

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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LENTEN FUNDRAISING PROJECT 2023

École Don Bosco, in Hadath, Baalbeck in Lebanon, run by Salesian Sisters is our Lenten project for this year. This school was opened in 1974 and is a centre for 1,200 children and young adults coming from 15 villages in the surrounding area. The small community works for the benefit of these schoolchildren, mostly coming from non-affluent families. In these extremely hard times for Lebanon, the school suffers from a dire shortage of necessary provisions that are vitally important for a good education and standard of living.

Please find time as individuals and small groups to formulate ideas and plans for fundraising. Information on the school and current dates for your diary, are available in the leaflet which was given out last Sunday and which is available on our parish website. If you are able to **organise and do** something, please submit your proposal to the parish office as soon as possible. *"TRULY, I SAY TO YOU, WHATEVER YOU DID FOR ONE OF THESE LEAST BROTHERS AND SISTERS OF MINE, YOU DID FOR ME"* (Matthew 25:40). Thank you.

ASH WEDNESDAY SOUP SUPPER

On **Wednesday 22 February at 7.30 pm** (after evening Mass), in the parish centre, there will be a simple soup supper and an opportunity to hear about our project at The Don Bosco School in Hadath, Baalbeck in Lebanon. Please do come along to hear more about the school and what we can do here to support this needy project.

YOU WILL BE MY WITNESSES

Draft feedback from parishes about the Diocesan Ten-Year Mission Plan for our Diocese of Portsmouth called *You Will be My Witnesses*, can be read using the link on the *News* page of our website. It is hoped that the document will be finalised by Easter.

Week 7 in Ordinary Time: Cycle 1 (A)

Sunday 19 Feb

8.45am Mass (Magdalen Kelly RIP)
10.15am Mass (Ben Jeacock RIP)
2.00pm Mass in Polish
6.30pm Mass (*Special Intention*)

Monday 20 Feb

8.30am Rosary
9.00am Mass (*Special Intention*)

Tuesday 21 Feb

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

Wednesday 22 Feb

ASH WEDNESDAY

9.00am Mass (Private Intention)
6.30pm Rosary
7.00pm Mass (*Special Intention*)

Thursday 23 Feb

9.00am Rosary
9.30am Mass (*Special Intention*)

Friday 24 Feb

6.30pm Rosary
7.00pm Mass (*Special Intention*)

Saturday 25 Feb

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

CAFOD LENTEN FAMILY FAST DAY

This will be on **Friday 3rd March** and envelopes will be available in the church for donations in support of communities around the world. It will also be possible to make your donations online via the link on the *News* page of our parish website.

BIG BREAKFAST AND PRODUCE SALE

On **Sunday 5 March** after the **8.45 and 10.15 Masses**, there will be an opportunity to enjoy a hot bacon or sausage roll (vegetarian and vegan choices also available), tea, coffee or juice will also be available. This is such a great event as is back by popular demand!

Also, on 5 March we will hold our **Produce Sale**. Could you bake a **CAKE** or other family favourite to sell at our Sale? Biscuits, chutneys, jams, pickles or other preserves or edible goodies will be gratefully received. Cakes, and other items can be dropped off at the Parish Centre any time after 8.30 am on 5 March.

CAFOD SYRIA-TURKEY EARTHQUAKE APPEAL

CAFOD is responding with support of provision of food, water, shelter, medical assistance and winter kits for survivors. Your donations in recent months have made that quick response possible. Let us join CAFOD in praying for our sisters and brothers affected by the earthquakes and the winter weather. Your support for CAFOD throughout the year allows our Catholic agency to act quickly when disasters strike. For more details and to make a donation, visit CAFOD's Syria Turkey Emergency Appeal online at <https://cafod.org.uk/give>

LENTEN RETREAT

The Carmelite Priory at Boars Hill are offering a FREE online retreat using Zoom – **Lent: A Time of Grace and Prayer**, which invites us to reflect on Lent as a time of grace-filled encounter with God. The retreat runs over 6 evenings and you can view the details on the *News* page of our website, where you will also find the link to register. You can also contact by phone at 07849 596572 or by email: ruth.preston@carmelite.org.uk

WARM SPACE

We continue to run a lovely Warm Space on Mondays 11am – 3pm in the parish centre. We offer conversation, deep listening, board games, children's toys and a relaxed and warm environment!

SIX HOLY HABITS – FRIDAY PENANCE

You may remember that Bishop Philip has been encouraging everyone in the Diocese to adopt and to put into practice six holy habits. You can read the **third** of his reflections on **Friday penance and works of charity**, on the *News* page of our parish website.

CELEBRATING THE CHURCH'S FEASTS & SEASONS

An open invitation to all the parish to meet and listen to the famous writer and broadcaster Joanna Bogle talk on the important subject of **'Celebrating the Church's feasts and seasons in the family'**, on Thursday 23rd February at 2.30pm in the parish centre. Any transport needs do call Clare 524861 or Mary 534873.

BIBLE ALIVE

Limited copies of the Lent edition are available at the back of the church. Why not strengthen your faith with daily reflections on the Mass readings?

PARISH EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

- **Sunday:** Refreshments in the parish centre after the 10.15am Mass.
- **Sunday:** Screening of film *'The Letter'* in the parish centre at 4.30pm.
- **Monday:** *Warm Space* in the parish centre from 11am to 3pm.
- **Monday:** *Journeying Together in Faith (JTIF)* at 7.30pm in the parish centre. All welcome.
- **Wednesday:** *Simple Soup Supper* after evening Mass, in the parish centre, in support of our Lenten project.
- **Thursday:** Grandparents' Association meeting in the parish centre at 2.30pm. All welcome.
- **Friday:** *Baby & Toddler* group in the parish centre 9.30am to 11.15am in term time.
- **Saturday:** FHC preparation, Session 4, 8.50am to 10am, in the church.
- **Saturday:** Youth groups meet in the parish centre from 3.30 to 5pm. All in year 3 or above are welcome.

FUTURE DATES

- **Mon 27th Feb:** *Journeying Together in Faith (JTIF)* at 7.30pm in the parish centre. All welcome.
- **Sun 5th Mar:** Big Breakfast & Produce Sale after morning Masses – for Lenten fundraising project.
- **Wed 8th Mar:** Parish lunch in the parish centre at 12.30pm.
- **Sat 11th Mar:** FHC preparation, Session 5, 8.50am to 10am, in the church.
- **Sat 11th Mar:** Youth groups meet in the parish centre from 3.30 to 5pm. All in year 3 or above are welcome.
- **Mon 17th Apr:** Golf Day at Drayton Park Golf Club for our Lenten fundraising project.

GOLF DAY – LENTEN PROJECT FUNDRAISING

We will be holding our golf day again this year on **Monday 17th April** at Drayton Park Golf Club. Once again a big thank you to Mary McKenna for letting us hold this event free of charge. We will be meeting up from 8.30 am for tea/coffee and bacon rolls. First T time is 9.32am. There will be the usual format of teams of four with prizes for the first two teams with two to score on each hole plus 3 nearest the pin prizes. 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 07584 248169 or 01235 527597 or by email terry.murphy62@yahoo.co.uk

WE PRAY FOR

- Josephine Pearson RIP. Funeral Thurs 9th March, 11.15am.
- Adrienne Anderson RIP.
- Harry Staite RIP.