

# ***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**

## **LENT ON OUR WEBSITE**

Visit our website for weekly reflections, videos and prayers to help you during Lent. Look in the *What's On* section. There is also a page for children in the *Youth* section, with many activities added every week.

## **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. If interested, please contact Pauline on 07506 753085 or email [pehanley@hotmail.com](mailto:pehanley@hotmail.com) to register for the Zoom link.

## **CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY – 11 March**

Please note that this year, in view of the grave humanitarian crisis unfolding in Ukraine, CAFOD has – in partnership with its sister Caritas agencies in Ukraine, Poland and Moldova – committed £100,000 on behalf of the Catholic community in England and Wales. If you would like to contribute to this appeal you can use the **CAFOD Lent Appeal envelopes, but you need to clearly mark the envelopes "For Ukraine". You can also make donations for Cafod and/or Ukraine online on the News page of our website.**

**Envelopes with your donations will be collected after the Masses this Sunday - outside the church.** Thank you.

## **PRAY TO ST JOSEPH DURING MARCH**

The month of March is customarily devoted to St Joseph, whose feast day we celebrate on 19th. Let us ask for his intercession for the protection of families, especially at this time for families not only in Ukraine and Russia who are suffering because of war, but also for those in many other parts of the world, often forgotten, who are experiencing the effects of war and who are suffering from the oppression of others.

## **Second week of Lent: Cycle 2 (C)**

### **Sunday 13 March**

8.45am Mass  
10.15am Mass  
2.00pm Mass in Polish  
6.30pm Mass

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent**  
(Philip Gormley, RIP)  
(Special intention)  
(Private intention)

### **Monday 14 March**

8.30am Rosary  
9.00am Mass

(Bob Naumann, RIP)

### **Tuesday 15 March**

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

### **Wednesday 16 March**

6.30pm Rosary  
7.00pm Mass

(Edward James Ryan, RIP)

### **Thursday 17 March**

9.00am Rosary  
9.30am Mass

**St Patrick**  
(Pat Castle intentions)

### **Friday 18 March**

6.30pm Rosary  
7.00pm Mass

(John Cronin, RIP)

### **Saturday 19 March**

11am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
11-11.30am Confessions  
12pm Mass (Special intention)

**St Joseph**

## **POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR MARCH**

This month Pope Francis asks us to pray for a Christian Response to Bioethical Challenges. We pray for Christians facing new bioethical challenges, that they may they continue to defend the dignity of all human life with prayer and action.

## **WELCOME BACK!**

We welcome back Lisa this week after extended sick leave.

## THANK YOU

The *Society for the Protection of Unborn Children* thanks all who contributed to their *White Flower Appeal* – a total of £435.04 was received from our parish. You can read their letter on the noticeboard in the porch of our church.

*Pax Christi* also thank those who donated to their work for peace – a total of £600 was received from our parish.

## A PRAYER FOR UKRAINE

**Loving God, we pray for the people of Ukraine,  
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 for all the world. Amen.**

## HAVE A CLEAR OUT TO RAISE MONEY!

Here is a great chance to 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](mailto:famgelens@gmail.com)

## GOLF DAY – 4<sup>th</sup> APRIL

This will be on **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:terry.murphy62@yahoo.co.uk)

## PLANNING AHEAD

### ✠ **Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> April: Palm Sunday**

Masses as usual at **8.45am**, **10.15am** and **6.30pm**

### ✠ **Thursday 14 April: Maundy Thursday**

- Mass of the Lord's Supper - Washing of feet at **7pm**
- Procession to the Altar of Repose followed by silent watching and prayer **until 10pm**

### ✠ **Friday 15 April: Good Friday**

- Stations of the Cross at **10am**
- Solemn Liturgy - Passion, Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion at **3pm**

### ✠ **Saturday 16 April:**

Easter Vigil at **8pm**

### ✠ **Sunday 17 April: EASTER SUNDAY**

Masses at **8am**, **9.30am** and **11am**.

## 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.
- **Friday:** Baby & Toddler group in the parish centre 9.30am to 11.15am in term time.
- **Saturday:** FHC preparation, session 5, in the church from 8.50am to 10am for those registered.

## FUTURE DATES

- **Sun 20<sup>th</sup> Mar:** Car wash during 10.15am Mass.
- **Fri 25<sup>th</sup> Mar:** Baby & Toddler group in the parish centre 9.30am to 11.15am in term time.
- **Fri 25<sup>th</sup> Mar:** International Evening at 7.30pm in the parish centre.
- **Sat 26<sup>th</sup> Mar:** FHC preparation, session 6, in the church from 8.50am to 10am for those registered.

## LENTEN PROJECT RUNNING TOTAL

A big THANK YOU to all who supported the *Ash Wednesday Soup Supper* and *Big Breakfast and Produce Sale* last Sunday. Thanks also go to all those who donated cakes and goods for the Produce Sale – it was wonderful!

The *Soup Supper* raised £302.92p and  
The *Big Breakfast and Produce Stall* raised £616.76p  
A great start to our Lenten Charity Fundraising effort.

So far we have raised **£1182.91**. However, we still have a long way to go if we are to provide meaningful help to St Monica's School in Malawi! So please consider running some fundraising event(s) yourself – and generously supporting events that are being organised. You are also able to make contributions online on our website – just visit the *News* page or look in the *What's On* section.

## CAR WASH – 20<sup>th</sup> MARCH

The Confirmation group will be offering to wash your car on **Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> March** during the 10.15am Mass. When you drive into the school car park, please let them know if you would like yours done. Donations for their efforts will go towards our Lenten project.

## INTERNATIONAL EVENING – 25<sup>th</sup> MARCH

Everyone is invited to celebrate the international nature of our parish at this social event on **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre**.

If possible, please bring a plate of food from your country to share – and any board game you would like us to discover. Drinks will be provided. All donations go towards our Lenten project – St Monica's Primary School in Malawi.

## WE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF:

- Eleanor Yates, RIP
- Nuala Lardner, RIP