

SAVE THE DATE

Festival of Angels

1 November – 1 January 2019

As part of our preparation for Christmas and through the Christmas Season, where Angels play such a prominent role, we shall focus on the many angels in St Edward's, depicted as they are in paint, glass, wood and stone. Our parish school and other schools in the town will be invited to come and discover them.

Angels in Scripture

8 December 2018

As part of the Festival of Angels, on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception there will be a Mass, followed by coffee and a talk by Isobel Young on angels in Scripture.

Pilgrimage to Rome

23-27 April 2019

Details to follow

Closing of the Sesquicentenary

28 April 2019

Our year of celebration and thanksgiving will close with Solemn Evening Prayer of the Church and Benediction in St Edward's at 15:00. This will be followed by a celebration tea.

We are building ...

In this year of celebrations when we will be remembering and giving thanks for the vision and generosity of so many in the past, the Parish will also mark the past by building for the future. Throughout the year we will be fundraising for the refurbishment of the Parish Centre – building for the future of the church in Windsor and establishing a space where we can welcome, entertain and support the wider community of our town.

More details will be circulated during the year.



Sesquicentenary Anniversary

April 2018 – April 2019

In 1847, three years before the Catholic Hierarchy was restored in England and Wales, the Pope's envoy in London wrote to the Priest in Windsor, Fr Wilkinson, suggesting that a new church be built in this town. It was to be Canon Applegarth who was able to fulfil this vision with the building of the beautiful Church dedicated to St Edward, King and Confessor which was opened by the Archbishop of Southwark on 13 October 1868. Even in 1867 there had been anti-Popery riots - these were interesting and challenging days for the Catholic community of Windsor. One hundred years after the opening of St Edward's Church, the parish gave birth to the daughter church dedicated to St Mark the Evangelist on the Dedworth Road. For fifty years this church too has served the Catholic community of Windsor as it grows and flourishes.

I hope that in this sesquicentenary year, we, as a parish, will be able to appreciate and celebrate the beauty of St Edward's Church; however, a church has no beauty without the community it serves. This is our time to shine and radiate something of the beauty and presence of Jesus Christ. I hope that some of the activities we have planned will enable us to invite and welcome others, of faith and no faith, to join us in this fine building that reflects and teaches so much about our faith.

Canon David Hopgood

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Launch of Sesquicentenary celebrations **14/15 April 2018**

This weekend we shall launch our year of celebration at all Sunday Masses.

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land **16-24 April 2018**

Some of our community will travel as pilgrims to the Holy Land and will pray for our Parish as it begins this special year.

50 years of St Mark's Church **29 April 2018**

The Feast of St Mark (25 April) will be celebrated this year on Sunday 29 April. As a parish we shall mark the feast day of our daughter Church as she reaches the age of 50; there will be a special celebration breakfast after the 9:30 Mass.

Pope Francis's Vision of the Church **9 & 16 May 2018**

As we celebrate 150 years of our Parish, Fr Kevin Hughes, a Mill Hill Priest from Liverpool and teacher at Wonersh seminary, will give two interactive and stimulating talks inviting us to ponder the future of the Church.

Mass of Anointing **9 June 2018**

During our year of celebrations, we shall pray for the sick and housebound and invite them to a special Mass to receive the Oil of the Sick, followed by a buffet lunch.

Parish Summer Party **30 June 2018**

Our summer party for the whole parish will reflect our 150th Anniversary. The 18:00 Mass will be led by our Youth Group and will be followed by supper in the garden at 19:00.

Civic Mass with Mayor of Windsor **15 July 2018**

The new Lord Mayor and members of the Council will be attending the 11:00 Mass at St Edward's Church. This is a visible reminder for us that we are called to be Christians, not just in our Church—but within society. There will be a reception after Mass on the lawns in front of the Church.

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Windsor Festival Concert **21 September 2018**

The Choir of Westminster Cathedral, under its Musical Director Martin Baker, will give a concert at St Edward's, as part of the Windsor Festival. Tickets will be available from the Festival Box Office from the end of July. Sponsors for this event would be welcome.

Mass at Westminster Abbey **6 October 2018**

As we celebrate our 150th Anniversary, the Dean of Westminster has kindly extended an invitation for 30 of us to celebrate Mass at 11:00 at the shrine of our Patron, St Edward, King and Confessor.

Anniversary of St Edward's Church **13 October 2018**

150 years to the day since the church was opened, Bishop Philip, Bishop of Portsmouth, the Bishop of Northampton and other priests who have served at St Edward's will celebrate Mass at 12:00 in the presence of the Archbishop of Southwark. Mass will be followed by a reception.

Day of Prayer **17 November 2018**

St Edward's Church is full of symbols and images that are not only things of beauty but of significance to our faith. In this day of prayer, led by Sister Patricia and Canon David, we shall look at these images and symbols and use them to help us pray and reflect on the beauty of God's love and covenant with us.

Bamenda Sunday **3/4 November 2018**

For over 40 years the Dioceses of Portsmouth and Bamenda in Cameroon have been twinned. On the Sunday dedicated to the relationship between our two communities we will explore ways we can start to support our sisters and brothers in Africa in the coming year.