

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

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LENT ON OUR WEBSITE

Visit our website for weekly reflections, videos and prayers to help you during Lent.

PARISH LENTEN REFLECTIONS

We invite you to join our parish 2022 Lenten Prayer and Reflections, *'Knowing Jesus; the emotional Jesus'*, by Zoom. The course is hosted by the parish RCIA team and 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. Please contact Pauline on 07506 753085 or email pehanley@hotmail.com for the Zoom link.

SECOND COLLECTION ON PALM SUNDAY

Our Second Collection on **Palm Sunday (10th April)** is for our **Lenten project – St Monica's School in Malawi**. If you normally gift aid your donations, you will find the appropriate envelope in your new gift aid box. You can also make your donation online, and gift aid it, using the link on the *What's On* section of our website or on the *News* page. Please be as generous as you can. Thank you.

PRAYER FOR UKRAINE AND RUSSIA

Last Friday, 25th March, the Holy Father and all Bishops celebrated consecrated the peoples of Russia and Ukraine to the Immaculate Heart of Mary during or after a Mass. Let us continue to pray for the peoples of both countries at this time of conflict.

Loving God, we pray for the people of Ukraine and Russia,
for all those suffering or afraid,
that you will be close to them and protect them.

We pray for world leaders, for compassion, strength and wisdom to guide their choices.

We pray for the world, that in this moment of crisis, we may reach out in solidarity to our brothers and sisters in need.

May we walk in your ways so that peace and justice become a reality for the people of Ukraine and Russia and for all the world. Amen.

Fifth week of Lent: Cycle 2 (C)

Sunday 3 April

8.45am	Mass	5th Sunday of Lent
10.15am	Mass	(Charles & Kay Farrell RIP)
2.00pm	Mass in Polish	(Eleanor Yates RIP)
6.30pm	Mass	(Nuala Lardner RIP)

Monday 4 April

8.30am	Rosary	
9.00am	Mass	(Constance & Isabella Pole RIP)

Tuesday 5 April

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

Wednesday 6 April

6.30pm	Rosary	
7.00pm	Mass	(Uncle John RIP)

Thursday 7 April

9.00am	Rosary	
9.30am	Mass	(Rodney King RIP)

Friday 8 April

6.30pm	Rosary	
7.00pm	Mass	(Paul Jordan RIP)

Saturday 9 April

11am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
11-11.30am	Confessions	
12pm	Mass	(Paul Pennington, RIP)

GIFT AID BOXES/ENVELOPES

There are still some Gift Aid boxes, for those who have registered for them, at the back of the church. *Please kindly collect your box as soon as possible.* If there is not a box for you and you were expecting one, please contact Carole Sawyers on: accounts.abi@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or drop a note into the parish office. Many thanks.

COLLECTION ON GOOD FRIDAY

A reminder that on Good Friday, the collection is for the Holy Places and supports the work of the Franciscans of the Custody of the Holy Land who have the unique responsibility of maintaining the Holy Places and preserving the Christian presence in the Holy Land.

HELPING REFUGEES FROM UKRAINE

Caritas is coordinating the Diocesan response to the situation in Ukraine and you can find out a lot more about what you can do to help them by visiting the Caritas website. You can find the link on the *News* page of our website.

Prayer is also powerful – and needed! Why not pray the Rosary together?

CHRISM MASS

The Chrism Mass takes place this year at **11am on Tuesday 12th April** in St John's Cathedral in Portsmouth. Bishop Philip invites to join in for this diocesan Mass. The Chrism Mass is the special Liturgy in Holy Week at which the Bishop blesses the three Holy Oils used in the sacraments: the Oil of Catechumens, the Oil of the Blessing of the Sick and the Oil of Chrism. This year, uniquely, the final version of the Synod document will be presented to the Bishop after the homily at the Mass and received by him for onward transmission to the Bishop's Conference and to Rome. Following this, all the priests make a renewal of their commitment to priestly service. We pray for our priests and Bishop.

SYNOD DOCUMENT

A final report will be presented on behalf of the Diocese to the Bishop at the Chrism Mass in Holy Week, on 12th April, with all the clergy in attendance. It will then be published across the diocesan communication channels and submitted to the Bishops' Conference shortly afterwards so that our diocesan perspective can be reflected in the final document that the Bishops' Conference submit to Rome, representing the discussions that have taken place across the whole of England and Wales.

PRAYER FOR THE FIFTH WEEK OF LENT

Let us praise our loving Redeemer, who gained for us this season of grace, and pray to him, saying: *Lord, create a new spirit in us.* Christ, our life, through baptism we rose to life with you, may we walk today in newness of life. Lord, you have brought blessings to all mankind, bring us to share your concern for the good of all. May we work together to build up Your kingdom. Healer of body and soul, cure the sickness of our spirit, so that we may grow in holiness through your constant care. Lord, we desire to follow You wherever You lead. Give us a firm resolve to walk in Your ways, and when we fail, help us to get back up and resolve again. Jesus, we trust in You. Amen.

PARISH EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

- **Sunday:** Refreshments in the parish centre after the 10.15am Mass.
- **Friday:** Baby & Toddler group in the parish centre 9.30am to 11.15am in term time.
- **Monday:** Golf Day at Drayton Park – Lenten project event.

FUTURE DATES

- **Wed 13th Apr:** Parish lunch at 12.30pm in the parish centre. All welcome.
- **Sat 30th Apr:** FHC preparation, session 7, in the church from 8.50am to 10am for those registered.

LENTEN PROJECT

The International Evening held last week raised £136. Many thanks to the organisers and all those who attended and contributed to this fundraising event for St Monica's School in Malawi. However, we still have a long way to go if we are to provide meaningful help to this school in Malawi! You are also able to make contributions online on our website – just visit the *News* page or look in the *What's On* section. There will also be an opportunity to make a donation on Palm Sunday, when the second collection will be for our Lenten project. Please use the gift aid envelopes if you have one – there are still a number waiting to be collected at the back of the church.

HAVE A CLEAR OUT TO RAISE MONEY!

Clean out your drawers and cupboards and raise money for our Lenten Charity! Please collect up all your old wires and leads - it doesn't matter if they are broken or damaged. If you have old electricals simply cut off the lead. Pack them in a bag and leave them under the table at the back of our church (during Lent only). Any queries contact Linda 07934 766305 or famgelens@gmail.com

GOLF DAY – 4th APRIL

A big thank you to all our golfers for signing up to play this Monday. We have had a great response and it will be nice to get together for a day's golf after a two-year break, and to support such a worthwhile cause. See you all Monday morning from 08.30. *Terry Murphy.*

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES

Information on these is available on the table at the back of the church - please do take a copy. The information is also available on our website.

WE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF:

- Debbie Gaughan, RIP. Funeral 11am Wed 6th April
- Peter Delany, RIP. Funeral 11am Wed 13th April
- Paul Pennington, RIP
- Celia Holmes, RIP
- Gerry Connors, RIP