

## Nineteenth + Twentieth Sundays in

### Ordinary time

**8<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> August 2021**

### Thought for the Week

Today's Gospel confronts us with the common bread we stuff ourselves with, that offers little nourishment. We may feed on anger, pride, wealth - and still be unsatisfied. Jesus invites us to eat the living bread of compassion, reconciliation, justice that nourishes and inspires us to become bread for others, the bread that is not only from Jesus but is Jesus. A Eucharistic sense of gratitude can have a transforming effect in our lives: we see life as a gift, not as an entitlement; we focus attention on our blessings not our disappointments; we discover God in the love of others, not in ourselves. The one bread makes us one body in Christ, bound to each other in the love of Christ, the giver of the feast. As Christ is bread for us, we are bread for one another in our love for others. Christ's real presence in the Eucharist is a source of hope.

I would ask that you pray for those young people who have started their preparation to make their First Communion later this year. Pray for them and their families that this preparation and time will be an occasion of renewal and a deepening of their faith in Christ the true bread, that will give life and meaning to their lives.

*Canon David Hopgood*

### Masks and Singing

The bishops conference have advised that we continue to wear masks in Church. We can resume singing – but advise that we do so with masks on for the time being.

### Confessions

The sacrament of reconciliation will available every Saturday from 11:00- 11:30 in the confessional.

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## Mass Times + Intentions 7 - 22 Aug

Sat	07	18:00	Letty Drewitt - RIP
Sun	08	09:30	Lawrence Dyke - <b>St Mark's</b>
		11:00	People of the Parish
Tue	10	18:30	Letty Drewitt – RIP
Wed	11	10:00	<b>Eucharistic Service</b>
Thur	12	10:00	Joe Dewar - RIP
Fri	13	12:00	Eileen Dooley - RIP
Sat	14	18:00	Edmund Wall & Family
Sun	15	09:30	People of the Parish - <b>St Mark's</b>
		11:00	Giuseppe Battocchi – RIP
Tue	17	18:30	Joaquim Fernandes – RIP
Wed	18	10:00	Letty Drewitt – RIP
Thur	19	10:00	Mary Riley – FM – RIP
Fri	20	12:00	Piers Plowright – RIP
Sat	21	18:00	Charlie Gorman – RIP
Sun	22	09:30	People of the Parish – <b>St Mark's</b>
		11:00	Deceased Catenian brothers of The Windsor Circle

### Prayer for Vocations

“Do not grieve the Holy Spirit.” Your faithful response to your vocation gives joy to the heart of God. Perhaps priesthood or consecrated life awaits you. Contact Cn. John [Cooke.vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:Cooke.vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) or call 01329 318 869

### Wedding

Many congratulations Patrick Quilligan & Kathryn Brown who were married on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> August. Congratulations also to Sami Hamdani & Joanna Pawlas who will be married on 15<sup>th</sup> August.

### Baptisms

Congratulations to Stanley and Arthur Montgomerie who will be baptised on 14<sup>th</sup> August 2021.

## Foundation Governor at St Edward's First School

If you are interested in this important ministry within the parish and the school, please contact Fr David or via the parish office for more information.

**Pat Burke:** Safeguarding Representative

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## **Parish Summer Social 2021 – 20th August**

What did you do in Lockdown? As many of us tried to learn new skills, Pope Francis wrote his latest book 'Let us Dream', in which he considers our world and its challenges and looks for ways that the Pandemic can lead to positive change and a better future. Come and join fellow parishioners at 7pm on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> August for a simple summer supper, a chance to meet, reconnect, reflect, share, pray together and consider the Pope's hopes and challenge to us all.

Places are limited. To reserve your place, complete the sign-up sheet at the back of the Church or book via Eventbrite:

20th August - <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/20th-august-parish-summer-social-2021-tickets-163552236141>

## **Mission Appeal 21 – 22<sup>nd</sup> August**

The Daughters of Divine Love will be with us on the weekend of 21/22 August.

"The Daughters of Divine Love is an international Congregation founded in Nigeria in 1969 and a member of the Missionary Sisters of England and Wales. They came to England in 1989. They educate, care and add value to the lives of the less privileged in the society. Their charity home in Nigeria provides care for orphans, motherless, abandoned children, street children/teenagers and children with special needs. Our aim is always to serve the less privileged and the marginalised in the society".

In everything that they do, the love of Christ impels them to respond to the cry of the poor and the vulnerable with concrete actions.

## **Catenian Mass 22<sup>nd</sup> August**

The 11:00 am Mass on Sunday the 22<sup>nd</sup> August will be offered for the deceased members of the Catenian Windsor circle. After Mass the Catenians will provide light refreshments for all parishioners in the Parish Centre and will be available to provide more information on The Catenians.

## **Becoming a Catholic**

If you would like to become a Catholic, or find out more about the faith, then do please speak with Fr David. Starting in the autumn there will be the chance to journey in discovering about the richness of our Catholic Faith. Perhaps you know somebody who is just waiting for you to suggest that they become a Catholic! Now is perhaps the time to ask them.

## **HCPT Group 128**

HCPT are organising a pilgrimage to Lourdes next Easter 2022 (obviously depending on the health & travel situation). It would be great if your parish group (128) could travel next year. The group is looking for volunteers who are interested in being helpers. If you think you might like to join the group, or would like to know more, please contact Pat Burke (through the Parish office or using safeguarding email address). An information get together will be held at the beginning of September. There is also information on the notice board at the back of both churches.

## **Parish Office**

The new Parish Office is now in St Brigid's Room in the Parish Centre. The normal hours of opening are from: 10am – 2pm on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

We shall be increasing the days that the office is open as from September.

## **Confirmation Update**

Due to the government's decision to delay the final opening up stage of lock down and Covid-19 cases rising again in our schools, we feel that it would be sensible to delay the confirmation kick off session until early September 2021. We will be sending out an update email in the next few weeks to all that have applied, with further information on the preparations. If in the meantime you have any questions, please contact [confwindsor22@gmail.com](mailto:confwindsor22@gmail.com)



## **10th Anniversary of the Syrian conflict – how your donations have helped the Syrian people**

CAFOD has been helping people in Syria since the crisis began 10 years ago. Over 12 million people have left their homes, 5.6 million are refugees in neighbouring countries and within Syria, 13 million people need help. They have always planned for the long term, standing alongside people who lost everything. None of this work would have been possible without your support of CAFOD. Thank you.

## **Thank you - from Frances + Tom Costello**

We would like to give our thanks to Canon David for celebrating Mass on the occasion of our 70<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary - and to all in the Parish for their cards, Mass offerings and good wishes. Also, the Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> Mass offered by the UCM. This all made it special as most of the family cannot be here at this time. As Canon David said we are all family.