

Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary time 29th August 2021

Thought for the Week

In Sunday's Gospel, we read of what might be called, the Tradition of the Ancestors. The legalistic practices of the Pharisees are in sharp contrast with the life-giving ministry of Jesus. He takes up a point for discussion: ritual purity. Jesus reminded his listeners that God looks into the heart.

It is the heart that makes a person unclean, and not what is external. In v 6 Jesus calls them 'shallow' and reminds them that Isaiah said, 'It is the heart that makes a person unclean, and not what is external'.

We cannot hide from God; He can see the innermost recesses of our heart!

Let us reflect on today's Gospel and vow to ask for God's graces, so that our hearts are clean.

Deacon George

Masks and Singing

The bishop's conference has 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.

Fr David

Fr David is away on holiday until the 9th September.

Thank You

A big 'thank you' to everyone who came for a great gathering last Friday evening.

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.

Mass Times + Intentions 28 Aug – 5 Sept

Sat	28	18:00	Bernadette Hattner - RIP
Sun	29	09:30	People of the Parish - St Mark's
		11:00	Andrew Mulligan - RIP
Tue	31	18:30	Sean O'Shea - RIP
Wed	01	10:00	Eucharistic Service
Thur	02	10:00	Private Intention
Fri	03	12:00	Giuseppe Battocchi - RIP
Sat	04	18:00	Eileen McKee - RIP
Sun	05	09:30	People of the Parish – St Mark's
		11:00	Gabrielle Wisken – RIP

Baptisms

Congratulations to Ben Marek who will be baptised on 29th August.

March for Life

March for Life UK will take place on Saturday 4th September in London from 10am - 4pm. We recently had the highest ever annual abortion figures in the UK (last year there were 210,860 abortions in E&W) as well as the introduction of home abortions. Let's do our part to turn the tide. More info at marchforlife.co.uk

Mass Readings Explained

These **weekly sessions** will recommence on Thursday 09/09/2021 from 1 pm to 2:30pm in the Parish Centre. While some of our usual attendees have voiced your appreciation, here are three among thousands received by Dr Pitre: 1) "My appreciation of the gospels has blossomed with these videos. 2) Dr Pitre's weekly explanations of the Sunday Mass Readings and have been thoroughly enriched by it and 3) "This, in my opinion is exactly what we as priests and faithful need to prepare ourselves spiritually to truly digest the Word of God that will be given to us at the Eucharist of the coming Sunday."

Please send any questions or interest to join the session by e-mail (ecmak1@aol.com) or phone Maureen or Mohan on 07517453338.

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Vocations

“Be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves”. Jesus is the Word who calls you to serve Him in truth. Is He inviting you to priesthood or the consecrated life? Contact Cn. John Cooke vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or call 01329 318 869

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.

CAFOD

CAFOD is responding to significant crises across the world. We are working with local Church organisations in Haiti to deliver emergency aid to people affected by the catastrophic earthquake and tropical storm. In the tragic situation in Afghanistan, we are working to ensure the safety of our local partners and their communities. We are supporting local aid workers to deliver urgent food and water supplies to hundreds of thousands of people facing extreme hunger in Tigray in Ethiopia, South Sudan and north-east Nigeria.

You can read more about how we can all express solidarity with our sisters and brothers affected by these emergencies on the CAFOD website: <https://cafod.org.uk/News/Emergencies-news>.

Your compassion, generosity and prayers have helped us to stand together and enable us to continue to support communities in these difficult times. Thank you.

Volunteers Needed – Ride & Stride Saturday 11th September

Ride and Stride 2021 is happening on Saturday 11th September 2021. Its objective is to raise funds to help with the cost of repairs to the fabric of Christian Churches in Berkshire of any denomination belonging to or associated with Churches together in England.

If anybody would like to offer to be a welcomer for an hour or so during the day to offer the riders refreshments and the use of our facilities, please let Fr David or parish office know. The event is between 10am – 6pm. www.berkschurchestrust.org.uk.

Relic of St Edmund Campion

The Edmund Campion Pilgrimage runs from September to the end of October and is visiting St Edward’s on Friday 3rd September for the Midday Mass.

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.

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

Stewarding during daily + Saturday Masses

Members of the Guild of St Edward’s parishioners play a vital role to welcome and steward those who come to our Church to attend Mass. They are very short in numbers to offer this important service to our Parish family. If you can volunteer even for one or two days of the week, it would be a great help. If you are able to, please speak to one of the stewards or contact the parish office. *Thank you.*

Deceased

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Clem Best who died recently. Her funeral will take place at St Edward’s on Thursday 16th September at 10:30am.