

Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary time

12th September 2021

Thought for the Week

Jesus tells the crowds and his disciples that to be one of his followers we must be ready to 'take up his cross and follow him'. Jesus does not need admirers, but he does want followers and those followers might get hurt. In fact, they are told to take up their cross. The Christian life is not likened to a recliner but a cross.

Caesarea Philippi was a bazaar of worship places and temples, with altars erected to every concept of divinity from the gods of Greece to the gods of Caesar. It was in this marketplace of gods the Jesus asks the 12 - who do people say I am? This is a real turning point and the centre piece in Marks Gospel, not only is it found in chapter 8 of 16 chapters - but it is the narrative centre as well, for it is from this profession that all things flow.

All things flow from our profession of faith – but as St James reminds us that faith must be clothed in good works.

Canon David Hopgood

World Mission Sunday-Missio (Red Boxes)

This is our chance to show love and solidarity to our global Church family. Through our prayers, we support missionaries everywhere in spreading the Good News. By donating we respond to Christ's call to feed the hungry and clothe the naked, and every single donation from these worldwide Masses goes to support churches, hospitals, schools and vocations in countries where the Church is new, young or poor. There will be a collection next Sunday 19th September.

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

Offertory + Special Collections

Planned Giving £230.00
Loose £687.53
SO/DD £2,058.00
Catholic Education Service - £769.92

Mass Times + Intentions 11 – 19 Sept

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
Mon	13	10:00	Eucharistic Service
Tue	14	18:30	Clem Best- RIP
Wed	15	10:30	Annual Diocesan Mass for Papal Knights and Dames
Thur	16	10:30	Clementine Best - FUNERAL
Fri	17	12:00	Maureen Hannon - RIP
Sat	18	18:00	Marietta Lewis-Griffiths - RIP
Sun	19	09:30	People of the Parish – St Mark's
		11:00	Dorrett Family – INT

Fr David's Diary

Mon	13	11:00	Funeral of Noreen Tatham – Basingstoke.
		18:30	Middle School - Governors Meeting
Tue	14	16:00	Closer to Christ campaign - Diocesan Meeting
Thur	16	08:30	Middle School - Blessing Service for New Pupils

Baptism

Congratulations to Ornella Caka who will be baptised on Sunday 12th September.

Weddings

Congratulations to Ben Squire + Sophie Tutton and Liam O'Keefe + Mairead Montgomery both couples will be getting married on Saturday 18th September.

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 in September.

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Catenians

The Catenians of The Windsor Circle are meeting on Monday 13th September for dinner with their ladies at The Parish Centre. Anybody who would like more information on the Catenians should contact Don Alphonso.

Email: donalphi@talktalk.net or phone [01753852191](tel:01753852191)

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.

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 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 25th 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 where we will be happy to help.

Coffee Morning

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

Mini Vinnies & Junior SVP

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

New Time: 17:30 to 19.00

- Sept 15th & 29th
- Oct 13th & 27th
- Nov 10th & 24th
- Dec 8th & 22nd

If your child is in year 4 or above and would like to be involved, please contact them on

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 mark this moment, 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:** a service of prayer, reflection & song to encourage us all to take action on climate change & to act justly. The service will be 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 them.

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

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 St. Edward's Sunday Coffee after 11am Mass will commence this Sunday please come and join us recently. Further details to follow.