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22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time – 28th August 2022

Thought for the Week

In today's Gospel Jesus speaks of hospitality, but not the hospitality of offering welcome to friends and family. The radical hospitality of Jesus is being open to the other ones who are not regularly seen at 'our tables'. This is a difficult teaching. To break bread together requires a certain level of trust and comfort. Jesus is not asking us to be unsafe, but he is challenging us to do more – we are called to make contact with those on the edge of society. This could be by working with the homeless reaching out to those in need. It could equally be reaching out to those who have yet to hear of the good news.

Perhaps we might try and offer hospitality and invite others to attend our Alpha course this September. Who would you invite – perhaps the challenge for us is to reach out and invite someone to come to Alpha. Here they might discover for the first time the hospitality that Jesus affords each one of us. Let's be brave let's just reach out of our comfort zone.

Thank You

Thank you so much for the many prayers, thoughts and cards that I have received following the death of my mother. Your kindness means so much to me. We celebrated the Requiem Mass in my hometown of Fordingbridge and she was buried in the church graveyard. I was blessed to have a wonderful mother, and for so many years.

I will be away on annual leave from 2nd to 16th September.

Canon David Hopgood

Mission Appeal

The Special collection for The Marist Fathers Missionary Order is this weekend. For those using envelope use the pink one labelled MISSION APPEAL at the back of the box.

Adoration

Adoration will begin again in September.

Confessions

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

Mass Times + Intentions 27 Aug – 4 Sept

Sat 27	18:00	Pauline Mascolo + Family - INT
Sun 28	09:30	People of the Parish - St Mark's
	11:00	Kevin Lambert - RIP
Mon 29	10:00	Holy Souls
Tues 30	18:30	Ethne Hopgood - RIP
Wed 31	10:00	Jon Underwood - RIP
Thur 01	10:00	Thomas Walsh - RIP - FUNERAL
Fri 02	12:00	Mary Riley – FM
Sat 03	18:00	Philip Begley - RIP
Sun 04	09:30	People of the Parish - St Mark's
	11:00	Michael Davies - RIP

Parish Diary 28 Aug – 4 Sept

Sun 28	12:00	<u>No</u> Parish Teas + Coffee
Tue 30	18:00	Evening Prayer, Lady Chapel - St Edward's
Wed 31	09:30	Morning Prayer, Lady Chapel - St Edward's
Thur 01	09:30	Morning Prayer, Lady Chapel - St Edward's
	10:30	Bereavement Group Meeting – P/C
	13:00	Mass Readings Explained - P/C
Sun 04	12:00	Parish Teas + Coffee

Offertory

SO/DD - £2,058.00 Envelopes - £378.61 Loose - £481.73

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).

Can you host a Ukrainian Family?

A parishioner's family from Ukraine are looking for accommodation in the UK. The family of four are forced to leave Kyiv, due to the circumstances there. They are now looking for accommodation in the UK. They have two children aged two and eight. If you can, or know of anyone who would be willing to host them, please contact:- Email: realest8088@gmail.com

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.**

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:- alphawindsor316@gmail.com

CAFOD's World Food Crisis Appeal

On **Saturday 10th September** there is an online meeting from 10:30 am to 12:30pm at which Catherine Ogolla CAFOD's Country Representative for Kenya and Uganda will give an update on the desperate situation in East Africa. On **Saturday 17th September** there is a CAFOD meeting at St Bede's church hall from 10:30am to 12 noon to hear from Ibrahim Njuguna CAFOD's Surge Country Representative for Africa about the World Food Crisis and the difficulties facing communities in East Africa/. Please book your place for either meeting by contacting Jo Lewry on portsmouth@cafod.org.uk or call 07710 094447.

Vacancy - Head of Charity - Caritas

Full time role - Closing date for applications: 12 noon on Friday 9th September 2022. For full details and how to apply please contact: recruitment@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Deceased

Please pray for the repose of the souls of: -

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

Graham Young – His funeral will be on 21st September at St Edward's at 11:00.

Dr Michael Mower – His funeral will be on 23rd September at St Edward's at 12:00.

Jackie Thomas – Her funeral details to follow.