

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time – 4th September

Thought for the Week

Being a follower of Christ, or a disciple, is a lifelong process – which sometimes we call a journey. We learn things as we go along the way, we gain new understanding into our faith and in the person of Jesus. If we are open as we journey along, we can catch a new glimpse of who Jesus is and how the invitation to follow him gives us an understanding of God's love and mercy. The Alpha course that we are starting once again in September is one such opportunity that we might encounter on our journey. I would urge you to be open to the possibility of coming along to Alpha. It can be on occasions like this that we truly deepen our faith and our sense of what it means to be a disciple of the lord.

Another challenge

As we begin September, and a new academic year we hope and pray that this year will be a blessing for all our families and parish community full of health and happiness. Perhaps there is a member of your family or someone that you know who has not returned to Mass on Sunday since the terrible Covid pandemic. Why not gently encourage them to resume their duties as a Catholic – which is to attend Mass on a Sunday. Your word of encouragement and invitation might be just what they need to start back on their journey of faith with the community. Be daring, be bold – be a disciple of the Lord.

I shall be away until the 15th of September. Fr Kevin Jones will be covering the masses for me.

Canon David Hopgood

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 Saturday – 11:00 – 11:30 at St Edward's.

Mass Times + Intentions 3rd – 11th Sept

Sat 03	18:00	Philip Begley - RIP
Sun 04	09:30	People of the Parish - St Mark's
	11:00	Michael Davies - RIP
Mon 05	10:00	Eucharistic Service
Tues 06	18:30	Christine Chestnutt - INT
Wed 07	10:00	Eucharistic Service
Thurs 08	10:00	Eucharistic Service
Fri 09	12:00	Carol Shepherd – INT
Sat 10	18:00	Armando Mennone, Filomena Coppola & Antonio Esposito - RIP
Sun 11	09:30	People of the Parish - St Mark's
	11:00	John Underwood - RIP

Parish Diary 3rd – 11th Sept

Sun 04	12:00	Parish Teas + Coffee
	12:15	Baptism Preparation - St Brigid's Room
Tue 06	18:00	Evening Prayer - Lady Chapel St Edwards
	19:00	Love languages - Parish Centre
Wed 07	09:30	Morning Prayer – Lady Chapel St Edwards
	19:15	RCIA - St Brigid's Room
Thurs 08	09:30	Morning Prayer – Lady Chapel St Edwards
	13:00	Mass Readings Explained - P/C
Sun 11	12:00	Parish Teas + Coffee

Offertory

SO/DD - £1,836.69 Mission Appeal - £580.95
Envelopes £414.70 Loose - £608.04

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 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

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Parish Records

Have you moved house, changed phone number or email address in the last few years? If so, did you remember to tell the Parish Office. If not, please do update us by either filling in a new registration form or dropping us an email.

'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

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!

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:-

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.

Zdenka Iapichino Her funeral will be on 21st September at Slough Crematorium at 13.00.

Jackie Thomas – Her funeral details to follow.