

Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary time 5th September 2021

Thought for the Week

Today we continue to hear the Gospel of Mark proclaimed. In today's reading, Jesus heals a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment. This is a story about Jesus' healing power, and in it we find clues about our understanding of sacrament. We can, see in this Gospel an image of the proclamation of the good news of Jesus to the Gentiles. The geographic references tell us that Jesus had already healed a person possessed by a demon in this territory. Mark shows that Jesus' own mission affirms the early Church's mission to the Gentiles. This was a significant issue to the early Christian community, which found that the Good News of Jesus took root and spread quickly among the Gentiles. Yet there is an irony in the story of healing that Mark tells. Jesus gives the man the gift of speech, but then tells him not to use it. Jesus asks that the news of his healing power, which is evidence of his identity as the Messiah, not be spread. This is a recurring motif in Mark's Gospel and is sometimes called the "messianic secret."

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.

Catholic Education Service

There will be a special collection for the Catholic Education Service this weekend at all Masses. They act on behalf of the Catholic Bishops Conference to support catholic education. They have a strong any positive working relationship with the British and Welsh government sharing the aims of high standards for all and increased parental choice. Please pray for their very important work.

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Mass Times + Intentions 4 – 12 Sept

Sat	04	18:00	Eileen McKee - RIP
Sun	05	09:30	People of the Parish - St Mark's
		11:00	Gabrielle Wisken – RIP
Mon	06	10:00	Eucharistic Service
Tue	07	18:30	Richard Chambers - RIP
Wed	08	10:00	George Francis Riley - FM
Thur	09	10:00	Eucharistic Service
Fri	10	12:00	Clem Best - RIP
Sat	11	18:00	Steve & Ann Barry – INT Wedding Anniversary
Sun	12	09:30	People of the Parish – St Mark's
		11:00	Kathleen Bennett – RIP

Offertory + Special Collections

Planned Giving	£202.00
Loose	£405.81
SO/DD	£2,058.00
Mission Appeal - Daughters of Divine Love	£1,636.88

Wedding

Congratulations to Tinyan Asemota and Adeolu Fagbire who are getting married on Saturday 4th September at 1pm.

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 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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UCM

UCM resume their meetings on Tuesday 7th September in the Parish Centre at 7pm. There will be discussion on Saturday's meeting at Yateley.

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.

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.

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.*

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 encourage you, Windsor Christian Aid invites you to join them for the following events:

- **Taizé-style prayer service for Climate Justice – Sunday 19 Sept, 4.00pm at St Edwards** followed by refreshments in the Parish Hall at 5pm
- **'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 it.

And for our younger members:

ART FOR CLIMATE CHANGE – Saturday 11 Sept, 11.00am at Sacred Heart Church, Sunningdale

Inviting all youth and young artists to participate in creating art pieces for the Creation in Crisis Trail

WHAT: artistic drawings in any medium based on 15 climate change themes. Chosen works will be displayed as a board for the Trail!

WHERE: Sacred Heart Church, London Road, Sunningdale SL5 0JY (Big Hall)

Come and create art for climate change!

For more information on all these events, please contact sarah.gardnerlobo@gmail.com or tracytickle@hotmail.com

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

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.

Please also pray for **Josephine Thomas** who died recently. Further details to follow.