

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

14th August 2022

Thought for the Week

Last month, Pope Francis issued an Apostolic Letter, called *Desiderio Desideravi*, to all clergy, religious and lay faithful. It is a collection of reflections on liturgy, which Pope Francis acknowledges is a "vast" theme, so he offers thoughtful and inspiring "prompts or cues" to help us all the deepen our understanding of liturgy "in the contemplation of the beauty and truth of Christian celebration".

Liturgy is the way in which we worship and give thanks to God. One of the themes of the Letter is God's plan, founded on love, to bring all people to Himself, manifested through the whole of creation, and "that same love is manifested in fullness in the cross of Jesus".

The Pope explains that "all of creation, all of history was a huge preparation" for the Last Supper, for the everlasting salvation of God's people. Jesus knows that he is the Passover, and the Last Supper prepares the apostles for his death on the cross and for his resurrection. Jesus's death is the "act of perfect worship", his sacrifice out of love for the Father.

The liturgy of the Eucharist is our encounter with the risen Jesus: we hear his words and see his gestures in the breaking of bread and offering of wine - his Body and Blood.

"From the very beginning the Church was aware that this was not a question of a representation of the Supper of the Lord". In Pope Francis's words, "a vague memory of the Last Supper would do no good. We need to be present at the Supper to be able to hear his voice, to eat his Body and drink his Blood". Our encounter with Jesus at the Eucharist is always new, a new moment in our lives.

The full text of Pope Francis' letter can be found here: https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_letters/documents/20220629-lettera-ap-desiderio-desideravi.html

Mary Wolstenholme, Liturgy Group

Adoration

There will be **NO** Adoration during the month of **August**.

Confessions

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available Saturday – 11:00 – 11:30 at St Edward's.

Mass Times + Intentions 13 - 21 August

Sat 13	18:00	Dorrie Keating - RIP
Sun 14	09:30	People of the Parish – St Mark's
	11:00	Stella Gomes - RIP
Mon 15	10:00	Teresa Doonan - RIP
Tues 16	18:30	George Young - INT
Wed 17	10:00	Graham Young - RIP
Thur 18	10:00	Joyce Young - RIP
Fri 19	12:00	John + Annette Underwood - INT
Sat 20	18:00	Charles + Mary McGill - RIP
Sun 21	09:30	People of the Parish
	11:00	Harry Wilson - RIP

Parish Diary 13 - 21 August

Sat 13	13.00	Wedding Ben Graham + Siobhan McDermott
Sun 14	12:00	Parish Teas + Coffee
Tue 16	18:00	Evening Prayer, Lady Chapel - St Edward's
Wed 17	09:30	Morning Prayer, Lady Chapel - St Edward's
Thur 18	09:30	Morning Prayer, Lady Chapel - St Edward's
	13:00	Mass Readings Explained - P/C
Fri 19	13:00	Wedding - Georgia Williams + Matt Stanbrook
Sun 21	12:15	Baptism - Vincent Oliver - Nutter

Offertory

SO/DD - £2,058.00 – Envelopes - £587.14 Loose - £625.95

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Are you interested in learning more about the Catholic Church – do you know someone who is? The RCIA programme supports those who seek to join the Catholic Church at Easter 2023. Sessions will take place on Tuesday evenings, starting on September 20th. If you would like to know more, please contact Fr David (or Stephen Patterson sjp0563@gmail.com – 07814 127335). There will be an information evening in St Brigid's Room on Wednesday 7 September at 19:15.

The Marriage Course

St Edward's is running the Marriage Course for all married couples and couples in long term relationships. It will be held over seven sessions and it is designed to help couples invest in their relationships and build strong marriages and relationships. It will be held on Zoom. **The dates are Tuesdays: September 13, 20, 27, October 4, 18, 25 and November 1.** There are catchup video sessions if you need to miss a day.

The course is free except for the workbooks. Please contact Kathy on kathyarundale@hotmail.com for information or to register for the course. We really hope you would like to come!

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'We Have a Plan'

Last Tuesday, Bishop Philip issued *You Will Be My Witnesses*, the draft of an important strategic plan which will affect everyone in the Diocese; clergy and laity alike. The plan seeks to revitalise our mission as Christ's followers and strengthen us to meet the needs of the diocese today and for the next 10 years. Together we are charged to build new flourishing parishes, always keeping Jesus Christ at the heart of our journey.

There are three phases over the next two years; we are all invited to help shape, develop, and journey with the plan.

The first step is the 'Consultation Phase' from now until December. All are invited to contribute ideas, consider what is good, and what is lacking in the consultation document. All feedback will be sent to the bishop in preparation for the next phase and the publication of the finalised plan in early 2023.

The Strategy and Stewardship Group encourages everybody to read the draft plan which you can access on the Portsmouth Diocese website (see address below) to learn more. Key highlights are:

- The 3 phases running until 2027 will work to build a sustainable, cohesive, and effective Diocese for mission.
- A new Pastoral Area will be established comprising St Francis of Assisi, Ascot and Windsor (St Edward's and St Mark's). Across the diocese, some 26 new Pastoral Areas will be created.
- From January 2023, the new Pastoral Areas will meet to see how they might build new missionary communities and eventually form one parish. This will mean reviewing all aspects of parish life; our liturgy, our schools, finances, and chaplaincy. In Ascot and Windsor we will work to develop a strong, caring, inclusive, thriving missionary community supporting our neighbour and becoming closer to Christ.

What's next?

- From late September we will hold consultation & listening sessions to seek feedback from as many people as possible. Please come along to one of these sessions so that we can capture YOUR thoughts about OUR parish and its future – more information about how to become involved will be sent out in the next few weeks.
- A condensed version of the Strategic Plan will be available in September.
- Regular updates will be issued and made available online and via the newsletter.

You can find the plan here:

https://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/You-Will-be-My-Witnesses_V3_Website.pdf

If you have any immediate questions, please contact Fr David or Anne Dowling (annedowling@fairstar.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:-

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

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.

Please note the cut-off date for applications is 31st August 2022

To apply for registration please download the application form that you will find below. Please fill this in online and email to Fhc@catholicwindsor.org
<http://www.catholicwindsor.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/2022-Electronic-Application-Form-for-FIRST-HOLY-COMMUNION.pdf>

The Love Languages Evening for Couples

Come and find out how you feel loved and discover how to make your partner feel loved. This evening is based on the Love Languages by Dr Gary Chapman.

It will be held on **Tuesday, 6th September**, 2022 from 19:00 until 21:00 in the Parish Centre. Admission is free.

Please email Kathy at kathyarundale@hotmail.com to register.

Alpha Course

St Edward's & 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 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?' 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

Mini Vinnies + Jr SVP Summer Sleep - Helping the Homeless

This summer, the SVP would like to engage with our children and young people to raise awareness of the issues surrounding homelessness in England and Wales.

To support this cause, the Jr SVP & MV will be spending a night 'sleeping in' in the Parish Centre. This experience will give our children and young people, a better understanding of what thousands experience daily and allow the opportunity to turn their concern into action by fundraising to support SVP who continue to support the most vulnerable and socially excluded.

The young ones would very much appreciate your support with this, and we will be collecting donations via an online link and after Mass from next weekend and up to September 19th.

Any questions please contact Sharon at YouthCoordinator@catholicwindsor.org

Deceased

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Ethne Hopgood** (*Canon David's mother*) who died last week.

Also, please pray for the following people:-

Lolly (Mary) Credon - Her funeral will be on 25th August at St Edward's at 10:00.

Thomas Ward - His funeral will be on 1st September at St Edward's at 10:00.

Graham Young – Funeral details to follow.