

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 16th October 2022

Thought for the Week

In our Gospel this week, Jesus tells his disciples about the need to pray continually and never lose heart. With all the challenges of life, these can often be easier to say than achieve.

Increasing time spent in prayer (however small) helps bring us closer to God. This strengthens us as individuals and as a community. It is as a community of individuals of faith, working together, that we can have the courage not to lose heart.

We hear an extraordinary example of 'teamwork' in the story of Moses, Joshua, Aaron and Hur in the First Reading from the Book of Exodus. Moses knows how to ensure Joshua's victory over the Amalekites by standing on a hilltop overlooking the battle holding up the staff of God. But Moses cannot bring about triumph alone. It is only when Aaron, and Hur, working together, provide Moses with rest for his body and support for his arms, that victory is achieved.

In the coming few weeks, we will meet to discuss the future of the parish and the Bishop's ten-year diocesan plan, a plan which will affect us all. These gatherings will be opportunities to explore how we can build our faith and each other's. Much may be said about the practicalities of our lives as active members of the church and how, where and when we worship together. On occasion, these types of conversation may make us lose heart, but we cannot forget that we are the 'people of God'. If together we strengthen ourselves in prayer, listen to the Holy Spirit, and support each other as we grow weary, we can approach change and achieve outcomes to the benefit of all.

Stephen Patterson

Misso Appeal

The need to stand alongside our missionaries in prayer and solidarity has never been so urgent and necessary. In many areas of the world, they will be the first to respond to the physical and spiritual needs of our sisters and brothers who are suffering. This special collection will be on 23rd October at all Masses.

Adoration

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place each Friday from 10:00 to 15:00 in the **Parish Centre** while the PA system is being installed in the Church. All welcome.

Confessions

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be NOT available on Saturday 15th October 2022.

Mass Times + Intentions 15 - 23 Oct

Sat 15	18:00	Jon Underwood - RIP
Sun 16	09:30	People of the Parish - St Mark's
	11:00	Linda Avice - RIP
Mon 17	10:00	Eucharistic Service
Tues 18	18:30	Eucharistic
Wed 19	10:00	People of the Parish
Thur 20	10:00	Doreen Wilson - RIP
Fri 21	12:00	Robert Chronnell - RIP
Sat 22	18:00	Patricia + Seford Cole - RIP
Sun 23	09:30	Nora Sumner - RIP - St Mark's
	11:00	People of the Parish

Parish Diary 15 - 23 Oct

Sat 15	09:30	Seminar for Women 2 - P/C
	12:15	Baptism - Ryan Coni
Sun 16	11:00	Childrens' Liturgy - P/C
	12:00	Parish Teas + Coffee
	12:15	Baptism - Sophia Mulhern + Federica Edwards
Tue 18	10:30	U.C.M. Meeting
	18:00	Evening Prayer - Lady Chapel, St Edwards
	19:00	Alpha Course - Parish Centre
Wed 19	09:30	Morning Prayer - Lady Chapel, St Edwards
	17:30	Mini Vinnies - P/C
Thur 20	13:00	Mass Readings Explained - P/C
Fri 21	19:00	Preview of Art Exhibition - P/C
Sat 22	10:30	Art Exhibition - P/C + Refreshments
	12:15	Baptism - Nuala Hinchciffe
Sun 23	10:00	Art Exhibition - P/C + Refreshments

Fr David's Diary

Tue 18	11:00	Meetings Department of Clergy
Wed 19	11:30	Clergy Meeting - Maidenhead
Thur 20	11:00	WCA - Trustee meeting Windsor
Fri 21	10:45	Leadership Meeting

UCM Meeting

There will be a meeting on Tuesday 18 October at 10:30. Speakers will be Kathy and Keith Arundale.

Offertory

SO/DD £1,836.69 Envelopes - £ 197.14 Loose - £708.34

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Parish Youth Update from our Youth Coordinator

Sharon Cole

- Mini Vinnies runs twice monthly, the next session will be on 19th October 2022, from 5:30pm to 7:00pm in the Parish Centre – If your child is in Year 3 plus and is interested in joining, please come along to any session or email Sharon (details below) for more information.
- Monthly Youth Club – Date TBA
- Junior Leadership Team – This is currently being led by two of our post confirmation candidates. Anyone 13 plus is welcome to join
- Youth Committee – A committee made up of helpers who work across youth ministries and work together to grow and support the young people of the parish.
- Flame – Saturday 4th March 2023 – Please email me if your child will be 13+ on 4th March and would like to attend.
- Confirmation for young people aged 13 and over – Starts July 2023 to May 2024, registration opens in the New Year.
- Confirmation Preparation for Young People aged 17 – 21yrs – TBA (early in the new year)
- World Youth Day (WYD) August 1-6, 2023
- Young Readers – please make contact if you would like to become a reader at Mass.

We Need You!!

Youth Ministry Catechists:

We are looking for men and woman to join our team working across all the Parish Youth Ministries.

Junior Leadership Team:

If you are age 13 or over and feel that this is something you would like to be involved in or find out about then please drop Sharon an email.

Youth Club:

We would like to start a monthly Parish Youth Club. If this is something you would like to be involved in helping to set up or being part of, contact Sharon.

Friends of St Edward's First School:

The friends of St Edwards First School urgently need new Mums and Dads to join the team.

Art Competition:

In October, the Parish Centre will host an Art Exhibition entitled 'Listening to the Cry of the Earth.' In conjunction with this we are running an Art Competition for children and young people. The competition is open to all ages and could be any form of art or creative media. The only criterion is that any work is created around the theme of "The greatest threat to our planet is that someone else will save it." All entries can be dropped off to the Parish Office.

If you want to know more, please contact Sharon, Parish Youth Coordinator at youthcoordinator@catholicwindsor.org
More information is on the notice boards.

Sharon Cole-Blows

Public Address system

The PA system at St Edward's church is undergoing major work, which it is hoped will only take a few weeks to complete. Apologies for any inconvenience or lack of sound for those who use the loop system

"You will be my Witness"

Over the weekend of the 16/17th October the Bishop's Pastoral Letter entitled "Ten Year Mission Strategy", will be read at each mass.

As part of our contribution to the plan we are asking each of you to come to an informal session so we can review all aspects of parish life; our liturgy, our schools, finances, and chaplaincy. In addition to discussing areas of the Ten-Year Plan we will also spend some time looking at change. Changing ourselves. The Bishop asks us to reflect on

- How can I become closer to Christ?
- How can our parish put Christ more at the centre?
- How can I become better formed in my faith?
- How can we pass on the Faith to the young?
- What works of charity, justice and ecology might we undertake?

Please come along to one of the sessions so that we can capture YOUR thoughts about OUR parish and its future.

Sunday 23rd October at St Mark's after the 09:30 Mass
Saturday 29th October at Edward's after the 18:00 Mass
Sunday 30th October at Edward's after the 11:00 Mass
PLEASE TRY TO ATTEND ONE OF THESE SESSIONS

It is important that we ask Christ for his guidance as we work to develop a strong, caring, inclusive, thriving missionary community supporting our neighbour and becoming closer to Christ.

You can find more information with the full version and a short version of the Ten-Year Plan here:

https://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/You-Will-be-MyWitnesses_V3_Website.pdf

https://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/You-Will-be-My-Witnesses_SHORT_Website.pdf

You can find a video of the Bishop's Pastoral Letter for the weekend of the 16th October here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=90GJ8qaO6oM>

If you have any immediate questions, please contact Fr David or Anne Dowling (annedowling@fairstar.co.uk).

Art Exhibition – Parish Centre

This year's Mill Hill Missionaries Art Exhibition will be held (for the first time at St. Edward's) on the weekend of 22nd/23rd October: World Mission Sunday.

Friday 21 October 7.00 pm - 9.00 pm (Preview Evening)

Saturday 22 October 10.30 am - 7.30 pm (Mass at 6.00 pm)

Sunday 23 October 10.00 am – 1.00 pm (Mass at 11.00 am)

Christian Aid Autumn Fair

Together over £1,800 was raised for the DEC Pakistan Flood Emergency and Christian Aid's East Africa Hunger Crisis. Thank you all for your generosity. *Windsor Christian Aid Committee*

Deceased

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Fr Michael Morrissey**.

Fr Michael's funeral will take place at St Edward's on Monday 24th October at 10:00, followed by a cremation at Slough Crematorium. There will be refreshments in the Parish Centre afterwards.

Also pray for the repose of the soul of **Patricia Keane**. Her funeral will take place at St Mark's on Wednesday 9th November at 10.00.