

**Our Lady & St Edmund of Abingdon**  
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Confessions: Saturday, 11:00 -11.30am    Sunday Mass Times: 8.45 am, 10.15 am, 6.30pm

**Lent Fundraising 2018**

**TOTAL RAISED** so far for the two Lenten charities is now £10,624. Many thanks for all your support.

**GOLF DAY** Golf Day Drayton Park **TOMORROW**. A very big thank you to our parish golfers for their wonderful support for this event. We have 32 + golfers booked in to play. We will be meeting up from 08-15 for registration and tea/coffee +bacon butties with the first t time at 09-30. I will be making up teams of 4 players taking into consideration individual handicaps. I would like to hear from anybody who will require a buggy on the day. Once again thanks to you all and let's hope the weather will be in our favour Terry Murphy. email Terry Murphy (parish office). Mobile 07584 248169/Ab. 527597

**Lenten Project Family Dance.** Join us for an evening of music and dancing where we can have fun and raise funds for our Lent projects. Come to Drayton Village Hall on Friday 27th April, 7:00pm-10.30pm, where you will be entertained by the St Edmund's School Choir and then listen or dance to the fabulous Abingdon 'SwingTime' Big Band. Hot food and desserts included, cash bar available. Tickets £10 adults, £2 children- available after Easter.

**Parish Life**

**NEXT SUNDAY** there will be a second collection for the Clergy Training Fund.

**Live Simply:** Visit 'Abingdon Cuts Plastic', a practical hands-on campaign exhibition by Abingdon's ecology group, the Carbon Cutters. Open all week in the Community Space at 18 Bury St Precinct, 10-4.30, Mon 16th-Sat 21st April..Lots of practical ideas for reducing our plastics use.

**Life Talk** on Wed 25<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30 in the Parish Centre entitled "Abortion on Demand - Our battle to protect the Unborn" by Mark Bhagwandin, Senior Education and Media Officer. All welcome.

**THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**Sunday 15 April**

8.45am	Mass	Pauline Houghton RIP
10.15am	Mass	Tom Gaughan RIP
4.30pm	Polish Mass	
6.30pm	Mass	Gayle Belcher RIP

**Monday 16 April**

8.30am	Rosary	
9am	Mass	John Girdlestone RIP

**Tuesday 17 April**

8.30am	Rosary	
9am	Mass	Fr. R Conway RIP

**Wednesday 18 April**

6.30pm	Rosary	
7pm	Mass	Sharon Brady RIP

**Thursday 19 April**

9am	Rosary	
9.30am	Mass	Gabby Dover RIP

**Friday 20 April**

6.30pm	Rosary	
7pm	Mass	Celia Jones & Celia Edwards RIP

**Saturday 21 April**

8.50-10.15am	FHC (Session 7)	
11am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
11-11.30am	Confessions	
12 noon	Mass	George Greenham RIP (Anniversary)

**Fire Training** Sat 28<sup>th</sup> April at English Martyr's Dicot. This is open to anybody in the pastoral area. Please contact the Parish Office, English Martyr's on 01235 812338 to book a place.

**Christian Aid Week** commences on the 12th May. The house to house collection forms an important part in fund raising for Christian Aid

in Abingdon. If you can spare a few hours to help please email parish office or telephone 01865 736344 for further details. The collection route can be as long or as short as you wish!

**Encounter the Holy Spirit** from the WILD GOOSE video series produced by the Franciscan Friars. St Edmund's Parish Centre, Saturday afternoons 2 – 3:30pm

21st April	God's Love Poured Out
28th April	The Breath of God
5th May	Baptism in the Spirit & Fire
12th May	Gifts of the Holy Spirit

All welcome. Refreshments at 1:45 pm. Free study guides provided. Details: Ab 528528 "Wild Goose" is the name given to the Holy Spirit by the ancient Celts because He is so unpredictable and impossible to tame. If you allow him, the Holy Spirit will lead you on an adventure greater than you can imagine. He will lead you to a place of mercy, healing, peace, and presence. The Holy Spirit has been given to us not as a possession to be tamed or controlled, but rather as a Person that will lead us to the Heart of God. These videos will help you experience a deeper relationship with the Person of the Holy Spirit, and as you come to experience God's presence and power this very same Spirit will transform you and bring you freedom.

**Faith Development**

**Partnerships of Hope - Working Together for Refugees** Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> April, 10am-4pm, at New Road Baptist Church, Oxford. An event for those involved in supporting refugees, those who would like to be and those who are just exploring. A range of groups and agencies from across the Thames Valley will be participating in the day, which will include speakers, workshops and opportunities to find out more about local organisations and the opportunities they offer to get involved. For further details and to register, please go to [www.ccow.org.uk/events/partnerships-of-hope](http://www.ccow.org.uk/events/partnerships-of-hope). Free to attend, £5 with lunch. Registration essential.

**Women's World Day of Prayer service**, which was postponed because of snow, has been rescheduled for Friday 27th April, 1.30pm at Peachcroft Christian Centre. The theme is 'All God's Creation is very Good, and the service comes from Suriname. All welcome, men too!

**The Silent Music of Carmel:** Course on Carmelite Prayer. Each evening of this short course includes the practical aspects of prayer, its difficulties and obstacles, talks on Carmelite Prayer and the experience of silent and guided prayer. Thursday evenings in May 2018 – 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th and 31st. – 7.00 – 8.30 pm at Carmelite Priory, Boars Hill, Oxford OX1 5HB - No Charge -Donations welcome. Further information or to book for one or all of the sessions contact Annette Goulden (parish office) or Carmelite Priory: 01865 735133/01865 730183 Email: [retreat@carmelite.org.uk](mailto:retreat@carmelite.org.uk)

**Parish Events for the Week**

**TODAY** Refreshments after 10.15am Mass  
Confirmation Group 3.30-5pm

**Wednesday** Cake & Conversation 9.30-11am

**Thursday** Scripture Group 10am

**Friday** Baby & Toddler Group 9.30-11.15am  
SVP Meeting 7.30pm

**Saturday** Encounter the Holy Spirit 2-3.30pm

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

**Future Diary Dates**

**Friday 27th April-** Lent Project Family Dance.  
Drayton Village Hall 7-10.30pm

**Youth Events**

**A 'Hot Potato' session** will take place on Sunday 22nd April at the Holy Rood Presbytery at 3:30pm. This will provide an opportunity for young people (13-18) to ask Fr. Daniel any 'burning' questions they have about the Church or their faith. All teenagers are welcome.

**On 19th May** we will be making our mini pilgrimage from St Edmund's in Abingdon to Boars Hill. We plan to leave St Edmund's at 9:30am and walk to the Youlbury Scout Camp for a couple of activities and a Mass. The day will run from 9:30am-5pm. There is no age limits and parents are welcome to join us. The cost is £3 plus any activities you decide to do. Please bring a packed lunch, waterproof coat and sturdy shoes. Please could you email Melanie to let her know if you are coming to either of the events.

*Further info please contact Melanie Parris- Dollar  
tipayouth@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk*

**Vacancies**

**Our Lady's Abingdon** seeks a School Nurse to provide high-quality nursing care to pupils and first aid care to all members of the school community. The post is part-time and term-time only. Further details are available from the school website [www.olab.org.uk](http://www.olab.org.uk) Deadline for applications: 9am, Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> April.

**We pray for:**

- The Repose of the Soul Brian Fogarty RIP

**Money Matters:** 8<sup>th</sup> April 2018  
Envelopes: £333.26    Loose Plate £515.51    Many thanks.

**Counters:** A. & C. Lardner-Brown, N. Cairns  
**Cleaners:** E. & T. Janicka