

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

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Confessions: Saturday, 11:00 -11.30am    Sunday Mass Times: 8.45 am, 10.15 am, 6.30pm

### **Parish Life**

**TODAY Prayer Ministry.** We invite you to come up after the 10:15am Mass for prayer with members of St Edmund's Prayer Ministry team. Give your hurts and burdens to Jesus, He cares for you.

**CAFOD** lent fast day is on 10th March. Please help us to raise money to lift the world's poorest people in Zambia out of poverty. Envelopes will be given out after Masses **TODAY** and collected on Sunday 12th. Please be generous - as you always are.

**Children's Fairtrade.** Pick up the trail instructions from the back of church, and bring your entry back to church on March 12th. The best entry will earn a prize.

**Fairtrade Fortnight Feb 27 to March 12:** As a Fairtrade Parish, and as part of our Live Simply programme, we are trying to Live in Solidarity with the poor, so let us do this by buying Fairtrade products for our regular parish events, and those for the Lent Project, wherever possible.

**St. Edmund's Project Meeting,** Mon 13<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm at St. Nicolas Church, Market Square, Abingdon. Please come and hear what we have to say and our progress and give us your opinions.

**Christian Focus:** the spring issue is now available at the back of the church. This is produced by churches in Abingdon and has contributions from our parishioners, including an article on 'Light for the Blind'.

**JUSTICE AND PEACE.** There is a copy of the Diocesan Justice Peace and Social Responsibility Bulletin for March on the board at the back of church and copies (to take away) of the current Pax Christi Newsletter Justpeace on the table at the back of church.

**Chrism Mass,** St John's Cathedral, Portsmouth, Tues 11<sup>th</sup> April. The Pastoral Area is once again running a bus to the Cathedral for the Chrism Mass. The bus will leave Our Lady & St Edmund's at 7.45am and English Martyrs, Didcot

### **FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

#### **Sunday 5 March**

8.45am	Mass	Betty Hemmings Anniversary RIP
10.15am	Mass	Betty Hemmings Anniversary RIP
4pm	Polish Mass	
6.30pm	Mass	Patrick Naughton Intentions

#### **Monday 6 March**

8.30am	Rosary	
9am	Mass	Betty Rockett RIP

#### **Tuesday 7 March**

8.30am	Rosary	
9am	Mass	William Pugh RIP

#### **Wednesday 8 March**

6.00 pm	Stations of the Cross	
7pm	Mass	William Pugh RIP

#### **Thursday 9 March**

9am	Rosary	
9.30am	Mass	Elizabeth Rockett RIP

#### **Friday 10 March**

6.00 pm	Stations of the Cross	
7pm	Mass	Gayle Belcher RIP

#### **Saturday 11 March**

8.50-10.15am	FHC Session 4	
11am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
11-11.30am	Confessions	
12 noon	Mass	Bridie MacLoughlin RIP

at 8.15am, returning approx. 3pm. The cost of a seat is £12, payment required on booking. Please call Didcot parish office to book a place on 812338, or didcot@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk. All bookings must be received by Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March.

### **Faith Development**

**CiA Lent Lectures** David Cole will be the guest speaker which will take place on Mondays, 8-9 pm, at The Salvation Army in West St Helen St commencing Mon 6 March.

**The Carmelite Film Club** at the, Carmelite Priory is beginning again on Mon 6<sup>th</sup> of March at 7pm. The film will be 'Risen'; there will be a discussion afterwards with tea, coffee and biscuits! The next Carmelite Day is on Wed March 22<sup>nd</sup> after the 9:30 mass at the Priory, Boars Hill.

**This Lent** we are encouraging parishioners - for one meal - to cook double the amount in order to give half to someone who would appreciate it. They might be sick, have a new baby, be elderly, or just have busy lives. You can do this in your own way, or sign up on the sheets at the back of church, telling us what date you would like to cook and/or details of someone who might appreciate this gift. We will then organise the meal to be collected and taken to that person if you are not able to do so.

The next **Abingdon 'Communi-tea' Drop-in** on Sat 11 March. The Drop-in is a welcoming environment for all newcomers to Abingdon, no matter where they come from. It is an opportunity to connect with others in the surrounding area and have a cup of tea. It takes place on the second Saturday of the month at 10-12noon at St Ethelwolds House, 30 East St Helen St, Abingdon OX14 5EB: 11 March/ 8 April/13 May/ 10 June/ 8 July.

This Lent, join **Wednesday Gospel Webinar**, every Wednesday from 7 to 8 pm, to discover the depths of the Sunday Gospel. Find out more about God, about yourself and about the Church. Take the time to ponder the Word of God and to ask the questions you cannot ask in church during the homily! You can join the webinar wherever you are, from a computer with a good internet connection and the sound turned up. Register at [www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/formation/webinar](http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/formation/webinar)

**Formation day** for diocesan youth ministers, 18<sup>th</sup> March. The day is open to anyone who works with young people, and those who are interested in working with young people in the future. 10am until 4pm at St Philip Howard church in Fareham and will begin with Mass. Booking form at [tinyurl.com/portsmouth1803](http://tinyurl.com/portsmouth1803)

### **School News**

**OLA, Senior School** Understanding your teenagers – their brain and wellbeing. Talk for parents by Nicola Morgan on Wed 29 March, 7.30pm. Tickets: £5 from OLA Senior School office 524658. Doors open 7pm. See poster for more detail.

### **Live Simply Prayer**

*Compassionate and Loving God You created the world for all to share a world of beauty and plenty. Create in us a desire to live Simply, so that our lives may reflect your generosity. Creator God you gave us responsibility for the earth, a world of riches and delight. Create in us a desire to live Sustainably, so that those who follow after us may enjoy the fruits of your creation. God of Peace and Justice, you give us the capacity to change, to bring about a world that mirrors your wisdom. Create in us a desire to act in Solidarity, so that the pillars of injustice crumble and those now crushed are set free. Amen*

### **Parish Events for the Week**

**TODAY** Refreshments after 10.15 Mass  
Alpha Course 6-8.30pm

**Monday** Arts & Faith Lent 7pm

**Tuesday** RCIA Session 7.30-9pm

**Wednesday** Cake & Conversation 9.30am  
Parish Lunch 12.30pm  
Confirmation Parents Evening 7-9.30pm  
Charismatic Prayer Meeting 7.45pm Church

**Thursday** York Course for Lent 10am

**Friday** Baby & Toddler Group 9.30-11.15am

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

### **Future Diary Dates**

**12<sup>th</sup> March** Big Breakfast & Produce Sale after morning Masses

**12<sup>th</sup> April** Parish Lunch, 12.30pm

### **Youth Events**

**Hinksey Youth Group** - Sunday 5th March

11-14 yr olds - 2:30pm - 4pm

Mass at 4:15pm

Our Lady of the Rosary, Yarnells Hill, Oxford, OX2 9BD

*Further info please contact Melanie Parris- Dollar leader.tipa@gmail.com*

### **LENTEN PROJECTS FUND RAISING**

**THE BIG BREAKFAST AND PRODUCE SALE IS NEXT SUNDAY 12 MARCH** after both the 8.45 and 10.15 Masses, there will be an opportunity to enjoy a bacon or sausage roll tea, coffee or juice with your fellow parishioners in the Parish Centre. Could you bake a **cake** that is **typical of your country** to sell at the Produce Sale? Cakes, biscuits, jams, chutneys, similar type food, CRAFT items, bric a brac, plants and flowers are also needed for the sale. Items can be dropped off at the parish centre from 8.30 on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> March.

**A SIMPLE SOUP SUPPER** will take place on **WEDNESDAY 29<sup>th</sup> MARCH** after evening Mass at 7.30 in the Parish Centre.

**Money Matters:** 26<sup>th</sup> February 2017  
Envelopes £425.85    Loose Plate £775.61    Many thanks.

**Counters:** M. Knott, G. Steele, M. & M. Martin  
**Cleaners:** M. Kelly, A. Harvey, M. Sheaf