

## Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary time

**26<sup>th</sup> September 2021**

### Thought for the Week

In today's Gospel Jesus seems to encourage a big tent approach to religion. He talks about discipleship, not membership. For, Jesus does not ask us to initiate great programmes of reform or embark on high profile exploits for the Kingdom of God. He asks us to be his disciples by taking on the small kindnesses that mirror the love of God. He calls us to be Gods prophets by living lives of integrity and honesty that reflect the justice and peace of God. Jesus promises us that even the simplest act of compassion, the gospel 'cup of water to drink' will one day be honoured by God in his Kingdom. All those in need have a claim on our charity because they belong to Christ.

Perhaps there is something in the community that we might do to reveal Christ's love and compassion?

*Canon David Hopgood*

### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

The Blessed Sacrament is exposed upon the Altar each Friday from 10:00 until 16:00 for private prayer. Why not make a visit to the Church for this lovely time of prayer.

### Confessions

The sacrament of reconciliation will available every Saturday from 11:00- 11:30 at St Edward's

### First Reconciliation

Please remember the children who are preparing to make their **First Holy Communion** later this year – they will make their First Confession on Saturday the 2<sup>nd</sup> October.

### Offertory + Special Collections

Envelopes	£246.50
Loose	£345.42
SO/DD	£2,058.00

**CAFOD** is holding its **Harvest Appeal** over the weekend of Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> and Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2021 where there will be collections at all our masses.

### UCM meeting

UCM members meet in Parish Centre for a quiz on Tuesday 28th September at 10.30am.

### Coffee Morning

St Edward's Sunday Coffee after 11am Mass will commence this Sunday, please come along, all welcome.

### Mass Times + Intentions 25 Sept – 3 Oct

Sat	25	18:00	Armando Mennone + Filomena + Antonio Esposito
Sun	26	09:30 11:00	People of the Parish – <b>St Mark's</b> Kattic, Paul + Family - INT
Mon	27	10:00	<b>Eucharistic Service</b>
Tue	28	18:30	Tom + Fran Costello - INT
Wed	29	10:00	Erlinda Pentecostes - RIP
Thur	30	10:00	Gabrielle Wisken - RIP
Fri	01	12:00	Bridget Teresa Hayes - RIP
Sat	02	18:00	Pauline Fosket – INT
Sun	03	09:30 11:00	People of the Parish – <b>St Mark's</b> Jimmy Regan - RIP

### Baptism

Congratulations to Nico Crick-Kaltenberger who will be baptised on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> September.

### UCM Cake Sale

The UCM are hosting a cake sale for MacMillan Cancer Care after the 11am Mass this Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> September at St Edward's. Donations of cakes would be very much appreciated.

### Mini Vinnies & Junior SVP

Will be returning for more faithful fun on the following days:

New Time: 17:30 to 19.00

- Sept 29<sup>th</sup>
- Oct 13<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>
- Nov 10<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>
- Dec 8<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>

If your child is in year 4 or above and would like to be involved, please contact them on: [confwindsor22@gmail.com](mailto:confwindsor22@gmail.com)

### St Edward's Royal Free Ecumenical Middle School

Opening Mornings – 27<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> September and 4<sup>th</sup> October from 9.15 – 10.45. Opening Evening – 7<sup>th</sup> October 6-8pm. To Register – [openevening@sterf.org.uk](mailto:openevening@sterf.org.uk) – [www.sterf.org.uk](http://www.sterf.org.uk)

### Mass Readings Explained

These weekly sessions have recommenced and will continue weekly on Thursdays from 1 pm to 2:30 pm in our Parish Centre. There are many who have been enriched by Dr. Pitre's explanations which has enabled participants to prepare themselves spiritually and to digest the Word of God given to them at the Eucharistic Celebration on Sundays. All are welcome.

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## **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. This course will start on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm in St Brigid's Room.

## **HCPT (Hosanna House Children's Pilgrimage Trust)**

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 and people who could help with fundraising. We are also looking for a helper with current nursing status who could travel with the group as the Group Nurse. An information get together will be held on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm in the Parish centre.

## **Confirmation Preparations**

Thank you for completing the form registering your young person to be enrolled for Confirmation preparations. We would like to invite you to bring your young person along to begin preparations on **Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> September at 4pm**. An e-mail has been sent out to all families that have applied, if you haven't received an email, please contact us on, [confwindsor22@gmail.com](mailto:confwindsor22@gmail.com) where we will be happy to help.

## **CYMFed Faith in Action Award**

We would like to invite young people between the ages of 10 -16, school years 6 to 13 to enrol in the Faith in Action award. The CYMFed Faith in Action Award rewards young people's active service in helping to build the Kingdom of God on Earth. Many young people are doing so much to follow Jesus' example in serving others in their schools and parishes. The Faith in Action Award encourages young people to take that service into their wider community and accept greater responsibility for their faith in action.

There are four levels of award: Pin, Bronze, Silver and Gold. Participants accrue credits of service in their parish and / or school and the wider community. The Faith in Action Award builds on what young people already experience in serving others, asking them to reflect upon it so that they may find new ways of living out and exploring their faith. There is an opportunity for both guided reflections, through group reflection points and personal reflection, through journaling. At the end of the scheme, participants submit a small final piece of work for moderation before being awarded their Faith in Action Award. More information can be found via this link <https://faithinactionaward.co.uk/> If you would like to find out more about this or how to enrol your child please contact [confwindsor22@gmail.com](mailto:confwindsor22@gmail.com)

## **Refreshments in Parish Centre**

All teas, coffee and squash will be centrally located in the Parish Centre kitchen. So please do not bring individual items for groups. If there is anything which you need, please contact Linda Mullan on:- [lamullan@hotmail.com](mailto:lamullan@hotmail.com)

## **The Sleep-Out – Friday 15 October 2021**

This is Windsor Christian Action's Homeless Project's biggest fundraiser of the year. Last year 43 sleepers raised £25,000. Please see link to donate and sponsor someone sleeping out. Tom Hinds is taking part in this and if you would like to sponsor him call: 01753 858123 or log onto: [www.virginmoneygiving.com/fund/whpsleepout2021](http://www.virginmoneygiving.com/fund/whpsleepout2021).

## **Season of Creation - 1 Sept -04 Oct 2021**

At this time, we unite with other Christians to celebrate and commit to protecting God's creation - our common home. 2021 is a significant year for our planet. The UK is hosting the UN Climate Summit (COP26) in Glasgow in November; now is the critical moment to raise our voices to advocate for climate justice for the most vulnerable and poorest peoples who face the worst effects of this climate crisis. To mark this moment, Windsor Christian Aid invites you to join them for the following events:

**'Creation in Crisis' trail – Windsor – 25-26 September:** a family trail of 15 stations around Windsor Town Centre explaining issues that are damaging Our Planet & what we can do about them.

For more information on all these events, please contact [tracytickle@hotmail.com](mailto:tracytickle@hotmail.com) or [sarah.gardnerlobo@gmail.com](mailto:sarah.gardnerlobo@gmail.com)

## **Foundation Governors**

### **St Cuthbert's School, Englefield Green "Come And See"**

The school's Governing Body is looking for new Foundation Governors, to fill four vacancies. Foundation Governors must be practising Catholics, in good standing with the Church. They are appointed by Bishop Richard specifically to preserve and develop the Catholic ethos of the school. A mixture of skills and experience are useful to balance the different areas of school life. If you would like to support Catholic Education either now, or maybe at some point in the future, you are very welcome to join Governors past and present at St Cuthbert's School, Corby Drive, TW20 0RY, on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2021 at 7pm for an informal cheese and wine. Why not come and find out more, please contact [info@stcuthberts.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:info@stcuthberts.surrey.sch.uk) by 25<sup>th</sup> September if possible.

## **An invitation from Windsor Methodist Church**

On **Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> October** members of Windsor Methodist Church are holding a Harvest Fish and Chips Supper followed by a **Barn Dance** in St Edward's Parish Centre. We would be delighted if our friends at St Edwards church might join us for this celebration. **Timings are 7-15 for 7-30pm**. Tickets priced **£10** are available from the Parish Office. We do hope you will join us for this new venture.

For more information Richard Flisher [parishfinancewindsor@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:parishfinancewindsor@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) or Sarah Gardner [sarah.gardnerlobo@gmail.com](mailto:sarah.gardnerlobo@gmail.com)

## **Deceased**

Please pray for the response of the soul of **Patricia Stiefel**. Her funeral service will be on 4<sup>th</sup> October at St Edward's at 13:00.

Please also pray for the repose of the soul of **Josephine Thomas** who died recently.

Her funeral will take place at St Edward's Church on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> October at 10:30.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Erlinda Pentecostes** who died recently.