

Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary time

10th October 2021

Thought for the Week

On Wednesday we will be celebrating the feast of Saint Edward - our patron. Mass on this day will be celebrated at 12 noon. I hope that, if it is possible, you might make a real effort to come to join the community. The last 18 months have been difficult for all of us, perhaps more than ever we need help and prayers from our patron Saint Edward as our parish struggles to come out of this period of COVID and the various lock downs that we have endured. We are a community that is Eucharistic and the celebration of Mass and being united in the Eucharist that we receive will make us strong in our faith and renewal.

One of the strong characteristics of Our Patron was his ability to listen to others – it is fitting that we should recall this as on 9th and 10th October 2021, Pope Francis will open a three-year synodal journey with three phases (diocesan, continental, universal), culminating with the assembly in Rome in October 2023. The Synod is intended to make the 'synodality' desired by Pope Francis since the beginning of his pontificate concrete and visible. Meanwhile, here in the Diocese of Portsmouth, the diocesan phase of this Synod will begin on Sunday, 17th October, and The Bishop invites you to a special Opening Mass in the Cathedral at 12 noon. The objective of the diocesan phase is the consultation of the people of God.

We should soon be hearing from the Diocese how we might partake of this process of being a Synodal listening Church. In the meantime, let us pray to St Edward that we might become a good listening community.

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 be available every Saturday from 11:00- 11:30 at St Edward's

Baptism

Congratulations to Mason Hadley, who will be baptised this Sunday 10th October. Also, congratulations to Etta Jones who will be baptised next Sunday 10th October.

Offertory + Special Collections

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| Envelopes | £169.00 |
| Loose | £ 537.32 |
| SO/DD | £2,058.00 |
| CAFOD | £1,505.00 |

Financial Report 2021

This report will be attached to the emailed version of this newsletter and a hard copy available at all Masses.

Mass Times + Intentions 9 - 17 Oct

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| Sat 09 | 18:00 | Tricia + Michael Samorzewska - INT |
| Sun 10 | 09:30 | People of the Parish – St Mark's |
| | 11:00 | Joseph Keogh - RIP |
| Mon 11 | 10:00 | Eucharistic Service |
| Tue 12 | 18:30 | Michael Finnerty – RIP |
| Wed 13 | 12:00 | Tommy Sharkey -RIP (Feast of St Edward) |
| Thur 14 | 10:00 | Alicia + Alfie - INT |
| Fri 15 | 12:00 | Clem Best - RIP |
| Sat 16 | 18:00 | Letitia Drewitt - RIP |
| Sun 17 | 09:30 | People of the Parish - St Mark's |
| | 11:00 | Giuseppe Battocchi - RIP |

Parish Diary

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| Sun 10 | 12:00 | Baptism Preparation – P/C |
| | 12:15 | Baptism – Mason Hadley – St Edward's |
| Mon 11 | 18:30 | Catenians – P/C |
| Wed 13 | 09:30 | Feast of St Edwards Middle School Service |
| | 10:30 | K.I.T. Session – P/C |
| | 11:00 | <i>Diocesan Patrimony meeting – (Fr David)</i> |
| | 18:00 | <i>First Communion Catechist Meeting - Presbytery (Fr David)</i> |
| | 17:30 | Mini Vinnies – P/C |
| Thurs 14 | 12:00 | <i>Old Brotherhood meeting – Southwark Cathedral – (Fr David)</i> |
| | 13:00 | Mass Readings Explained-P/C |
| | 19:00 | R.C.I.A. – St Brigid's Room |
| Fri 15 | 19:30 | Walking with Scripture – P/C |
| Sat 16 | 10:00 | First Holy Communion Prep – St Edward's |
| Sun 17 | 12:00 | Baptism – Etta Jones |

Thank You

UCM wish to thank those who contributed to the CAFOD cake sale by baking or donating. The sale raised £335.

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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 at midnight close on 31st October 2021.

Mini Vinnies & Junior SVP

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

New Time: 17:30 to 19:00

- 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: confwindosr22@gmail.com

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

Stephen Patterson

As you know Stephen is training to be a permanent Deacon for our Parish. His formation is based at St Mary's Seminary in Oscott. This coming Saturday he will receive at the Seminary the ministry of candidature. Which will be the first of three official ministries that he will receive leading up to his ordination as a Deacon. Please keep him, and Jacoby his wife in your prayers.

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).

Mass Readings Explained

These weekly sessions have recommenced and will continue weekly on Thursdays from 1.00 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.



Thank you so much for your generosity! Last weekend we completed the public phase of the ***Closer to Christ*** Campaign in our parish and it has been a great success. I'm delighted to tell you that based on the cards filled out by parishioners at Mass last weekend, our total raised currently stands at **£319,110**.

To allow us to draw a line under the campaign we need to make sure that all pledges have been recorded properly. If you completed a small card at Mass recently, you will have received a pledge form for completion in the post or via email this week. I ask that you return the form at your earliest convenience to either the parish office, to me after Mass or directly through the post. While you may not wish to start your pledge immediately, I do ask that you return your form, indicating a start date and method of payment that is convenient to you. Our hope is that parishioners will consider what they can as every pledge counts and all gifts will bring us closer to our goal.

We hope to receive the majority of pledges within the next two weeks so that we can see exactly how much has been raised. I will give you a further update in a few weeks' time.

Thank you for your support and please pray for the continued success of the ***Closer to Christ*** Campaign in our parish. *Canon David*

Symposium – Saturday 6th November 2021

I'm sure you remember the last Symposium (on Science and Religion) held in 2018 in Winchester; it 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. The keynote speakers are the Rt Hon Jacob Rees-Mogg MP and Ruth Kelly MP, former Education Secretary. Workshops will be run on a range of topics by Lord David Alton, Rt. Hon. Mark Hoban, Dr. Elizabeth Slinn, Dr. Mary Sutton, George O'Neill from the Cardinal Hume Centre and Dr. David Goodill OP, from Blackfriars, Oxford. David Wells, the popular inspirational speaker, will be front of house as presenter and guide. 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>.

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.

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 21th at 12:00.