

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

17th July 2022

Last week with the parable of the Good Samaritan, Jesus invites us to love others. In the first reading of today we see the blessing that can be associated with acts of charity. Abraham showed kindness to the strangers and for that he and his wife Sarah were blessed with a son in their old age.

However, we cannot truly love others if we do not love God. It is the love we have for God that enables us to go out of our way to help someone in need because we can see God in them. It is the same love that prevents us from offending our neighbour as the Responsorial psalm highlights. It is the love of God that propelled St. Paul to happily undergo many sufferings on account of Christ and to inspire multitudes. When we love God, we become more like God who is Love.

But we can only grow in love of God when we come to Him and seek to be in his presence. Often in our busy lives, it may be difficult to seek the Lord as we may get carried away with work, family and many other things that battle for dominance in our lives. Our work, family, relationships, are all good. However, these things must not divert our attention from God. Jesus commended Mary who has 'chosen the better part' by sitting at the Lord's feet and listening to him. How often do I spend time before the Blessed Sacrament in silent meditation?

Francis Ezeani

Adoration

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament takes place each Friday from 10:00 to 16:00. All welcome.

Confessions

The sacrament of reconciliation will be available :- Saturdays from 11:00 – 11:30 at St Edward's.

UCM Meeting

Due to the hot weather warning the UCM picnic at Runnymede by the Thames on Tuesday 19th July from 11am is now **cancelled**.

Mass Times + Intentions

Sat 16	18:00	Maire Mangan - RIP
Sun 17	09:30	People of the Parish - St Mark's
	11:00	Richard Cross - RIP
Mon 18	10:00	Loretta O'Reilly – RIP
	11:00	Mary Dadiel - Funeral Service
Tue 19	18:30	David Murray Bruce - RIP
Wed 20	10:00	Betty Butler + Alice Williams - RIP
Thur 21	10:00	Mario Sardo - RIP
Fri 22	12:00	John Bowley - INT
Sat 23	18:00	Mabel Santos - RIP
Sun 24	09:30	People of the Parish – St Mark's
	11:00	Peter Drewitt – RIP

Parish Diary

Sat 16	13:00	Wedding - Dalia Rassam + Samuel Unsworth
Sun 17	11:00	Blessing of Rings – St Edward's
	12:00	NO - Parish Teas + Coffee
Tue 19	11:00	Cancelled - UCM – Picnic at Runnymede
	18:00	Evening Prayer, Lady Chapel – St Edwards
	19:30	Marriage Prep – P/C
Wed 20	09:30	Morning Prayer, Lady Chapel – St Edwards
Thur 21	09:30	Morning Prayer, Lady Chapel – St Edwards
	10:50	Windsor Homeless Project Meeting – P/C
	13:00	Mass Readings Explained – P/C
Sat 23	10:00	Nourishing Our Spirit – Recap - P/C
Sun 24	12:00	Baptism Preparation – St Brigid's Room
	12:00	Parish Teas + Coffee – P/C

Offertory

SO/DD - £2,058.00 - Envelopes - £ 286.98 Loose - £630.55
Apostleship of the Sea - £617.54

SVP Afternoon Tea - 6th August – 14:30 – 16:30

Many may know the SVP have been holding a Christmas Day Lunch, but due to Covid many of those guests have been unable to meet for a social, so we have decided on an Afternoon Tea, remembering the Jubilee, at the Parish Centre. If you know of anyone, and couples, who are home alone or in need of company please let us know, with their contact details, by email to Barry Thompson, presidentb170321@svp.org.uk or 07547 514467 (Phone after 1st July please). When possible, transport can be provided. More to follow.

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Brigidine Reunion – at the School in King’s Road

10.30am (note change of opening time)

Please join us at the former Brigidine Convent, King’s Rd.

ON SATURDAY 23 JULY 10.30am-3.30pm.

At 11.15 am Memorial Service - to celebrate the lives of deceased staff, sisters, past pupils, families of Brigidine, who have died during ‘pandemic’ years and more recently.

12.30 - Choir practice & singalong. 13.00 - Lunch: bring your packed lunch. A Rounders game -England vs Ireland -will take place in the afternoon. Please tell your friends and anyone connected with Brigidine. ALL ARE WELCOME!

Sisters Teresina and Patricia

Alpha Course

St Edwards & St. Mark’s parish in Windsor is offering the Alpha Course beginning **20th September from 19:00**. After a huge response in 2019, we had to put the programme on hold due to the pandemic, so now we are very excited to be offering Alpha again, in person each week, in the St. Edward’s Parish Centre.

Alpha is a 10 week course that explores life’s big questions, in an open, non-judgmental and safe place. We’ll be discussing questions like: ‘Is there more to life than this?’ ‘Does God exist?’ ‘Why did Jesus have to die?’ and ‘Why is there so much suffering in the world?’

Millions of people have already tried Alpha in over 100 countries and languages around the world - **so why not you?** Perhaps you have a friend or family member who has fallen away from the faith during the pandemic, doesn’t feel as connected to the church as they once did, or maybe has never truly answered life’s big questions for themselves -- please invite them, we’d love to host them too!

To RSVP, please follow this link:

<https://forms.gle/QYmhMUHvz8jk2JBu7>

If you have questions about joining, inviting others, or joining our team of volunteers, please email Ryan Greig at:

alphawindsor316@gmail.com

Strategy and Stewardship Team

The leadership team would like to establish a **Strategy and Stewardship Team**. The purpose of this team would be to look at the long-term vision of what we want as a parish community and how we are to deepen our mission as being authentic disciples of Jesus Christ. To do this, we need to look at our community and how we can achieve this vision and build a stronger relationship with Jesus and our faith. The remit of the team will be to look at areas of parish life, ponder on what is good, see what is lacking, and what needs to be established over the next few years. Anne Dowling is going to lead this team of about ten people.

If this is something that you would be interested in or would simply like to find out more, please speak to either Anne annedowling@fairstar.co.uk or Canon David

Women-Nourishing Our Spirits – Follow Up

How heavy/light has your rucksack become since the Seminar on 14th May?!! Next **Saturday 23rd July from 10.00am - 11.30 am** in the Parish Centre, there is a chance to come together to see what we can remember and what we have started - or not! - since that May morning. There is no Speaker on this occasion, however a new Seminar is being planned for the Autumn.

Simply turn up, no registration required.

Contact details margarettackney@yahoo.co.uk

First Holy Communion Programme – 2022 - 2023

For those families wishing to enrol their children (who are in year 3 or above) we shall be having a threefold programme, as follows:-

Step 1: ‘Come and See’ (John1: 39-41)

For 6 weekends from the 24/25 September to the end of October. The candidate is required to attend weekend Masses with Family members.

Step 2: ‘They sat at the feet of Jesus’ (Luke 10:38-42)

The Saturday morning sessions start at the beginning of November where the candidates will prepare with their parents for First Reconciliation and Holy Communion.

Step 3: ‘Jesus Sent them Out’ (Luke 10:1)

The Holy Communion Mass will be followed by an invitation to do something for the community and will be introduced to the Mini Vinnies in the parish (Junior SVP).

To enrol in step 1 please fill in an application form that can be found below.

The introduction and the unfolding of the programme will be on Wednesday 21st September at 18:30 in the Parish Centre.

At this meeting of parents, you will receive the ‘record card’ that need to be stamped when you attend Mass. Further dates will be given at this meeting.

To apply for registration please download the application form that you will find below. Please fill this in online and email to fhcwindsor@gmail.com

<http://www.catholicwindsor.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/2022-Electronic-Application-Form-for-FIRST-HOLY-COMMUNION.pdf>

Key Stage 2 Teacher – St Edward’s RF Middle School

4 days (0.8) contract - but are open to other part-time options. Fixed term for 2 terms in the first instance, however there is a chance that this will be extended. All applications will be considered upon receipt. Required September 2022

Tel: 01753 867809 - e-mail: Vacancies@sterf.org.uk

Website: www.sterf.org.uk

Vacancy – Windsor FoodShare

Manager needed. Location - Windsor, Part Time 30 Hours per week. Looking for a manager that can grow with them, and work with the dedicated volunteers to provide an excellent professional service. For more information:-

Jane Deakin (Trustee, WCA)

Email: jane@windsorhomelessproject.org

Website: <http://windsorchristianaction.org>

Member of Investment Committee – Volunteer

Property Investment Specialist

If you would like further details of what is entailed, please contact Hereward Drummond, Secretary to the Trustees. Email: hdrummond@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Deceased

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Graham Young** who died recently. Details to follow.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Andrew Hill** who died suddenly. He was the son of the late Ken and Peggy Hill.

The funeral service of **Mary Margaret Dadiel** will take place at St Edward’s on Monday 18th July at 11am followed by interment at Oakley Green Cemetery 12.15.

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