

Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary time

17th October 2021

Thought for the Week

In this month of October, I thank our Lady for guiding me as a wife, mother and grandmother, to make wise choices and demonstrate my love of God to my family and my Parish family. I received a warm welcome when I came to Windsor over 25 years ago as a young mum from our Parish family, I quickly became a catechist and loved helping at church and school. We have so many great programs to support our faith as families, which can be tricky in a busy household. Not only do we have our very own Catholic First school we also offer Children's Liturgy, Holy Communion, Mini Vinnies & Confirmation. As a catechist it is rewarding to see so many children from Children's liturgy grow in the Parish – reading at Mass and as Altar Servers. With our fabulous Parish Centre up and running and as we return to Mass we need to come together to rebuild and rejuvenate our Parish. We are lucky to have so many amazing, committed catechists and I would encourage you to join our groups. One area we do need help is Children's liturgy for our Key Stage 1 & 2 Children. Our goal is to start in January 2022 - So if you can help in anyway either as a lead or a support role, please contact me. If you are not sure what gifts you will bring or how you can help, please be sure we will be there to guide you all the way. Last week's Psalm sums it up, I think.

'Show forth your work to your servant; let your glory shine on their children. Let the favour of the Lord be upon us: give success to the work of our hands'.

Mandy McGovern 07864547709

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.

Baptism

Congratulations to Etta Jones who will be baptised Sunday 17th October. Also, to Benjamin De Rege Di Donato who will be baptised on Saturday 23rd October.

Canon David Hopgood: Parish Priest
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Rev George Young: Deacon

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Offertory + Special Collections

Envelopes	£	206.10
Loose	£	296.39
D+D	£	2,058.00

Mass Times + Intentions 16 -24 Oct

Sat 16	18:00	Letitia Drewitt - RIP
Sun 17	09:30	People of the Parish – St Mark's
	11:00	Giuseppe Battocchi - RIP
Mon 18	10:00	Eucharistic Service
Tue 19	18:30	Coker Family - INT
Wed 20	12:00	David Blackford – RIP – Funeral Mass
Thur 21	10:00	Clem Best – RIP
	12:00	Tony Brent – RIP Funeral Service
Fri 22	12:00	Tony Brent - RIP
Sat 23	18:00	Noel Heron - RIP
Sun 24	09:30	People of the Parish - St Mark's
	11:00	Matthew Thompson + Justin Aulisi -RIP

Parish Diary

Sat 16	10:00	First Holy Communion Prep – St Edward's
Sun 17	12:15	Baptism – Etta Jones, St Edward's
Tue 19	10:30	U.C.M Meeting – P/C
Wed 20	09:30	Mother + Toddlers Group – P/C
Thurs 21	13:00	Mass Readings Explained-P/C
	19:00	R.C.I.A. – St Brigid's Room + P/C
Fri 22	11:00	<i>Closing Mass at St John's Seminary – Womersley (Fr David)</i>
	12:00	Catenians Meeting – P/C
	19:30	Walking with Scripture – P/C
Sat 23	10:00	First Holy Communion Prep – St Edward's
	12:00	Baptism – Benjamin De Rege Di Donato
Sun 24	12:00	Baptism – Oscar + Florence Webb

Bereavement Service

The Bereavement Service will take place on Sunday 7th November at 3.00 pm in St Edward's Church, followed by refreshments in the Parish Centre.

Hosted by the Bereavement Group, all parishioners are invited to remember their relatives and friends who have passed away over the last year and beyond. Please feel free to bring a photo and light a candle in remembrance.

Deacon George

Confessions

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

Pat Burke: Safeguarding Representative
safeguarding.winde@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Richard Flisher: Finance Manager
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Patricia Brown: Parish Secretary
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UCM Meeting

UCM will meet in Parish Centre at 10.30 am on Tuesday 19th October to hear a report from Autumn Council at Fareham on the future of UCM. Mandy will make sure we are fit!

St Edward's Parish Youth Co-ordinator

Applications are now invited for this important Parish Role. The successful applicant will be responsible for working with all our existing Parish Youth groups and preparing other opportunities for our Youth to develop their spiritual, needs and grow their Faith. Our Youth are the future of our Church and it is vital we look after them and provide every possible opportunity for them.

The full advertisement with a job specification and application form can be obtained from the Parish Office, parishoffice@catholicwindsor.org or our web site www.catholicwindsor.org

Applications will close at midnight close on 31st October 2021.

Windsor Foodshare

Windsor Foodshare has adapted admirably to meet the needs of an increased number of guests, particularly because of the impact of Covid. They are preparing to welcome and support more guests, as more individuals, and families are forced to make difficult decisions, as costs rise and some benefits are cut.

With changing circumstances and changing volunteers they are looking for new volunteers, and in particular, a volunteer who would be prepared to take on responsibility as Volunteers Manager. This person would work at Windsor Foodshare Project or could work from home or a mixture of both. Do you know a friend, colleague or family member who could fulfil this role? They need to recruit several volunteers who could assist at the Windsor Foodshare and other skills would also be helpful e.g., IT skills.

If you are interested in the role of Volunteers Manager, or indeed other volunteers, please contact Maria Ruci – manager@windsorfoodshare.org.uk

Confirmation - registration is closed.

Registration for Confirmation for 2022 is now closed. This is because we have over 30 candidates and cannot accommodate anymore, next confirmation preparations will start in the summer of 2023.

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

Music

We are gradually adding music to be sung at Mass. For a trial period we will have music rather than a final hymn at Mass. (This is suggested as good liturgical practice).

School Form Signing

If you need a form signed for your child, please come to the presbytery. Fr David will be signing school forms on the following dates:

Wed 27th October & Tues 2nd November 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm

Symposium – Saturday 6th November 2021

The Symposium (on Science and Religion) held in 2018 in Winchester; was a great success. The next one – on Politics and Religion – is timed to coincide with COP26 and will be held online on Saturday 6th November 2021. More information can be found on the website: <https://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/symposium>. Tickets can be booked directly on <https://prcdtr-symposium.eventbrite.co.uk>.

Collection for unwanted items

St Edwards First School families' want your unwanted, good quality clothing, shoes, handbags, accessories, toys and cosmetics! This support helps raise funds for our children at St Edward's First School. Could you fill one ecokids bag or white bin bag (or more!) and drop them off at St. Edward's First School off Parsonage Lane; at the gate. Collection day: 11th and 12th of November before 10 am. Thank you for supporting our parish school and families!

POPE FRANCIS' APPEAL for COP26 CARING FOR OUR COMMON HOME

Hour of Prayer Sunday 31st October, 3-4pm at St Edward's

Pope Francis along with leading Scientists and World Leaders, **"plead with the international community, gathered at COP26, to take speedy, responsible and shared action to safeguard, restore and heal our wounded humanity and the home entrusted to our stewardship."**

In *Laudato Si'* he links the 'cry of the Earth' with the 'cry of the poor.'

Bishop Philip adds: "It's vital for the Catholic community to demand that our leaders act now to protect our common home. I am asking all our Parishes over the weekend 30th and 31st October, the 'vigil' of COP26, to hold a Holy Hour of prayer and petition and I invite everyone to join in that Hour of Prayer." Our Parish will hold this hour of prayer on **Sunday 31st October from 3-4pm, during exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.**

Sarah Gardner and Sr Patricia will prepare a **reflection, prayer and action for each day of COP26 meeting**, starting Sunday 31st October until 12th November. These reflections will be uploaded to the Parish Website. **If you'd like to receive a copy and reminder to your Email Inbox each day, please respond to:**

sarah.gardnerlobo@gmail.com OR
mpmulhall@yahoo.co.uk

Deceased

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **David Blackford**, his funeral will be at St Edward's on 20th October at 10:30.

Also pray for the repose of the soul of **Anthony Brent** who died recently. His funeral will take place at St Edward's on Thursday 21st at 12:00.