

Christ the King – 20th November 2022

Thought for the Week

This weekend is the Feast of Christ the King, and the readings all speak of this. The first reading shows how David became king of a united country. His kingship prefigured the universal kingship of Christ. In the Second Reading, Christ is not only head of the Church, but Lord of all creation and is essentially a liturgical hymn in praise of Christ. The first part speaks of his role in Creation, the Second of his role in redemption. On this feast we acclaim Christ as Head of the Church and ruler of the Universe.

Luke's Gospel takes us straight to Good Friday. The people, including the soldiers, are mocking and jeering at Jesus on the cross. They said, 'Save yourself and save us as well'. As the man next to Jesus was about to die, he turned to Jesus for forgiveness and Jesus accepted him. This shows that our deeds don't save us. Our faith in Jesus save us. The passage ends with those beautiful words, 'Jesus remember me, when you come into your kingdom.'

Deacon George Young

Service of Remembrance + Blessing of Graves

The month of November is when we remember the dead in a special way. A special Service of Remembrance will be celebrated at **15:00 on 27th November in St Edward's**.

The Blessing of the graves at the **Old Windsor Cemetery** will take place on **Wednesday 23rd November at 11:30**.

The Blessing of the graves at the Oakley Green and Windsor Spital Cemeteries will take place on **Saturday 26th November at 10:00**.

Invitation

Bishop Philip Egan invites you to join him for the annual ***Closer to Christ*** Mass of Thanksgiving. Details are as follows:

Date: 2 December, 12:15

Location: St John's Cathedral, Bishop Crispian Way, Portsmouth, PO1 3HG

The Mass will be preceded by a gathering with some of our seminarians (beginning at 11:15 in the Parish Centre).

Light refreshments will also be made available in the Parish Centre, following the Mass.

To join us at this celebration please RSVP by 25 November to closetochristcampaign@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or call 02392 007595.

Thank you for your support and please pray for the continued success of the ***Closer to Christ*** Campaign.

Confessions

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available on Saturdays from 11:00 - 11:30 at St Edward's.

Mass Times + Intentions 19 – 27 November

Sat 19	18:00	Patrick Burke - RIP
Sun 20	09:30	People of the Parish - St Mark's
	11:00	Lawrence Dyke - RIP
Mon 21	10:00	Eucharistic Service
Tues 22	18:30	Patrick Jordan - RIP
Wed 23	10:00	Eucharistic Service
Thur 24	10:00	Eucharistic Service
Fri 25	12:00	Francis Decoutho - RIP
Sat 26	18:00	Giuseppe Currenti - INT
Sun 27	09:30	Salud Mamaril Esteban -RIP - St Mark's
	11:00	Madeleine Magic - RIP

Parish Diary 19 - 27 Nov

Sat 19	10:00	Advent Talk with Fr Kevin Hughes – P/C
	12:00	Baptism - Gabriel Gritt
Sun 20	09:30	Childrens' Liturgy - St Mark's
	11:00	Childrens' Liturgy - P/C
	12:00	Parish Teas + Coffee - Welcome to New Parishioners
	12:15	Baptism - Olivia Michalik + Harry Scot
Tue 22	18:00	Evening Prayer - Lady Chapel, St Edward's
	19:00	Alpha Course - P/C
Wed 23	09.30	Morning Prayer - Lady Chapel, St Edward's
	11:30	Blessing of the Graves - Old Winsor Cemetery
Thur 24	09:30	Morning Prayer - Lady Chapel, St Edward's
	13:00	Mass Readings Explained - P/C
Fri 25	19:30	Walking with Scripture – P/C
Sat 26	10:00	First Holy Communion, Session 2 St Edward's Church
	10:00	Blessing of the Graves - Oakley + Spital Cemeteries
	19:00	Altar Servers, Christmas social – P/C
Sun 27	09:30	Childrens' Liturgy - St Mark's
	11:00	Childrens' Liturgy – P/C
	12:00	Parish Teas + Coffee – P/C
	15:00	Remembrance Service – St Edward's Church

Fr David's Diary

Fr David will be away this week for his annual retreat.

Offertory

SO/DD - £1,836.69 Envelopes - £404.73 Loose - £587.05

Adoration

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

Catholic Windsor - website www.catholicwindsor.org

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'You will be my Witnesses' - next steps

A big thank you to all who attended the Consultation Sessions and for the points and ideas which were raised.

We appreciate that everyone could not attend the meetings and we would love to have as many thoughts as possible. This conversation is about the future of our parish and the involvement of as many as possible is both important and valued.

If you would like to contribute to the consultation process, you can still do so in one of two ways (please note that all responses are completely anonymous):

1. Click on this link: <https://forms.gle/8LH3wKwJzt7dBN49> (or type it into your browser); it will take you to an online form. It can also be reached from the Parish website.



2. Scan this QR code with your phone using your camera or a scanning app. This will also take you to the online form. If you need to remind yourself of the details in the Ten Year Plan, it can be found on the diocesan website here: ['You will be my Witnesses'](#).

The links will be open for a week. A summary of all thoughts and observations will then be sent to the Bishop and shared with the parish.

Windsor Christian Action - WCA

The WCA oversees the work of the Homeless Project, Street Angels, and Windsor Foodshare. It is establishing a permanent base in the old social club on Alma Road for the Homeless Project. WCA is applying for major funding for this important work of our Christian outreach. They organised a 'sleepout' on **Friday 11th November** to raise money and awareness of this important outreach.

Not everyone could sleep out! So, as a sign of our Parish commitment to this work for the vulnerable there will be a **second collection on the weekend 19 /20 November**. To help explain the nature of WCA's work please click on this YouTube link: https://youtu.be/YUusydp-1_bk

One of our parishioners Tom Hinds will take part in this sleepout and would welcome sponsors. If you would like to sponsor Tom, please contact him (01753 858123 / sathindsbc@waitrose.com)

New Chair for W.C.A

Fr David, who has been the chair of this for the last six years has stepped down from the trustees. At the recent AGM, Geoff Hudson was elected as the new chair. Geoff has been a member of this parish community for many years. This is good news, and we wish him well.

HCPT Christmas Fair

Sunday 11th Dec 1200 -14:00 in the Parish Centre. More details to follow. Can you help please? We are looking for people to help run stalls and donations of prizes for the adult and children's tombola. Please contact Pat Burke or email group128@hcpt.org.uk. Donations can also be left at the Parish office. *Thank you.*

Vacancy - Parish Admin Support

St Joseph's Parish, Newbury, RG14 1JP - Part Time position.

Closing date for applications: **Friday 2nd December 2022**

Interview date: To be confirmed

Application forms and Job Description are available from: recruitment @portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Signing of School Forms

If you need a school form signed by Fr David, he will be available to sign them in the presbytery on the days and times listed below:-

Saturday 26th November - 11:30 - 13:00

Tuesday 29th November - 17:00 - 18:00

Flame - 4 March 2023

If your child will be 13 or over on March 4th 2023, we would like them to join us at **Flame**, the biggest conference for Catholic youth held in the UK. If your child will be starting confirmation preparations in summer 2023, please register them so they can attend Flame. The link for to the flame website is below and you can also follow on all social media platforms. Please encourage your child to take a look! <https://cymfed.org.uk/flame/>
To register or for any questions please contact Sharon at: YouthCoordinator@catholicwindsor.org

Baptism Preparation

The next Baptism Preparation will be on **Sunday 4th December**. If you would like to book a place, please contact Isobel on isobelyoung@icloud.com. Preparation starts at 12.15 and lasts around 30+ minutes.

On-Line Shopping for Christmas

You can donate to the Parish for nothing! Simply download the 'Give as you Live' app using the address below and it will automatically divert your online shopping to your normal supplier. The cost to you is nil; the benefit to the Parish is huge. We already benefit from hundreds of pounds a year from the nearly 30 parishioners currently using the scheme. The retailer donates so we all win. If you sign up in November, the parish will benefit from an additional £10 per sign up! Please join us! <https://www.giveasyoulive.com/charity/st-edwards-r-c-church>

Advent and Christmas Talks

How are you going to prepare for the four weeks of Advent and the Nativity? Come and listen to the following talks at the Parish Centre:

Advent Talk - Sat 19 Nov 10:00 - Fr Kevin Hughes MHM

Christmas Talk - Sat 17 Dec 10:00 - Dr Judith Thomas

Both talks will last approximately an hour. Everyone welcome.

Invitation

Vicariate for Evangelisation Day of prayer and reflection on Friday 2 December St Peter's in Winchester. This year the event will be led by Fr Xavier Perrin on Friday 2 December at St Peter's in Winchester. Arrival and refreshments from 9am with a start time of 9.30am with a 3pm finish time.

Please confirm attendance by emailing Anna Pardoe at evangelisationadmin@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk - deadline to register is Thursday 24th November.

Penitential Service

Our parish Penitential Service will be celebrated in St Edward's on **Saturday 10th December at 10:00am**.

Refreshments will take place afterwards in the Parish Centre.

Royal Free Singers

Saturday 26 November 19.30 at Windsor Parish Church, High Street SL4 1LT- Tickets: £19; £5 students and children 12 -18; £1 under 12s. Tickets can be booked through the website www.royalfreesingers.org.uk or, in person, at the Royal Windsor Information Centre at the Guildhall or purchased at the door.