton family, intentions)

Friday 1 May

7pm Mass (Clementina Guarracino, RIP)

Saturday 2 May (St Athanasius)

9am Mass (John McCarthy, RIP)

THE PRAYER AND LISTENING SERVICE:

Sometimes it is difficult to pray when we are exhausted or in stressful situations or by ourselves. The diocese has created a team with experience in both praying with others and in spiritual listening. All of the volunteers are trained in this service and have been through the essential safeguarding training and other requirements. We are offering a service where people fill in a short form on the diocese website requesting a phone call, of 10-15 minutes usually. Additionally, we are asking key workers if they would like to give us their name and work place and we will pray for them by name each day. Please go to the home page of the diocese website and under "Coronavirus" you can click on a box called "Prayer Support".

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER DURING MASS:

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

WORKING TOGETHER:

- Two parish Faith Courses are available online and anyone is most welcome to join. It is a wonderful chance to share and grow in our faith as a community. We will show a 30 minute video and then break up people into small discussion groups online, using *Zoom Pro*. On Tuesday mornings from 9.30am to 11.00am, starting 21st April, a course on Mary called "*Let it Be*". On Thursday mornings from 9.30am to 11.00am, starting 23rd April, a course on the Mass, called "*This is My Body*". Please email clare@claresimpson.com to receive the link. You do not need to have *Zoom* on your computer - you just need audio and ideally a camera.
- *Mothers' Prayers* also continues through video conferencing or social networking. Email clare@claresimpson.com if you would like to join in. For *Mothers' Prayers* in **Spanish** on Mondays at 11.30am, please email mamakolb@gmail.com
- There is a new page on our website for this year of "**The God Who Speaks**". From there you are able to access ten *Sycamore* videos made by Fr Stephen Wang. *Sycamore* is an informal course about the Christian faith and its relevance for life today. It gives you space to explore your beliefs, and think about questions that really matter. The page can be found in the 'What's On' section.
- There are volunteers in our parish who regularly phone those living on their own or who are in isolation, some do shopping, others collect and deliver prescriptions. Some, who have registered as volunteer NHS responders, also work beyond our own parishioners as and when a call for help comes in.

CAFOD SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS

Could you inspire young people to make a difference?
Could YOU be a *CAFOD* school volunteer?

Schools Volunteers are a vital part of our work bringing Catholic social teaching to the next generation – but there is a shortage in Portsmouth Diocese and we need your help. By becoming a *CAFOD* School Volunteer you will have the opportunity to be part of a global movement building a fairer world, inspiring young people to get involved. It only takes a few hours a week to visit schools, and with that time, you can help make an impact on future generations. Training and support is provided. For more information please contact Jo Lewry at portsmouth@cafod.org.uk or call 07710 094447.

Parish Events for the Week

NO EVENTS IN THE PARISH CENTRE UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

Future Diary Dates

None available at this time.

Youth Events

YOUTH GROUPS

The Saturday youth groups will stop meeting for now as a precaution. We will let you know when they resume through our parish newsletter.

*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: bhabayeb@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk*

LENTEN FUNDRAISING DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

- All events are postponed.

If you have a fundraising idea or plan to organise an event please inform Hilary Webb: 01235 525928 or Debbie Brooks: 01865 432423

WE PRAY FOR:

The repose of the souls of:

- Michael & Mary Haughton
- Patrick (Pat) Cox
- Ann Goodwill
- Brenda Furze
- Conor O'Dwyer
- John Cronin
- John Keyes

We also pray for the families of the recently deceased

PRAYER DURING THE PANDEMIC (Pope Francis)

O Mary, you always shine on our path as a sign of salvation and of hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who at the cross took part in Jesus' pain, keeping your faith firm.

You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need, and we are sure you will provide so that, as in Cana of Galilee, we may return to joy and to feasting after this time of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform to the will of the Father and to do as we are told by Jesus, who has taken upon himself our sufferings and carried our sorrows to lead us, through the cross, to the joy of the resurrection. Amen.

Under your protection, we seek refuge, Holy Mother of God. Do not disdain the entreaties of we who are in trial, but deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.